

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES – January 31, 2010, 7:00 pm
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS

Opening by Willem Schrage, Association President

Attending: Willem Schrage, Scott Ralston, Steve Shark, Warrin Tobin, Chad Swenson, Chris Soper, Neil Litton, Brandon Wehner, and Brad Olson

Actions Taken:

1. Approval of Minutes from past meeting as e-mailed out – made by Warren and seconded by Chris Soper, motion passed.
2. Motion for Adjournment by Chris Soper

Reports & Discussion:

1. Brandon Wehner, Director's Report – Working with Andy on the Work Weekend April 30 thru May 2nd at Camp Wilderness more details and highlights available later.
2. Warren Tobin, Director's Report – Talked about the possibility of using Red Apple for the Wabaunaquat Reunion
3. Chad Swenson, Exec. Secretary – 150 Christmas Cards were sent out and will be submitting for reimbursement for postage.
4. Brad Olson, Liaison – Camp Wilderness was in the January Boy's Life this would be our 5th time in Boy's Life and Scouting Magazine in the last few years. \$53,000 worth of projects are slated for 2010 including the building of campsite shelters in Lakota and at Cub Camp, new campsite latrines, and the Campfire Arena in the Great Water campsite. The arena will be done by June 1st by the same group that did the waterfront and will be like the example shown in the brick courtyard. The Dining Hall's floor is to be treated with an epoxy finish and the last of the new rolling tables are in place. A new metal roof on the Black Building and a new filtration system for our water.
5. Scott Ralston, Publications – Almost done any last minute stories need to be sent right after conference call. Always looking for stories and personal accounts to enhance the newsletter. Should be out on time.
6. Steve Shark, Achievement Award – Reference in the Aurora for the Alumni Achievement Award includes a link to a survey and solicits nominations for the award. Willem wondered if the input from the survey will answer question about groups, individuals, or both should be awarded. Discussion was made about how past nominations are carried over from previous years. If you know of any worthy recipient please take the time to submit a nomination. Chad remarked on Art Heinze was finally recognized as being 2008's recipient. Chris needs photos and write up of all recipients for the website not already posted.
7. Fall Fellowship - Willem and had asked Martin Schrage to offer any names that he thought might be interested in helping out with the committee. A Scoutmaster from Grand Forks will be approached by Martin if he would be interested?
8. Spring Gathering – will need an update at the next meeting?
9. Neil Litton, Open House – July 9th is the date. Side note: Current temp in Fargo –1 degree and in Kansas City it is 32 degrees and finished the survey for Steve.
10. Chris Soper, Membership – No new members, but there are 86 in good standing. 75 Life, 8 Annual, and 3 Gratis Members. There is \$2294.66 in our account. A article is being submitted to the Aurora for membership. Chris encourages all of us to pass out information on membership. Chad needs to submit a list of those attending the Metigoshe Reunion. The possibility of putting an ad in the leaders guide. Brad has a new plan on getting the leader's guide out on a CD with the idea of having sponsorships from groups like the Order of the Arrow or our Association. A preliminary cost is something like \$800 with \$400 from each sponsor. This would be a great way for us to reach out to adults with in the council.
11. Staff Scholarship – no info, Brad's looking into more info for the next conference call.
12. History Project – Chad stated that Bob Rezac and Roger Smart had a display of patches and memorabilia up at Wilderness during the Romp. Two old time Scouter's from the Hawley area came up to Romp to check out the camp; both were in camp during the first few years.
13. Wabaunaquat Reunion is set for September 18th
14. Chris wanted everyone to think and ask around for who would be interested in being Secretary and Director next year?
15. In a sad note Dana Murphy lost their twins (Wyatt & Conner) during birth this past week.
16. Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28th