## VINH LONG OUTLAW ASSOCIATION (VLOA)

## Business Meeting 20 September 2014

The VLOA Business Meeting was held at the Marriott hotel in Tysons Corner, Virginia in conjunction with the VLOA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Roundup 2014 on September 20, 2014.

Director Tim Tetz from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund gave a brief presentation on the status of the Memorial and plans for building a depository for items left at the Wall.

The meeting was opened by Angelo Spelios, the National Director, who again welcomed all participants to the Roundup. Copies of the 8 September 2012 minutes had been made available to the participants.

There was no old business.

Bert Rice made a motion to approve the 2012 Minutes and it was seconded by Jim Donnelly and approved by unanimous vote.

Chester Voisin, Treasurer reported that the current financial status was in good shape and he expected the balance to be close to \$20,000 by the end of the reunion. A motion was made by Ernie Isbell and seconded by Pat Theriot to approve the report and it was unanimously approved.

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

## A. Election of Officers/Directors:

- 1. Ernie Isbell nominated Larry Jackson to be the National Director and it was seconded by John Brown and approved by unanimous vote.
- 2. Jim Donnelly was nominated by Tom Anderson to be the Deputy Director and it was seconded by Bert Rice and approved by unanimous vote.
- 3. Ernie Isbell nominated Chuck Wren to be the Secretary and it was seconded by Bill Hensinger and approved by unanimous vote.
- 4. Pat Theriot nominated Chester Voisin to continue as the Treasurer and it was seconded by Ernie Isbell and approved by unanimous vote.
- 5. Ernie Isbell nominated Mike Madigan to be a Member-at-Large and it was seconded by Charles Bouton and approved by unanimous vote.
- 6. Ernie Isbell nominated Pat Phil Van Alst to be a Member-at-Large and it was seconded by Jim Donnelly and approved by unanimous vote.
- 7. Charles Bouton nominated Bob Sharp to continue as the Director of Communications-Newsletter and it was seconded by Ernie Isbell and approved by unanimous vote.
- 8. Ernie Isbell nominated Frank Estes to continue as the Director of Communications-Website and it was seconded by Bob Sharp and approved by unanimous vote.
- 9. Ernie Isbell nominated Jim Donnelly to continue as the Historian and it was seconded by Phil Van Alst and approved by unanimous vote.
- 10. Tom Anderson (permanently appointed) will continue as Permanent Advisor and John Doyle (permanently appointed) will continue as Chaplain.

- **B.** Frank Estes discussed the Policy Files updates as mostly administrative changes, to include information on the Bushwhackers.
- **C.** Frank Estes discussed the changes to the Constitution and By Laws as being administrative in nature. Ernie Isbell made a motion to approve the changes to the Constitution and By Laws, it was seconded by Bert Rice, and unanimously approved by the membership.
- **D.** Jim Donnelly discussed the Outlaw History project that he has been working on. The Outlaw History DVD Series Guide consists of 65 GB of data including 12,952 pictures, 1,556+ document pages, 82 Audio files & 22 videos as of 10/17/2014.
- **E.** Bob Sharp gave an update on the Newsletters. The digital newsletters are in color.
- **F.** Frank Estes gave a presentation on the status of the website. He recommended that the site be upgraded to accommodate seamless access from smart phones. This upgrade will cost approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. Ernie Isbell volunteered to fund this project through his firm.
- G. Tom Anderson and Frank Estes led a discussion concerning the future of the VLOA Outlaw Association. It was agreed that the VLOA Outlaw Association would continue at least for another 2 years and that we would hold a reunion in 2016. A discussion was held about where the reunion should be held. We had attendees from 31 states including Hawaii & Alaska & Denmark. The consensus was that we should hold the reunion in a more centrally located site. Ernie Isbell made a motion that we hold the reunion in Branson, Missouri and it was seconded by Paul Martin. It was unanimously approved by the membership.
- **H.** A discussion was held about who should receive a copy of the newsletter. The question was, should all known members from the roster receive the newsletter or should it be restricted to current dues paid members. Ernie Isbell made a motion that all members should receive the newsletter and that if some members would like to only get a digital copy via email, they notify the Director of Communications-Newsletter and the Secretary. It was seconded by John Brown and unanimously approved by the members.
- I. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of having a woman as an advisor (non-voting) to the Steering Committee. Ernie Isbell made a motion that this be approved and that the appropriate changes to the Constitution and By Laws be made. It was seconded by Andy Anderman and was unanimously approved by the membership.
- **J.** A motion was made by Ernie Isbell to nominate Emmadell Voisin to be the Distaff Advisor (without vote) to the Steering Committee, and it was seconded by Tom Anderson. It was unanimously approved by the membership.

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

National Director-Larry Jackson
Permanent Advisor-Tom Anderson
Deputy Director-Jim Donnelley
Secretary-Chuck Wren
Treasurer-Chester Voisin
Members at Large-Phil Van Alst
-Mike Madigan

Chaplain-John Doyle
Unit Historian-Jim Donnelly
Communications Director/Newsletter-Bob Sharp
Communications Director/Website-Frank Estes

Quartermaster-No one.

Distaff Advisor (without vote)-Emmadell Voisin

There being no further business, Angelo Spelios 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 2016 during the R2K + 16 VLOA Roundup to be held in Branson, Missouri.

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