

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES – March 20, 2011, 7:00 pm
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS

Opening by Chad Swenson, Association President

Attending: Chad Swenson, Chris Soper, Ryan Foley, Neil Litton, Warren Tobin, Brad Olson, Jenny Olson, and David Valovage

Actions Taken:

1. Warren moved to pass the minutes for last meeting, seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.
2. Chris moved to approve three scholarship checks for \$140.11, seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.
3. David moved to approve a \$400 cap on the fundraiser t-shirts, with a minimum requirement of 2 fundraising events worked by any recipient, seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.
4. Chris moved to place 80% of the funds from the fundraiser to the project fund, and 20% into the scholarship fund, seconded by David. Motion passed.
5. Ryan moved to approve purchase 250 patches for the History Trail after the design is finished, seconded by Warren. Motion passed.
6. Chad moved to adjourn, seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Reports & Discussion:

1. Mike will be looking for nomination ideas for the Alumni Achievement award.
2. Matt and Jodi will be setting up the Spring Gathering, which will be coming soon.
3. The open house at camp will be on July 8th.
4. Tim Jezierski has been working on getting cabin #4. Annual maintenance will be required as part of the costs for this.
5. We have 88 members in good standing. 79 lifetime, 5 annual, and 3 gratis. \$2697.93 in the association funds. Chris will be sending out invites to people coming off camp staff, past staff, and new staff members.
6. The total in the endowment fund for staff scholarships is \$8406.31. Three applications came in for the scholarship, and all qualified. James Cooper Taylor, Ben Chorn, and Brandon Van Den Eykel all received the award. Congratulations go out to the recipients.
7. Bob Rezac is heading up the fundraising at the Fargodome for the association. The Fargodome events have raised approximately \$500 so far. The next events will be on April 1st and April 8th from 5 – 10 PM. Any and all assistance will be welcome. The last event will be on May 8th – 12th, and the association has requested to work the 9th.
8. Chad requested that we make polos for the events. Chris mentioned looking into the costs and suggested that we place a cap on the money allotted for the fundraiser shirts. Brad suggested 2 events be the minimum required to receive the shirt. These shirts will promote the fundraising effort, unify the crew, and reward those among the association who have taken time to bring in extra funds for the association.
9. Sabin venture crew had money in their account, and donated \$600 to the history committee, and \$600 to the staff scholarship fund. Much of the crew is part of the alumni, and their donation for history projects and scholarships is appreciated.
10. Chad would like to do a patch for the history trail for people to buy at the Trading Post after walking it. The cost would be \$0.60 or \$0.70 per patch if we purchased 250, according to Brad.
11. Camp is closed and some renovations will be happening on the buildings. Tiger Cub Camp will be coming up, 60 kids have signed up as of this meeting. Brad has been doing webinars for adult leaders to educate them on what is required and will be happening this year.
12. 52 people have been hired for camp staff at Wilderness. The retention for this year looks to be about 75%.
13. Heart Butte will have 4 new camp shelters built.
14. Meeting adjourned.

A big thanks goes to these individuals and everyone else who helps out with the Association.

Respectfully submitted by David Valovage 3-20-2011