

2018 Truxtun Association Business Meeting Minutes

October 06, 2018

Portland, Oregon

At 1600 hours PDT Truxtun Association President Patrick “PJ” Byrne called to order the 2018 Truxtun Association Business Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

He “Welcomed” both current and new members.

President Byrne explained the circumstances by which he advanced from Vice President to President.

He then introduced the current 2016 – 2018 Truxtun Association Officers.

President: “PJ” Byrne; Vice President: (Vacant); Secretary: Ted Poremski;

Treasure: Dave Holland; and Web Master: David Pivin.

Nominations:

President Byrne opened the floor for nominations for the 2019-2020 Association Officers.

Nominations were made and accepted for:

President: Patrick “PJ” Byrne (Incumbent)

Vice President: Eric Thomas

Secretary: Steve Rovin

Treasurer: Dick Cummings

Nominations were closed, seconded, and the above individuals were elected by the membership.

Congratulations Gentlemen!

2020 Truxtun Association Reunion Location Selection:

In keeping with the by-laws the 2020 Reunion will be held somewhere in the Eastern United States.

President Byrne solicited recommendations from the membership for potential 2020 Reunion locations and the following ten cities were suggested (listed in alphabetical order):

Baltimore, Maryland; Boston, Massachusetts; Nashville, Tennessee;
Memphis, Tennessee; New London, Connecticut; Newport News, Virginia;
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Portland, Maine;
Providence, Rhode Island; Savanna, Georgia.

Another vote was taken to limit the cities to four and the following were chosen for further research.

Boston, Massachusetts (14 votes); Nashville, Tennessee (10 votes); Portland, Maine (17 votes);

Providence, Rhode Island (16 votes).

President Byrne then asked for volunteers to form the 2020 Truxtun Association Reunion Planning Committee under the direction of President Byrne, Association President.

This Committee is charged with the gathering of information on the four potential cities and selecting one for the next Reunion.

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The following members volunteered their time:

Boston, Massachusetts	Steve Rovin
Nashville, Tennessee	Walt McComber
Portland, Maine	Kevin Cox
Providence, Rhode Island	Dave Pivin

After the Committee has submitted their research, the 2019-2020 Association President, "PJ" Byrne , will review all the data, select the location and dates for the 2020 reunion, and announce the decision to the membership. Jerry Lane and other past officers provided some thoughts, considerations and ideas they used for gathering information when researching potential cities for a reunion and volunteered their assistance.

Bylaws:

Steve Rovin is in the process of rewriting the Association's Bylaws simplifying and updating them. Steve emphasized the use of social-media outlets to get the word out about the Truxtun Association for the benefit of the Association, create a newsletter. attract new members, notification of reunions and finally a request for volunteers

Reunion Cruise Question:

A question was presented inquiring about a past discussion on a Reunion Cruise.

PJ Byrne requested Ted Poremski Secretary read Jordan Gmach's presentation from the 2016 Reunion Minutes which is reprinted here.

Reunion Cruise Discussion:

Jordan Gmach made a presentation on the possibility of a Cruise Reunion and the cost of a cruise verses a land based reunion. He received only 14 responses to his e-mail questionnaire.

Some of the factors for consideration were:

Cost increasing with length of cruise;	Type of cruise i.e., Ocean vs River;	Port of departure;
Travel Costs to the Cruise Port;	Cost per Person;	Timing of cruise;
Cost varying with room location;	Additional cost of shore excursions	

Comparison: The Santa Fe reunion costs were approximately \$1000 per couple (not including travel to and from the reunion) while a cruise of the same length was approximately \$1200-1600 per couple without shore excursions.

Following the discussion a vote was taken with only four (4) members in favor of 2018 being a reunion cruise. Therefore, it was determined that the 2018 reunion will be land based.

Steve Rovin and Dick Cummings will do some additional pricing research for a Reunion Cruise option just prior to the 2018 reunion and present it at the next Association Business Meeting. Additionally, they will talk about the option of doing a cruise not as the Association's formal two year Reunion, but instead as an Association event in the year in between Reunions for those that might be interested.

Admiral Rickover's Coffee Cup:

For the benefit of our new members, Jerry Lane explained the history of Admiral Rickover's Coffee

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Cup which occurred during Truxtun's initial sea trials.

Closing Remarks:

Prior to the close of the meeting, President PJ Byrne thanked Dave Pivin for his photographic services during this reunion and the posting of those photographs on our website.

PJ also stressed that each person should ensure their e-mail and postal address are updated whenever there is a change.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 1710 hours PDT.

Past Truxtun Association Presidents

Dave Holland

Jerry Lane

Jordan Gmach

Ted Poremski

Charlie Bethea

Steve Rovin