

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights

Sept. 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Conference Call Minutes

Welcome to our newly elected/appointed members:

Steve Lyman-Exec Sec/Pres. Elect	Cindie Van Tassel-Board of Directors
Chairs Jim and Jan Porter-Fall Fellowship	Marten Schrage-Staff Scholarship
Steve Shark-Publications	Jeff Brown-President

Members taking part in the meeting:

Jeff Brown	Brad Olson	Steve Lyman	Cindie Van Tassel	Jim Porter
Bill Beyer	Chris Soper	Matt Saari	Neil Litton	Chad Swenson

Board of Directors report(s):

Bill Beyer: Will be working with Social Chairs in Bismarck and Minot

Cindie Van Tassel: Will be making contacts in GF ref socials. Brandon Van Tassel and Martin Schrage will be getting socials together in the Bemidji/Park Rapids area.

Executive Sec/Pres. Elect report: Steve Lyman No report.

Council Liaison Report: Brad Olson. The water bottles ordered for the 2013 staff were not delivered. A possible alternative would be to mail a 2013 shoulder patch to each staff member with a thank you note from the Alumni. Brad will be sending out letters to staff and could include a letter of appreciation from the Alumni Association along with a council shoulder patch. Price per patch would be about \$2.50 and would be sent to all summer 2013 staff.

Motion/Second and approved.

Sept. 21-23, 2013	Merit Badge/Firearms Safety
Oct. 11-13, 2013	4-H Camp
May 2-4, 2014	Work Weekend
May 16, 2014	Spring Gathering
Sept. 12-14, 2014	Fall Fellowship

The camp DVD our Association sponsored is currently available and is being distributed.

Alumni Achievement: Mike Melby (Chair) sent me an e-mail in July stating he had forgotten to include the organizational level recipient in his annual report. Smith Co. (Dan and Amy Smith) had been nominated and selected by the AA committee to receive this award. Mike would like this to be discussed and voted on at this time. Motion (Cindy) Second (Jim) unanimous vote of approval.

Fall Fellowship report: Jim Porter. Wood was cut and hauled for future campfires, siding was repaired on the Health Lodge and Shotgun Range building and the Post-Camp inspection was completed. No expenses to the Association.

Financial report: General account \$8,885.00

Future projects: Cabin 4, paddle boards, disc golf, DNR fire tower exhibit, cope projects, Chapel, boulder/rock climbing wall at Cub Camp.

Chad: For the 70th Anniversary could we look at building cabin 4 possibly as a joint effort and ADA compliant.

Steve: Will get information pertaining to a boulder/rock climbing wall.

Matt: ADA campfire improvement. Discussion was the Properties Committee was in talks with Steve Shark (OA Advisor) who is writing a grant for improvements to the campfire and ADA ramp similar to what is at the Chapel in the Pines at CW.

Bill: Should we purchase items for summer staff on a rotating basis? If the average tenure is 3 years should we get them water bottles one year, t-shirts the next and then CW shoulder patches the third year and then start the rotation over with the water bottle?

Motion (Jeff Brown) Second (Cindy VT) to purchase a car trailer for the NLC camps. The Dilworth Lions had previously voted to contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of this item pending our securing the remaining funds. Ranger Andy had been previously asked to spec out a trailer and located a used one as follows: 16 ft long, 2-6000 lb axles, electric brakes at a cost of \$4000.

Trailer	\$4000.00
DMV	325.00 (this may vary slightly due to actual gvw)
Spare tire	175.00 (per Ranger Andy)
Total	\$4,500.00
Lions	-1,000.00
Alumni Total	\$3,500.00

Vote taken-unanimous approval to purchase this item in a partnership with the Dilworth Lions. It was also agreed we would send a letter of appreciation to the Lions as well as come up with some type of sign or marking on the trailer indicating it was a joint project between the Lions and Alumni Association.

Membership: Chris Soper Chris has updated the Alumni Handbook and it is now on the AA web page, updated the post-camp activities and staff photos, discussion was that he should go back 6 years to notify staff and encourage them to join the Association. The Handbook will be updated each fall.

Open House Chair: Neil Litton Nothing to report

Publications-Steve Shark Unavailable

History: Chad Swenson submitted a request for reimbursement of money spent by Chad and Bob for History Center projects. Total being \$919.35 Chad had previously supplied me with an itemized list (e-mail) that will be attached. Motion (Neil) Second (Jim) vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Staff Week: Matt Saari May 16, 2014 Spring Gathering

Staff Scholarship: Marten Schrage Unavailable

Alumni bulletin board update: Chris will provide updated materials and I will deliver to CW.

Alumni Week discussion: We should have mini-meetings during the week to fine tune the agenda prior to the Annual meeting.

Conference calls: Nov. 17, 2013 Jan. 12, 2014 March 9, 2014 May 18, 2014

Thank you

Jeff Brown

Alumni Association President

