



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Seven Springs Golf & Country Club, New Port Richey, FL

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Bill McLaughlin, (President)

Attendees:

Bill McLaughlin, (President & Reunion Coordinator), Carl Orvis (1st Vice President), Laura Kosik (2nd Vice President), Margaret McLaughlin (Director–At-Large), Mikey Young (Director), Bosco Hoyte (Director), Penny Canamas (Director), Ted Kaufer (Sergeant-at-Arms), Bill Lane (Chaplain), Jacque Vowell (Editor), Kathy Malin (Office Manager), Anna Hertrich (Office Assistant), and Cheryl Williams (Reunion Hotel Coordinator)

Attendees by Telephone: Elaine Lewis, P.P. (Past President), Ray Husum (ByLaws) and Betty LeDoux, P.P. (Reunion Hotel Coordinator),

Bill welcomed all and asked if everyone had read the March 25th Executive Board minutes. Elaine Lewis made a motion to approve the March Executive Board meeting minutes, Penny Canamas seconded, and the motion carried.

Carl Orvis made a motion to approve the new member, Robert Staneszewski (BHS 89), Penny seconded, and the motion carried.

Check Detail Report was business as usual. Penny motioned to approve paying the bills, Carl seconded, and the motion carried. Bill stated we are still looking for a Treasurer, Legislative Reporter and Zonie. Bill suggested Jim Duffus be our Legislative but he lives in WA State so it would be hard to attend Board meetings. Another suggested he could be on the Board as a figure head and write up Legislative reports for the *Canal Records*.

The Board discussed the Governors Club dues. The Board decided to leave it the same as for membership but times 5 years. The benefits are not remembering to renew each year and waive the administrative fee.

President's Report and Remarks:

Bill went over the Chairpersons' duties then recapped the nightly dance expenses. The 3 high school classes sponsoring Friday night dance, each have to pay the Society - \$92.50 each. Carl stated the DJ cannot afford to pay his portion since he was offering us a discount. Bill is still waiting for the DJ contract to be signed. Certificates of Insurance (COI) were discussed. Carl stated the bands investigated COIs but it was too expensive. Carl suggested we have them become members and then sign a waiver of liability with the Board. Carl motioned to approve Lewis Ingelido from the *Panama* band as an Associate member, Penny seconded, and the motion was carried.

Security was discussed and Bill is hiring the Rosen Shingle Creek officers. A pre-meeting before Annual Ball is set to discuss wristbands, dress code and signage. The Security will have two officers at the entrance and one at the exit.

Betty LeDoux spoke about the room pick-up which is over 111%. The hotel sold out on June 1st but Betty still has a few rooms available. Cheryl will take late registration and tell the members; they need to join and pay for late registration before their hotel price is reduced to the PCS rate. The 6 cabanas are full for Friday and

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Saturday for the high school class reunions. Hospitality suites are in good shape and Betty shared the menus and food requests with the HS chairpersons. VIP concierge is only for the guests in your room. The complimentary valet is for 1 car per room.

Carl made a motion for \$500 to compensate Bingo winners for both days, Laura Kosik seconded, and the motion carried.

Anna Hertrich reported that the volunteer's sign-up is 85% full. Laura suggested sending out another email and posting it on FaceBook asking for Volunteers.

Dave Bishop requested, in writing, \$390 for golf prizes. Carl motioned to approve, Laura seconded, and the motion carried. Carl suggested in the August Board meeting to raise the golf charges to \$100 per person or eliminate the golf luncheon and just have a bar.

The annual meeting is at 9:30am on Friday, the 7th. Bill discussed the agenda. He is giving Steve Price 10 minutes to discuss civilians and herbicide exposure. The veteran's advocacy is only helping veterans and not the civilians that lived in the Canal Zone. Lori Snow, of Condor Tours and Travels, has 2 grand prizes. We need to ask Dave to announce the golf winners at the annual meeting. Kathy will discuss Financials at the Meeting but will not print anything because the financials will be posted in the October *Canal Record*.

Elaine will need door prizes and tickets for the Cultural Seminar. Bosco Hoyte asked if Board members can have an early check-in on Wednesday since the Registration meeting is at 1:00pm.

The U-Haul will be loaded on Monday, July 3rd by Mike Young, Ted Kaufer, and Kathy Malin. Mike confirmed the cost, which is \$19.95 a day plus mileage. He will deliver the U-Haul to the hotel about 2pm on Tuesday, July 4th. Carl Orvis and Ted Kaufer should be there to help unload.

The Reporter's luncheon is Friday at 1:30 in the Land to Remember restaurant. The bill will be put on the master account.

The pre-con with the hotel is Wednesday at 10:00am. Bill will lead it along with Betty, Carl, Margaret, and Kathy.

New Business:

Kathy Malin said that she needed money to purchase door prizes at the reunion. Carl motioned to give Kathy \$750 to purchase door prizes for PCS events, Margaret seconded, and the motion carried.

The board discussed how to save money since we are 'in the red'. Carl suggested eliminating the Directory, but Laura mentioned the Reporters needed it to contact members. Ray Husum stated the ByLaws are printed in the Directory. Laura suggested having the *Canal Record* online but would require user IDs and passwords. Another discussion arose about the Security and sharing of passwords.


Upcoming Events:

PCS Reunion is July 5-9 with Annual Meeting on Friday, July 7 at 9:30am

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August Board meeting is August 5th
Sarasota Luncheon is September 9th
October Board Meeting – October 7th
Christmas Luncheon is on December 2nd

Carl motioned to adjourn the meeting, Penny seconded, and the motion was carried. The meeting ended at 11:20 am.



Bill McLaughlin, P.P and President



Kathy Malin, Office Manager