

**CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES -- May 10, 2009,
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS**

Present: Chris Soper, Chad Swenson, Damian Lewis, Jenny Fisher. Steve Shark, Matt Saari, and Brad Olson

Not Present: Bill Beyer, Bob Rezac, Scott Ralston, Mike Melby, Willem Schrage, Steve Lyman, and Neil Litton

Motions voted upon are as follows:

- Chad made a motion for Brad to spend up to \$250 at his discretion to build a human foosball at the Cub Camp. Steve seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- Chad made a motion that \$3.69 be drawn from our general funds and to be added to the \$196.31 in the scholarship fund to provide a \$100 check for each applicant. Matt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
- Chris made a motion to reimburse Chad \$86.93 for funeral flowers for Ed Stearns funeral. Seconded by Matt and motion carried.
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Opening by Damian Lewis, President

Approval of last meeting's minutes – seconded by Chad, & motion carried

Chad reported: That the website is slowly progressing, for a preview go to <http://www.northernlightsalumni.com/test/>. There will be public information or association members can log in and see additional information. The illegible verbiage represents areas that be added by Association members for a specific duration. The photographs will also rotate through a series of selected photographs. More to come...

Damian reported: Articles for the Aurora need to be turned in this week to Scott Ralston – deadline is May 15th.

Steve reported: 4 active nominations are carried forward from previous years. New nominations are due the committee by June 6th. An article has already been submitted for the Aurora and Chris will also add a nomination form.

Fall Fellowship is October 15-17 at Camp Wilderness

Matt reported: Spring Gathering June 12-14th will be similar to past years with a service project, banquet, and a campfire. One new idea is rather than going to Compañeros for the banquet we cook a theme like meal that the whole staff could sit together. An open banquet to speak that can set the tone for fellowship and introduce the Association to the staff. Other added bonus includes less driving, sitting at different tables, and working out the tab. Other possible ideas having games set up after banquet, etc...

Chris reported: Membership is looking good. 86 Members – 69 paid lifetime members (1 with \$50 to go & 1 with \$100), 12 annual members and 3 gratis. Letters and membership cards are ready and will be sent out shortly. Increasing our membership continues to be a challenge and necessary. Current funds are at around \$2000 (based on January's figures). \$40-50 is expended for conference calls and \$50 for mailing out the Aurora. The cost the Aurora has been going down due to more and more are signing up for the electronic version. Spring Gathering will be a good chance to recruit new members. A welcome letter has been added to the staff hire package that welcomes them to the Association and offers them a chance to invite who they want to the Open House.

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

Jenny reported: Scholarship Endowment Fund is at \$4557.86 as of February 23rd. Four new donations have come in since last time conference call including one from JCPenney. Scholarship applicants will be asked to

submit a photo and a short write up that will be added to future Auroras. Matt commented on how impressive the thank you card was to receive earlier this year. Jenny also noted that she needed more thank you cards.

The history committee has added more stops along the History Trail.

2009 Annual Project: During the last call 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. Doing another building right now seem less feasible and better to do further down the road. Chad made a motion for Brad to spend up to \$250 at his discretion to build a human foosball at the Cub Camp. Steve seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Chad & Brad offered to submit a donation letter to the Aurora that will help offset funds committed by the Association. The possibility of constructing the foosball at the Spring Gathering was brought up. Brad invited everyone to come up and give it a go once the human foosball is finished.

Staff Scholarship – Two applications are up for consideration. Jenny told the group that there is \$196.31 available for the scholarship and \$3.69 short of giving \$100 to each applicant. Chad made a motion that \$3.69 be drawn from our general funds and to be added to the \$196.31 in the scholarship fund to provide a \$100 check for each applicant. Matt seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Metigoshe Re-Union is set for weekend of August 22nd at the old Metigoshe Scout Reservation. Chris has sent 400 post cards and 100 special invites to all know Metigoshe related contacts in our database. Bob Szczys has also been working on getting the word out to his contacts and researching for additional contacts. A cabin on the lake has been offered for possible social. Chad will check with the State Park on when the reservation fees needed to be paid.

Other Business:

Chris made a motion to reimburse Chad \$86.93 for funeral flowers for Ed Stearns funeral. Seconded by Matt and motion carried. Chris also suggested that Chad submit an article for the Aurora about Ed Stearns.

Congratulations and welcome to the new additions to our ever-growing family:

- Matt & Heidi Larson had a boy (Charlie)
- Scott & Kathryn Ralston (Caelen)
- Rob & Nicole Nyhlen (Kristie)
- Chris & Petra Tveitbakk (Freja)

Damian talked about the possibilities of doing another golf outing similar to one a few years back during Reunion Week? Also the possibility of doing additional events to help foster fellowship between the Association and the Staff? Events or games between the Alumni vs. staff... like iron-man or a game like Clue? The possible creation of an "Alumni Cup" that could be awarded to the winning side? Chad will look into the acquiring a cup from Crown Trophy. Other ideas for building comradeship: fun at the beach, skeet shooting, golf event...

Congratulations to Jill and Brad on their pending marriage May 24th.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chad and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes submitted by Chad Swenson, May 10th 2009

Next meeting –

July 3rd (Annual Meeting), September 13th, (Conference Call), and November 8th (Conference Call)