

Meeting minutes 3/30/08

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Council Camps

Present: Chad Swenson, Brad Olson, Chris Soper, Damian Lewis, Monte Fronk, Steve Shark, Jenny Fisher, Bob Rezac.

Not Present: Bill Beyer, Matt Saari, Scott Ralston, Mike Melby, Steve Lyman.

Financial motions voted on are as follows:

- Chad Swenson asked to be reimbursed \$116.60 by The Association for personal funds used to pay for flowers sent to Chicks & Jakes funerals on behalf of The Association. Motion was made and carried.
- The Association granted permission to Jenny Fisher to cut and send the four (4) \$15.00 staff scholarships awarded by The Association.

President Chad Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm Central Time.

Officer Reports:

Monte: Not on call at time of report.

Steve: absent

Warren: absent

Chad: The Association received 2 Thank You cards from the family of Myron for our gift of flowers at the funeral. Thank you cards were also received from the Staff Scholarship award winners Ryan Foley and Evan ?.

A request was made that we retract the story about the passing of John ? in the fall Aurora until a positive confirmation and contact was made with his family

Damian: Funds report as of Dec 31 '07 \$2,581.41 in the general fund, and there are \$800.00 in outstanding membership dues.

Brad: He is happy to announce that he has hired Martin as the director of the Boy Scout Camp at Wilderness in the absence of Steve Lyman deciding not to return.

Committee Reports:

Scott: (via email) Is calling for more articles for the Aurora.

Steve: No recent nominations for the Alumni Achievement Award, he would like us to think of and reach out to those that may have a nominee.

Mike: Absent

Matt: (Via correspondence) With the anticipated arrival of Matt and Jody's 2<sup>nd</sup> child around the date of the Spring Gathering (June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) they will not be able to attend, and are looking for a substitute host for this year.

Neil: Absent.

Chris: No new members since last meeting. He is working on updating the web site when time allows.

Jenny: The Alumni Scholarship drive is going well. Currently there is \$1,502.25 in the fund on our way to the \$4,000 goal. Donations and number of donations have significantly increased with 2 donations in 2005, 3 in 2006, 0 in 2007 and currently 24 in 2008.

Bob: Work on the History Trail is progressing with 12 sites identified. The idea is similar to the Nature Trail with identifier plaques and pamphlets.

Ways to get involved: Mariann Jezierski has raised the question about sending Thank You cards or birthday cards to camp staff and alumni. She has offered her services to personally make and donate cards for this purpose. These cards should maybe be sent in October/November as a Thank You/Happy Holiday/ remember to sign up for camp. The idea was also suggested that The Association help with the postage.

The idea of finding ways to increase revenue by way of an auction of donated items given by alumni and supporters rather than rely upon mostly dues for our working capital. These could be historical items from camp, items made from our many talents, or even those that we wish to give to raise money.

Project: Kyle Becker and Elizabeth Richard are unable to continue to do their Scholarship duties and request that they be replaced by new committee members.

Wilderness Work Weekend is May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Spring Gathering is June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Aurora articles due January 15<sup>th</sup> has been extended to ASAP.

Fire Tower Campaign: The Association would like to help, but decline the offer to buy a step/platform on the fire tower. With such a limited income opportunity we would not want to take away the prospect of donations for other groups. The association will continue to help the council raise funds by promoting this fundraising opportunity.

Other Business:

- Chad Swenson asked to be reimbursed \$54.59 & \$62.01 for flowers purchased with personal funds and given on behalf of the Association to the families of Chick and Jake. Motion was made and carried.

Meeting was adjourned by President Chad Swenson at 7:55pm Central time.