

**VINH LONG OUTLAW ASSOCIATION (VLOA)**  
**Business Meeting**  
**8 September 2012**

The VLOA Business Meeting was held Savannah, Georgia in conjunction with the VLOA Roundup 2012 on September 8, 2012.

The meeting was opened by Bob Koonce, the National Director, who again welcomed all participants to the Roundup. Copies of the 9 October 2010 minutes had been made available to the participants.

There was no old business.

Ernie Isbell made a motion to approve the 2010 Minutes and it was seconded by Tom Anderson and approved by unanimous vote.

Chester Voisin, Treasurer reported that the current financial status was approximately \$15,000 and he expected the balance to be close to \$20,000 by the end of the reunion.

A number of new business topics were discussed and voted on by attendees:

**Election of Officers/Directors:**

Ernie Isbell nominated Angelo Spelios to be the National Director and it was seconded by Tony Clemente and approved by unanimous vote.

Angelo Spelios nominated Tony Clemente to be the Deputy Director and it was seconded by Jim Donnelly and approved by unanimous vote.

Tom Anderson nominated Larry Jackson to continue as the Secretary and it was seconded by Frank Estes and approved by unanimous vote.

Ernie Isbell nominated Chester Voisin to continue as the Treasurer and it was seconded by Pat Theriot and approved by unanimous vote.

Tom Anderson nominated Jim Kelly to be a Member-at-Large and it was seconded by Charles Bouton and approved by unanimous vote.

Ernie Isbell nominated Pat Theriot to be a Member-at-Large and it was seconded by Chester Voisin and approved by unanimous vote.

Frank Estes nominated Bob Sharp to be the Newsletter Editor and it was seconded by the floor and approved by unanimous vote.

Ernie Isbell made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Tony Clemente and approved by unanimous vote.

The following changes to the Constitution and By Laws were approved by the membership:

## Changes to the Constitution: (Approved as of October 5, 2002) (Revised September 13, 2008) (Revised September 8, 2012)

### Article V – Membership

**D. Membership classifications** are Charter, General, Active, Honorary, Associate, Associate Life, and Life memberships and are described as follows:

**6. Associate Life:** Associate Life membership may be made to any Associate Member who pays the designated Life Membership dues, and will be without voting rights.

**7. Life Member:** Life membership will be made available to an individual eligible for Charter, General, **or Associate** membership, and who pays a one-time Life Membership fee as established by the Steering Committee. **The Associate Life member is without voting rights.**

### Article VI – Organization

C. Responsibility and authority of the Steering Committee: 3. In addition to business conducted at the Biennial Reunion, unusual and pressing business may be conducted by the Steering Committee at other times by mail, email or conference calling.

D. Committees: 1. The VLOA may have the following standing committees, with duties and responsibilities as defined in Operating Procedures job descriptions approved by the Steering Committee:

**a.** Membership

**b.** Historical

**c.** Reunion

**d.** Nominating

**e.** Awards

### Article VII – Voting

A. Only dues-paying Active and Life members (**except Associate Life Member**) are eligible to vote.

### X – Operating Procedures

The Steering Committee will develop an Operating Procedures Manual to ensure that a record is maintained that describes various procedures necessary for the day-to-day operation of the Association. The Manual should be considered a work-in-progress and, as such, will be an informal overview of the operations of the VLOA. The Manual will be maintained in such a manner as to provide a set of

guidelines for succeeding VLOA officers and committees. Proposed changes will be included in the business agenda for ratification by attending VLOA members during the Reunion or business meeting.

## **Changes to the VINH LONG OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION BY LAWS**

**(Approved as of October 5, 2002)**

**(Revised September 13, 2008)**

**(Revised September 8, 2012)**

### **Chapter 1 – Members**

Membership categories are outlined in the VLOA Constitution. Honorary memberships will be conferred by the Steering Committee for life. Honorary Members desiring to pay established dues may do so, but are not required.

### **Chapter 2 – Membership Dues**

1. Eligible members of the VLOA must pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Steering Committee. A Life or Associate Life membership may also be elected by a member or Associate after payment of a one time fee as determined by the Steering Committee. A fee structure for Annual, Associate Life, and Life memberships will be published in the VLOA Operating Procedures.

3. Dues-paid members (Annual, Associate Life, or Life) will receive each edition of the Outlaw Newsletter as well as be eligible for special promotions that may be offered during the calendar year.

### **Chapter 3 – Termination of Membership**

2. Active membership will be suspended for non-payment of annual dues. However, names of those who fail to pay their annual dues will remain on the VLOA roster unless the individual requests their name be removed.

### **Chapter 5 – Election of Officers**

2. The Director will appoint the Nominating Committee. It will develop a slate of candidates who are willing and able to serve as officers of the VLOA.

### **Chapter 7 – Duties of Officers**

3. Unless otherwise defined, the duties of Officers will be those customary for such offices. A DVD containing a current set of Policy Files will be provided to each elected and appointed officer/director.

### **Chapter 9 – Treasurer**

5. The Treasurer will provide a quarterly financial statement to the VLOA Steering Committee no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following each quarter. The financial statement will be made available to any active member upon request, and included in the next issue of the *Outlaw Newsletter*.

### **Chapter 10 – Communications Directors**

The Communications Director - Newsletter will manage the publication and distribution of the VLOA Newsletter. The Communications Director - Newsletter will provide information and communications on the VLOA to external agencies as necessary.

The Communications Director – Website will be the webmaster of the VLOA website, [www.vinhlongoutlaws.com](http://www.vinhlongoutlaws.com) .

The Director may appoint one individual to perform the Communications Director duties and be responsible for both the newsletter and website.

## **Chapter 12 – Historian**

The Historian will research, compile, document, and disseminate historical information, photographs, and other recordings of the Outlaws, Mavericks, Roadrunners, and all attachments from formation in August 1964 through deactivation in 1972. (The position of Historian was approved at the General Membership meeting on October 9, 2010.)

Tom Anderson gave a presentation on selecting Washington, DC as the location for the 2014 Reunion which coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the unit deployed to Vietnam.

Ernie Isbell made a motion to hold the R2K + 14 VLOA Roundup in Washington, DC and it was seconded by George Kyle and unanimously approved by the membership.

A motion was approved by the membership to have the Newsletter mailed to all members.

### **In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, the following were made officers of the VLOA:**

National Director-Angelo Spelios  
Permanent Advisor-Tom Anderson  
Deputy Director-Tony Clemente  
Secretary-Larry Jackson  
Treasurer-Chester Voisin  
Members at Large-Jim Kelly  
-Pat Theriot  
Chaplain-John Doyle  
Unit Historian-Jim Donnelly  
Communications Director/Newsletter-Bob Sharp  
Communications Director/Website-Frank Estes  
Quartermaster-Tom Anderson

There being no further business, Bob Koonce made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Larry Jackson and unanimously approved by the membership present. The membership will meet again at the call of the National Director in 2014 during the R2K + 14 VLOA Roundup to be held in Washington, DC..

Larry L. Jackson  
Secretary  
Vinh Long Outlaw Association (VLOA)