



**MINUTES OF
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, September 13th 2016, 6:00 PM
The Tampa Club
101 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Lisa Monnet- 6:09 PM

WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS / GUESTS – Rich McClain

ROLL CALL – Mr. Jim Sampey

PRESIDING – Lisa Monnet

ATTENDEES

Officers Present

Gen Chip Diehl
Lisa Monnet
Jim Sampey

Board Members Present & Advisors Present

Tina Fischer
Col (R) Rich McClain
John Tiliacos
Walter McCracken

Ambassador Present

Darcy Foster
Jim Philpitt
Tim Jones

Guests Present

Steven Angotti
Mike Meidel
Mark Roberts

Board Members Absent

Rhea Law & Allen Brinkman
John Schueler

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **The minutes to Feb 23, 2016 and May 31st, 2016 BOD meetings were ratified at 6:23PM**
- b. **The Consent agenda was ratified at 6:29PM**

Action Items:

Finalize Business Plan changes/updates by next BOD meeting

➤ **Golf Tournament of 2016**

- Chip Diehl gave an update on the outcome of the Tampa Bay Community Golf Tournament remembering 9/11. The Tournament was a tremendous success with roughly 140 golfers, including nearly 40 past and present military personnel taking part. The money raised from the tournament will go to Tinker Middle School and MacDill AFB. There was a “save the date” card in each participant’s bag for next year’s tournament date of 09/08/17. A special thank you to Bay Palms G.C. headed by Lou Harris for all his efforts. The course was in great shape and the staff was incredibly helpful! We have been invoiced and all the final financials should be completed in the next 2 weeks.

➤ **AMC Visit**

Lisa Monnet gave an overview of the June visit to Air Mobility Command. The delegation included Chris Farkas, COO of the Hillsborough County School District, Lisa Monnet, President of the TBDA, and Jim Sampey. At Scott AFB, our delegation met with incoming MacDill Wing Commander Colonel Vogel as well as AMC Commander General Everhart. Below is an excerpt from AMC Vice Commander Schatz’s Quarterly newsletter:

- *This week members of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance visited Scott AFB meeting with General Everhart, members of the Staff, and myself. During this visit we were able to take a deep dive into their efforts on behalf of MacDill, Tampa-area service members, and their families. We had a robust discussion about initiatives to provide services to military families on the base such as before/after school care, buses to area Magnet schools, ESOL classes and adult tutoring, among others. The delegation also discussed its efforts with the state to remedy the encroachment posed by the Florida Rock property. The group was very interested in the base selection process for the KC-46A and is anxious to learn of the MOB 4 results, which we expect will be released soon.*

➤ **ADC National Convention**

- On 06/20-06-23, 2016, TBDA President Dr Lisa Monnet, Board Member Tim Jones, Board Member Jim Sampey and Gen Chip Diehl (R), attended the ADC National Summit In Washington DC. In addition to the conference, there were several meetings with Florida’s Representatives including Congressman David Jolley. These discussion centered on the Tinker Elementary expansion at MacDill AFB, and Traffic and gate time concerns. There were also very productive meetings with Richard K. Hartley who is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, and James Northey Miller, Jr. who is the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. They both spoke of readiness and infrastructure implications for hangars, ramps and school buildings. TBDA Board member John Schueler chaired a session and we are hopeful he can become a ADC Board Member in the future. The TBDA feels that this is the most important convention annually and we plan to attend every year without question and continue fostering the relationship we have with our National leaders. The Tampa Bay Defense Alliance is also looking at the possibility of one day soon hosting a regional ADC meeting in Tampa.

➤ **ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS**

a. Contracts / Grants Administration

- 1) 16-02- Expiration date 12/23/2016- Amount of Grant \$175,000- left to spend = \$127,283
- 2) Grant Pathways is currently working on 4 grants with a total of between \$45-60,000 to help with MacDill AFB and unrecoverable operating costs.

b. Action Item: Create Operational Budget and Strategic Plan - Currently being worked on

- **BOD INSURANCE-** The board now has General Liability and D&O insurance with full coverage in place since 07/01/16. Mark will continue to take care of this and will provide any updates when necessary.

➤ **CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS**

Airlift Tanker Association National Convention October 26-30 in Nashville

- The TBDA will be attending the AT/A conference in Nashville and will be presenting the Tampa Bay Trophy for the 2nd year to a civilian chosen for lifetime service to our military. The MOU with the AT/A is fully executed and is in place. The trophy has been delivered to the TBDA and has a special case made by Tim Jones. We will display the trophy for the duration of the conference and then display the trophy around the Tampa Bay area and also possibly in the winners home town. We will display the trophy at the AT/A along with background on the trophy itself, written by a professional writer if possible, telling the story of the Tampa Bay Trophy, and a write up of the winner. All of this needs to be completed before the event and the Trophy needs to ship by approximately 10/16/16. We are currently deliberating the attendees for the conference.
- **Mission United Tampa - Jim Sampey** - Jim and Lisa met with leaders at USAA to discuss a partnership to bring Mission United to the Tampa Bay community. This has been very successful in Broward County and is a program designed to specifically assist veterans in transitioning into civilian life. This could include resume help, help with interviewing, and even hiring itself. The Tampa area has nearly 400,000 veterans living in it and this program is desperately needed. Jim has indicated that this will begin in Hillsborough County in the near future and spread to surrounding counties from there.
- It was Determined that as of 2017, the Board will meet every other month and those meeting shall commence in the late morning to accommodate more people interested in joining a Board meeting. We will also try to hold meetings in several new places including, but not limited to, The Tama International Airport, the Pinellas EDC and include the Coast Guard in a Pinellas meeting. We are always looking for new places to engage the community and further our reach.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

- **MacDill 2025** - Continue our mission with the MacDill 2025 Plan. Focus on a strategic campaign championing MacDill AFB: reaffirming its capacity, readiness, and capability while highlighting its value to our national security. The goal is to change perceptions, generate respect, and to recommit our Defense leaders to the importance that MacDill serves geographically, operationally, and logistically to our nation.

- **Business Plan** – Rich McClain and John Tiliacos are actively working on a Business Plan.
- **Strategic Plan** – Lisa Monnet and John Tiliacos are actively working on a Strategic Plan

PRESENTATIONS N/A

➤ **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

➤ **NEXT BOD MEETING DATE**

12/06/16 at Tampa International Airport

10AM -11:00 Followed by Airport tour

➤ **ADJOURNED at 7:52PM**

