

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps

Annual Meeting 2013 Minutes

July 5, 2013

Welcome and introduction of members and guests present.

Members present: Jeff Brown, Monty Fronk, Howard Kossover, Jim Laturus, Warren Tobin, Ashely Everson, Adam Trapp, Marten Schrage, Doug Boe, Ron Elliott, Bob Rezac, Matt Saari, Matt Everson, Chris Soper, Chad Swenson, Cindie Van Tassel, Brandon Van Tassel, Brad Olson, Wayne Stephens

Non-members present: Jon and Nancy Fugleberg

Association By-Laws:

- Sec 3 (8) Petitions for nominations to the office of Executive Secretary-President Elect or members at large of the Board of Directors of the Association must be made at the beginning of the annual meeting.
- Sec 3 (3) All elected officers shall change position in progression. The ES-PE shall be elected to his/her position during the annual meeting. After serving his/her term, the ES-PE will assume the position of President and the President will assume the position of Past President.
- Sec 3 (10) Should the President of the Association step down or be removed, the ES-PE will fill the position. A new ES-PE will be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall take office immediately. The appointment will then be subject to ratification by a vote of the general membership at the next annual meeting.
- Sec 3 (11) Should any other officer of The Association or member at large of the Board of Directors step down or be removed, a direct replacement shall be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall take office immediately. The appointment will then be subject to ratification by a vote of the general membership at the next annual meeting.

And here is why the above is important:

Our current ES-PE has indicated he will not be assuming the position of President due personal reasons so our Association will need to fill both the ES-PE and Presidents position.

We also need to elect a Board Member as Bill Beyer's term is up this year. Per Chris Soper: Adam Dewey has two years remaining and Brandon Wehner has one. I have been unable to contact Adam Dewey after numerous attempts.

AGENDA

Nomination for ES-PE, President and Board of Director (per by-laws)

Jeff Brown-President

Bill Beyer-Board of Directors

Steve Lyman-ES-PE

Officer Reports:

Director-Bill Beyer Present-nothing to report

Director-Brandon Wehner Not present-no report.

Director-Adam Dewey Not present-no report.

Past President-David Valovage Not present-no report.

ES/PE-Adam Trapp Present-no report

Council Liaison-Brad Olson: Would it be possible to get 1-2 AA members for each week of summer camp to be used as fill in staff? Possible incentive for staff to join the Association such as reduced dues, payroll deduction, reduced dues based on some sort of years of service formula. A staff trip funded by the AA may generate interest in membership. Using the Hi-Lites to promote the AA. Chad will put together an article. Open up CW during Alumni week to Lake Association, Resort and others? Mantrap Valley CC, UFDA.

Committee Reports:

Publications-Scott Ralston Not present-no report.

Alumni Achievement Award-Mike Melby (see attached) Norm Vanderpan nominated/approved.

Fall Fellowship-no Chair at this time: Chad to make contact with potential Chair and advise.

Spring Gathering/Staff Week-Matt/Jodi Saari See attached. It was agreed that as long as expenditures are under budget they should be submitted directly to Brad for payment. If, on the other hand, the expenditure goes over budget the budgeted amount would be paid when submitted and anything over budget would be discussed and voted on at our next meeting.

Open House-Neil Litton Not present-no report.

Membership-Chris Soper (see attached) Membership relatively stable through the years. Not much revenue generated as a result. Membership info on web page. Vicki gets AA membership forms at the Scout Center and Chris will have Christian forward info to him. Ideas to increase membership and involvement discussed.

Staff Scholarship-Jenny Fisher (see attached report)

History Project-Bob Rezac The totem pole is being replaced, original to be put in History Center. This is at no expense to the AA. Donor taking care of the expenses. Unable to tell us who is doing restoration work.

Financial Report-As of May 31, 2013 we had \$9,966 in our account. At our May meeting we approved \$1,000 for Polo shirts/T-shirts for those working the dome concessions. This came in at \$600 (Chad). We also agreed to purchase water bottles for staff. At the time it was thought this would be \$1,000 but appears as if it will come in at about \$800 (Brad). As part of our June cc we approved a token appreciation gift for those working dome concessions. Per Chad/Bob Rezac to date it looks like this will be approx \$500. There is about \$500 coming for Dome events worked but not as of yet paid.

Stained Glass Window at the Fargo Scout Center.

Motion-second-unanimous vote to pay the remaining balance of our pledge. Our original pledge was \$5000 and we had previously paid \$2000. It was agreed Brad would have the remaining \$3000 transferred when he receives a copy of our meeting minutes.

Fargodome Concessions Report: \$18,000 earned to date having worked 32 events. There was a lengthy discussion as to the purpose of working the dome. Financial vs Social. It was decided it was both. Chad and Bob would like more involvement for future events and/or assistance in lining up workers for scheduled events. 20% of earned income goes to the Steve Werpy Scholarship fund. It was noted that numerous current, and former staff, attend school in the FM area and that this would be a great potential for involvement. Volunteers will be provided with a token for working concessions. This money can be spent at the CW Trading Post or can be turned over to the Steve Werpy Scholarship fund.

Other projects: Replace cabin 4, Disk golf, purchasing a car trailer, build/purchase a "Crows Nest" for our Honors Recognition Wall for our DNR fire tower, a rock wall for Cub Camp much like the one at Heart Butte, and a "fort area" with tepees at Butler Outpost. There was no action taken on any of these items. The group would like to get an updated financial prior to committing to any further financial obligations.

Elections-President, ES-PE and Board of Directors

Motion-second-unanimous vote for Jeff Brown President, Steve Lyman ES-PE, Bill Beyer Board of Directors. I will notify Steve of his election.

Discussion as to the Adam Dewey Board of Directors position.

Motion-second-unanimous vote to remove Adam from the Board and to elect a replacement for the remainder of his term.

Motion-second-unanimous nomination for Cindie Van Tassel to fill the vacant board seat. Vote was unanimous for Cindie Van Tassel to fill the vacant seat.

Committee Chair appointment:

Fall Fellowship-Chad has a name in mind and will contact and advise.

Publications-Scott Ralston had indicated a desire to vacate. Steve Shark appointed.

Staff Scholarship-Jenny Fisher had submitted her resignation. Martin Schrage to Chair.

If no quorum exists at a cc meeting what is the proper method of obtaining a vote? AA President to contact board members not in attendance for input/vote and record same.

Points to ponder: Should we have our annual meeting at 11:15 am so it is self limiting (time wise) as the noon lunch is at 12:15 pm? How do we keep the length of the meeting to an acceptable limit?

Introduction of officers/Committee Chairs.

Adjourn

Staff Scholarship

1. Endowment Fund Total as of 12/31/12 was \$10,593.17.
2. Interest earned this last year was \$529.663. Rate of return is 5%.
3. Brandon Van Tassel and John Wayne Stephens II were the 2 scholarship recipients this year.
4. Camp staff are eligible for scholarship if they are enrolled as full time student, maintain GPA 2.5 or above, active member of boy scouts, and have worked at camp for last 3 summer. The total amount available for disbursement gets divided equally amongst the applicants.
5. Applications are available through the association website and also are emailed out to camp staff in early fall.
6. I have appreciated the opportunity to participate in over seeing the staff scholarship endowment fund for the last 6 years and respectfully will be stepping down. I will be happy to assist with the transition. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project, its growth has been quite tremendous over the last 5 years.

Jenny Fisher
Scholarship Committee Chair

2012-2013 Membership Committee Report

The following table describes the membership standing as of July 28, 2013 for the 2012-2013 Year.

	Totals			Good Standing			Not in Good Standing		
	Last Year	This Year	Delta	Last Year	This Year	Delta	Last Year	This Year	Delta
Lifetime	90	96	+6	90	95	+5	0	1	+1
Lifetime-50	4	4	-	3	3	-	1	1	-
Lifetime-100	7	8	+1	2	3	+1	5	5	-
Annual	45	41	-4	16	15	-1	29	26	-3
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Unpaid	3	3	-	0	0	-	3	3	-
Total	161	164	+3	114	119	+5	47	45	-2

Included in this report are two database reports:

Members in Good Standing

Total Members

As of April 16, 2013 the Alumni Association has a total of \$9,969.22.

The committee needs additional members within the Northern Lights geographical boundaries to help promote membership and be able to register new members.

The committee needs individuals to travel to the Fargo Scout office periodically and retrieve membership information, scan and send it to the Committee Chair.

I would like to continue as the Membership Committee Chair for the 2013-2014 term.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Soper
Membership Committee Chair

NORTHERN LIGHTS COUNCIL
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
2013 ANNUAL REPORT

THE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE RECEIVED TWO NEW NOMINATIONS AND RETAINED TWO NOMINATIONS FROM LAST YEAR. NOMINATIONS WERE EVALUATED BY SENIOR COUNCIL SCOUTERS FROM NORTHERN SKY, LAKES, AND ROUGH RIDER DISTRICTS.

THE 2013 NORTHERN LIGHTS COUNCIL CAMP WILDERNESS

ALUMNI AWARD WINNING NOMINATION IS:

NORM VANDERPAN

EAST GRAND FORKS, MN

DISTRICT 8

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Mike Melby

MIKE MELBY

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Spring Gathering Committee Report-July 5, 2013

Matt & Jodi Saari chair this committee. Matt presented the report.

2013 Report:

1. This year's event was held the evening of Friday, May 17th from 7:00-9:00 at Camp Wilderness to coincide with an incoming camp staff training weekend.
2. In past years, the Spring Gathering has been held at the end of Staff Week. Since Staff Week ended on Father's Day weekend, it was decided to hold the event during a staff training session so that we could reach out to as many incoming staffers as possible and not conflict with families celebrating Father's Day.
3. As in past years, the focus of the event is to welcome the new and old staff members and thank them for their service for the upcoming scout camping season, and introduce them to The Alumni Association.
4. For this year's event, we decided to host a cracker barrel-style gathering with light snacks and appetizers. In the past we have hosted a large meal for the staff, but with the event being held for just a few hours a lighter fare made more sense. Also, incoming staff members were arriving throughout the day and evening, therefore a flexible service accommodated them. We planned on serving about 60 people. It is estimated that we had close to 45 attend. The luau theme from past years was continued through decorations and signage. Overall the event was very well received and we thought it was a success.
5. The event was promoted via Facebook on the The Association's Facebook page, in the January Aurora, and by signs posted around Camp.
6. The Association did not provide any "give away items" this year as the budget would not have allowed for it.
7. Alumni Association president Jeff Brown attended.
8. The budget from previous years has been \$250.00. This year's event stands at \$194.96. The budget is attached for review.

Current Issues:

1. vThe Saari Family would like to be reimbursed for \$194.96 of the expenses.
2. A date needs to be set for next year's event. This date can be at the end of a staff training week (not Father's Day weekend) or at a similar training weekend.
3. New ideas/suggestions for 2014:

a. If a Cracker Barrel is chosen for next year, we can plan on 45-50 people. We had plenty of food left over.

b. Continue to get the word out sooner to get more alumni involved.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Validity is unknown) Signed by Matthew I. Saari, Cold-Formed Steel Plus, LLC, msaari@cfs-plus.com Time: 2013.06.29 12:20:28 -06'00'

Matt & Jodi Saari

Staff Week Committee Chairs, The Association

2013 Alumni Association Spring Gathering Expenses

Matt Saari's Expenses

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
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Cub Foods

Water (2- 24 pack)	2	1.98\$	3.96\$
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Salsa	1	5.99\$	5.99\$
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Miracle Whip	1	2.99\$	2.99\$
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Mustard	1	0.59\$	0.59\$
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Cookie Tray	1	18.49\$	18.49\$
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Ham & Turkey Buns (60 buns)	1	39.95\$	39.95\$
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Cub Foods Total			71.97\$
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Rainbow Foods

Pop (4-12 packs)	DONATED 4	-\$	-\$
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Flipside Crackers	1	2.50\$	2.50\$
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Flatbread Crackers	1	2.50\$	2.50\$
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Original Crakcers	1	2.99\$	2.99\$
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Rainbow Foods Total			7.99\$
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Sam's Club

2# Food Trays	1	10.98\$	10.98\$
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Cheese Tray	1	10.97\$	10.97\$
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Veggie Tray	1	9.98\$	9.98\$
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Fruit Tray	1	11.98\$	11.98\$
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Meat & Cheese Tray	1	19.98\$	19.98\$
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Gummy Bears	1	5.98\$	5.98\$
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Brownie Bites	1	5.99\$	5.99\$
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Snack Mix	1	4.78\$	4.78\$
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Frito Lay Chips	1	5.98\$	5.98\$
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Cheese Balls	1	6.42\$	6.42\$
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Tortilla Chips	1	3.78\$	3.78\$
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Sam's Club Total			96.82\$
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Dollar Tree Stores

Luau Centerpieces	2	1.00\$	2.00\$
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Luau Tablecloths	2	1.00\$	2.00\$
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Luau Décor	1	1.00\$	1.00\$
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Dollar Tree Stores Total			5.00\$
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Andy's Market

20# Bags of Ice	2	6.59\$	13.18\$
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Andy's Market Total			13.18\$
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Grand Total			\$ 194.96
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What?

2013 Spring Gathering Luau

Sponsored by Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps

When?

Friday May 17th from 7:00 to 9:30 PM

Where?

The Dining Hall

What do I Bring?

The Alumni Association is providing snacks and beverages.
Just bring yourself, your fellow staff members and wear any
Hawaiian or tropical themed clothing!

Mahalo!