

**CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES -- January 18, 2009,
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS**

Present: Brad Olson, Chris Soper, Chad Swenson, Bob Rezac, Steve Lyman, Damian Lewis, Warren Tobin, Jenny Fisher.

Not Present: Bill Beyer, Matt Saari, Scott Ralston, Mike Melby, Willem Schrage, Steve Shark, and Neil Litton

Motions voted upon are as follows:

No motions other than adjournment

Opening by Damian Lewis, President

Approval of last Minutes must wait till next meeting.

Brad: Camp is doing well and has hired 25% of the need staff and expects to be close to 50% with a week. Winter Camp has had an increase in cabin rental and hopefully should translate to increase in attendance. 132 troops have signed up for summer camp. Scouting Magazine has inquired about sending someone to check out this year's Polar Cub Day and Boy's Life is interested in the Romp.

Spring Gathering typically occurs just before staff weekend as a kickoff so to speak. This year because of the way staff is brought in and a few outside groups that are in camp over the weekend it was discussed that the Spring Gathering be moved to the end of the weekend. That would make it June 12 - 14. The first week of camp starts on the 14th. Chad will confirm with Matt & Jodi. Chad is also working on a welcome letter that will be used to introduce the Association to the staff. The letter will also allow us to capture names, address, and birthdays as well as whom they want to invite to the Open House.

Aurora info should be on its way to Scott and any last articles need to be sent now.

Open house July 3, 2009 and Reunion Week will be June 28 till July 4, 2009.

Chris: Membership is looking good. 69 lifetime members (1 with \$50 to go & 1 with \$100), 12 annual members and 3 gratis with a grand total of 86 members in good standing. Will start sending out letters and reminders next month. Current funds are at \$2176.23. Roughly \$90 off last year at this time, which shows that are expense and income have been balance.

Jenny: Scholarship Endowment Fund is at \$3907.86. We sold 18 CD so far and will have nearly paid the cost of the CD's (\$200). They are available at the Camp Trading Post, the Fargo Service Center, and on the web at our site. Still waiting on the interest that has accumulated over the last year to know what the payout for the Scholarships this spring. So far 2 applications have been submitted (Nick Bahl & Matt Frazen). 26 individuals helped out last year by making contributions to the fund and we talked about the possibility of sending a letter our asking if they would again be interested in helping out again. Making this a recurring donation to the Endowment Fund may also be a possibility? It was also noted the Jenny has done a fantastic job considering when the Alumni took over the Fund it was at \$1200.

Bob: The history committee has 2 interviews set up this week to document their time spent at Camp. Don Carlson (Bob) on Wednesday and Don Soloway (David Valovage) on Thursday. We developed a list of questions that we need to post on the web and are looking for more. We are still working on the History Trail.

Annual Project: Brad suggested that we might want to be a part of the addition of a "Human Foosball" that may be set up at the Cub Camp. This idea was published in a Boy's Life magazine last summer. Another idea was for a basketball court at the Cub Camp.

We still have the last cabin (4) to finish possibly 2010? This is a big project and will take more coordination than the last cabin we did due to extra cost of setting up a maintenance/insurance endowment that must be set up for all new buildings at camp. This item will need to be revisited at the next meeting. (Maybe, we should see if we could put together an article together for this Aurora to solicit ideas from the membership? -- added after the meeting by Chad)

A big thanks goes to Scott and Tammy Wheeler for hosting the Bismarck Social. Which means we need a new host. Some ideas are Mike Vincent, Dale Sandstrom, The Malms (declined), Mark Zimmerman, and Jack Golden. Chris will continue on searching and could use any help offered.

Metigoshe Re-Union is set for weekend of August 22nd at the old Metigoshe Scout Reservation. Chad suggested that Chris send in his teaser article into the Northern HiLites. Chad also needs to talk to the State Park about reserving the cabins. A chairman needs to be identified and a suggestion of Bob Szczys was made. Chris offered to contact Bob.

Christmas Party date was changed this year due to weather. 25 people came to Camp to celebrate the holidays. Matt, Jodi, and Brad suggested that the event become more of a partnership between the Camp and the Alumni Association and also to establish a set date for the event. It was discussed that the 1st Saturday of December become the new recurring event and that the Alumni would become a bigger part of the event. Chad also would submit an article on our suggestions.

Website redesign with Leo Andrie is still in progress and should be completed by the conference call. Suggestions were made about the colors and layout and will be conveyed to Leo. Any ideas can be sent to Chad.

Other Business:

Chris asked to set additional dates for future conference calls to be set for the 2nd Sunday every other month at 7 pm. March 15th, May 10th, July 3rd (Annual Meeting), September 13th, and November 8th.

Damian wanted to remind everyone that Brad is getting married this spring and that he needs a proper send-off. A trip to Las Vegas is planned for March 20-22. Possibly flying out on the 19th? Let Damian know if you would be interested in helping to celebrate?

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Minutes submitted by Chad Swenson, January 18th, 2009