

Annual Meeting

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps

July 4, 2008

In Attendance: Phil Schorn, Jack Golden, Chris Soper, James Laturus, Warren Tobin, David Volovage, William Beyer, Jeff Pastir, Damian Lewis, Jenny Fisher, Justin Fisher, Ronald Elliott, Matt Everson, Jill Porter, Brian Litton, Neil Litton, Donna Pederson, Dave Peterson, Bob Rezac, Brad Olson, Tim Jezierski, Chad Swenson

Call to Order brought by Chad Swenson
Last meeting minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

Director 3 - Monte Fronk: Not present

Director 2- Steve Lyman: Not present

Director 1 – Warren Tobin: Nothing to report

President – Chad Swenson: Thanks to everyone for their commitment this last year.

Executive Secretary – Damian Lewis: Thanks Chad for the wonderful job he has done this last year as president his leadership has definitely brought the Association to a new level. Damian also requested that we change the bylaws to allow Chad to serve another term as President. The motion died on the floor. The associations finance position – Balance at \$1,998.80. We need to look to increase funds before taking on any new major projects.

Council Liaison- Brad Olson: Camp is going well and he appreciates seeing the Alumni in camp interacting with staff and campers. The number of Campers is down this year but he remains optimistic. Cub Camp is a big success and Mary is doing a wonderful job as Director. We are lucky to have her.

Achievement Award – Discussions were had about handing out the Alumni Achievement Award to the recipient, who has not yet been named. One possible location would be at Lake Metigoshi.

Spring Gathering – Matt Saari: Not present, he is home spending time with his new baby girl Avery, Congratulations Saari Family!

Open House – Neil Litton: Reported that many people signed the Open House book and it was another wonderful day filled with old friends and smiling faces.

Membership – Chris Soper: Is planning to post a PDF on the website of members in good standing, also so people can check on their current status. We have \$550 in outstanding dues, of that, \$400 are from members in good standing.

Membership changes over the last year are as follows:

- 6 new annual members
- 2 new life members
- 1 conversion from annual to life membership
- 4 lifetime members finished payments

General feeling is that the membership process is working well and will continue current practice. Postcards will be sent in May to help remind current members to pay their dues. Annual Rosters are available in the Black Building, Winter Trading Post, and at the Fargo Office. Chris also requested to be re-appointed as committee chair.

History Project (Ad-Hoc) – Bob Rezac: Stated that the history project is coming along with many new interviews and the progress of the history trail. Jack has been working on cleaning out the toybox and is looking for items that Bob can use.

Changes to The Association bylaws were proposed as follows:

- (7) Camp Staff Scholarship Committee
 - A. Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
 - B. Shall promote the scholarship fund and solicit donations.
 - C. Shall promote and solicit applications for the scholarship fund.
 - D. Shall form a committee to review and approve the scholarship applications.
 - E. Shall distribute funds to approved recipients.

- (8) History Committee
 - A. Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
 - B. The focus of the committee shall be to preserve and collect historical and memorabilia from the past and present camps of the Northern Lights Council.
 - C. Find ways to allow access to the collection to our members and the camp.

Discussion from the floor proposed a change in point (7) E. from “Shall distribute funds to approved recipients.” To “Shall make recommendations to the board for the distribution of funds.” Warren Tobin moved to approve the changes and David Volovage seconded. The motion passed.

Motion was made by James Larnus to approve bylaws with these changes, Jack Golden seconded. Motion Passed

Staff Scholarship- Jenny Fisher: Reported that there is almost \$2K in new scholarship endowment dollars. The CD was recorded this week thanks to all the singers and Chris

Tveitbakk. She is hoping to have the CD for sale in the Trading Post by the last week of camp. Price will be \$10 each with a cost to produce of \$2 per CD. About \$70 has been raised by the "Campfire Singers" collecting for the scholarship.

Project –Chris Soper would like to see a campaign put together to build Cabin 4. Discussion was had about cabin "0", but must be deferred to the camping committee. We would like to see prices and ideas on how to remodel this building.

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Elections:

Chris Soper nominated Willem Schrage for the position of Executive Secretary.

Phil Schorn moved to close nominations and was seconded by Chad Swenson. Motion carried.

Willem Schrage was elected as Executive Secretary.

Damian offered all existing Committee Chairman to continue their role for the following year.

Other Business: Chris Soper asked to be reimbursed \$112.46 for expenses occurred for mailings. Jack Golden moved to reimburse the funds. Ron Elliott seconded. Motion passed.

Ron Elliott moved to close the meeting, second by Chris Soper. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned