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PROGRESS

The dust is starting to settle, the membership of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum which includes many members of the PTF 3 crew, met on 14 Jan 08 and threw out the illegal board. The illegal board of Dale Alexander, John Fuller and Harold London tried to have a "business" meeting without Roberts Rules of order or election of officers. Utilizing Banana Republic rules, anyone who objected was ejected by a Sheriff's Deputy, as people were being ejected including retired Federal Judge Pete Webster, motions were made to the floor to remove the renegade board and seconded. Boats Millholen a certified parliamentarian spoke to the Roberts Rules to be followed and was ejected, then called for those interested in conducting DNAS Museum Business, to move to the nearby American Legion Post #6. Judge Webster called for a vote and was met with a resounding, 'yea'.

Of the nearly 40 people present, 35 moved to the Legion post to convene the membership meeting. Under the watchful eye of Judge Webster, our attorneys, Mandy Pavlakos and Timothy Dave, and Al Everson of the Deland Beacon Newspaper the meeting of Feb 2007 which was never adjourned was continued and the previously elected rightful board took office. The Feb 2007 meeting was closed and the meeting for January 2008 was convened with the membership and a new slate of officers were elected.

Three days later with a completed and notarized copy of the minutes of the DNAS Membership meeting and corrected copy of the State of Florida Corporate Business Report listing the officers of DNAS. A team of PT Boat and DNAS members walked in the DNAS Museum and took over changing the locks and security system, All the while under the protest of the tour guide who dutifully called illegal board head Dale Alexander. Mr. Alexander was screaming for the tour guide to call the Police and have us arrested. The tour guide promptly handed the phone to one of the DeLand Police Officers that accompanied us into the museum, Mr. Alexander let loose with a long stream of obscenities to the officer who finally hung up. The museum was then turned over to the rightful board of the DNAS Museum.

After some failed attempts by the illegal board to get back in the museum their lawyer contacted ours stating that the illegal board was surrendering the museum to the rightful board and would cease attempts to take back the museum. The illegal board has since tried to continue efforts to undermine the rightful board and failed. Bank records and the DNAS computer have been removed for investigation into wrong doing, especially in the financial activities of the museum.

The legal rightful DNAS board is taking steps to cancel the settlement that was forced on the PTF 3 restoration and will create a statement letting the PT Boat stay where it is until completion of the project. Two members of our crew, Robert Junkins and Al Schwiezer are now members of the DNAS Board and other boat crew will serve on an advisory board of the museum. This is similar to our set up

for the PTF 3 Board and advisory board.

Earlier in the month, AMVETS Department of Florida donated \$ 1000.00 to PTF 3 to help cover some of our legal cost. The checks were presented through AMVETS Post 13 of DeLand, Florida, by past Commander Betty Lu Pielin and Chaplin John Crispens to PTF 3 Board President Jim Vough with other crew members and guest present. We greatly appreciate this donation which provides sorely needed funds to pay for our legal expenses.

The boat crew has returned to matters concerning the restoration of PTF 3, one of which is the delivery of our long awaited 40mm BOFORS Anti-Aircraft Deck Gun. Last Thursday it was Christmas all over as we opened the shipping container from Norway, the BOFORS sat with slightly faded OD Green paint, but in fantastic condition. There was some minor shipping damage to a hand crank and the trainers optical sight, they are repairable and should not hinder work on the gun. Boxes of equipment, optical sights, tools, spare parts and spent casings made up the rest of the shipment.

Greg Rohr used one of his flat bed trucks to remove the BOFORS from the shipping container, with a little effort due to tires low on air, the Gun was rolled on to the flat bed. Jack Waples made a quick call to Mama Dixon of Dixon's Towing for a roll back car hauler to finish the transfer from the flat bed to solid ground. Needless to say a large cannon sitting on the back of a truck attracts attention real fast, traffic around the airport began to slow and a Sheriffs Dept helicopter was doing double takes, fortunately members of the DeLand Police Dept. were on hand participating in the move of the BOFORS.

The stern hull crew has reconstructed many of the frame ribs that make up the corners of the stern and are rebuilding many of the keel frame sections. New frame braces are being fabricated and welded out a 5 ft. by 12 ft. piece of ¼ inch plate aluminum that was purchased last month. Our new compressor is wired and running with a little work remaining on the air lines needed to supply the pneumatic equipment.

Work has also started on the passageway hatches, all of the hatches have to be rebuilt and re-framed, latching assemblies have to be re-built. The deck hatches that will allow the public to have an easy access to the below deck areas will be framed. Once the main deck receives another layer of marine grade plywood, aluminum frame work will be added to handle the foot traffic of visitors.

LEGAL FUND

The battle with the illegal board of the DNAS Museum appears to be over, we still owe our attorneys for the fine effort that they put forth in stopping the illegal effort to force the PT Boat from its present location. Since it is unethical and illegal to use the State Funds that we have received for restoring the PT Boat, we had to take money out of pocket to create a Legal Defense Fund to stop the harassment created by the illegal DNAS Board. We are represented by the Law Firm of Mandy Pavlakos and the Law Firm of Timothy Dave, they are cutting us as much slack as possible regarding legal cost, but they have a business to run. We have added donation buttons to our website at www.ptf3restoration.org one button is to donate to the Restoration Project and a second button for our legal fund donation. If some wish to donate by mail the check needs to be made out to the PTF 3 LEGAL FUND, and mailed our regular address at the PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT, P.O. BOX 740789, ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789.

LOOKING AHEAD

As soon as the weather allows we will finish painting the bridge, this was halted some time ago when we had to begin repositioning equipment in early attempts to accommodate the DNAS Museum. The newly arrived 40mm BOFORS Gun will also receive a paint job to replace the faded finish on the gun, after a through clean up by the Scout Troop and Sea Scouts.

HISTORICAL

We are in the process of building of the historic record of PTF 3 and are seeking photos and history of the boat and / or the early series of Nasty Class Boats # 3 – 8 that have the early below deck configuration. This will assist greatly in recreating features of the boat that will historically accurate as possible. Many of the items will become part of the museum display in the boat and permanent historical record. Much of this material will be housed with the boat and copies will be on permanent file with Florida Historic Preservation.

MONEY TREE

Gerry (Boats) Millholen is the head of the fund raising effort and can be reached at Phone No. 386/ 785-4502 and at E-Mail: fl1husker@bellsouth.net or I can be reached at Phone No. 800/ 694-7161 and at E-Mail: redbarn2@embarqmail.com . Jack Waples, our fund Coordinator can be reached at E-Mail: rjwaples@cfl.rr.com .

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ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com

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