

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES -- OCTOBER 5, 2008, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CAMPS

Present: Brad Olson, Chris Soper, Chad Swenson, Willem Schrage, Steve Shark, Damian Lewis, Neil Litton, Jenny Fisher.

Not Present: Bill Beyer, Matt Saari, Scott Ralston, Mike Melby, Bob Rezac, Steve Lyman, and Warren Tobin

Motions voted upon are as follows:

Chad made a motion to allow the President to spend \$100 for the Association business at his discretion. Seconded by Willem and carried.

Motion made by Chris Soper to approve reimbursing Chad of \$56. Seconded by (?) and carried.

Motion made by Chad to approve reimbursing Chris of \$94.32. Seconded by (?) and carried.

Opening by Damian Lewis, President

Approval of last Minutes will wait.

Updates:

Brad: Camp is doing well. Tim Moore (QM 08) promised to stay till March. Brad and Marten are meeting regularly. Marten promised to be camp director next summer (met with enthusiasm). Marten is calling scout leaders about next summer. Camp Wilderness is on facebook (Friends of Camp Wilderness) to help people to keep up to date. One piece of HWY north of PR is adopted by the camp. Another stretch may be also adopted.

Next year program changes:

- 50 Miler -- hike first night, next night bikes, followed by canoeing the Mississippi river.
- Eagle required merit badges next year will be limited to at least First Class scouts.

Aurora was successful. 112 hard copies last year, reduced to 50.

15 January deadline for Aurora. Message should go out for Christmas party on December 20 at camp. Website has December 27, which will be changed.

Suggestion was made to send out mass email.

Awards, Steve Shark will have plaques made to have them ready. There is only one carry over nomination for the 2008. Request was to have nominations submitted. Metigoshe reunion next spring may be a good occasion for one of the recipients.

Chad: Fellowship Weekend October 17-19. This weekend's Webelos Pin Weekend could use more staff let Brad know if interested.

Spring Gathering during staff weekend. Brad has three groups that want to attend camp June 2 to June 10. Spring Gathering weekend could be on June 12 - 14. First week of camp starts on the 14th.

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

Chris: Membership is looking good. 2 new annual members and 2 renewing and 4 lifetime members. Most we have had in years. Website and getting information out works well.

Jenny: Scholarship fund about \$4000. Pa-Hin Lodge gave \$1000 donation for scholarships fund. CD's for sale for @\$10 to be shipped by Scout Office. \$4 will cover S&H. \$200 of proceeds would cover cost and rest will go into scholarships. Suggestion to transfer \$1000 from alumni to scholarship funds and have proceeds going into alumni until \$1000 is reached. Presentation of the \$1000 could be at the Re-union Week.

Organizing social in Grand Forks was taken over by Marten and Leigh. It seemed to be a success in Buffalo Wild Wings last Sunday. No news about Bismarck social. This Tuesday night at Old Chicago in Fargo. The Kansas City Social at Brooksider on 25th of October.

Future Association Project -- There is financial constraint on projects such as another cabin. Please start thinking about another project. Steve suggested thinking about sponsoring something program wise. Brad would like help with e.g. online reservations and Frisbee golf basket.

Fall Fellowship October, 17-19 is open for a fellowship and pet projects.

Reunion for Metigoshe Scout Reservation. Looking at a good time and date for the reunion. A Metigoshe staff reunion suggested for next year. Suggested to pick a date and start advertising and make reservations in camp. May 16 (problem with graduations) or first weekend in June (start of camp). August seems to be the best time. Boy Scout camp is done first week of August about same as cubs. August 14-16 is conclave. Preference seems to be for August 21-23. An email will be sent suggesting that day, after Metigoshe has been confirmed by Brad.

Suggestion for Wabaunaquat for 2010. There was also a staff reunion at Heart Butte last fall (07) that was successful.

We sent flowers to Ben Lenzen, Jr's funeral, who was killed in an accident.
Parameters for sending future funeral flowers: We send flowers to staff and Association members.

Motion passed that the president can spend up to \$100 for alumni business at his discretion. (Chad, Willem)

The reasoning is that after spending the reimbursement will be discussed at the next conference call during which the fact will become common knowledge and further spending can be discussed.

Chad's bill for flowers for Lenzen funeral for \$56 was approved
Chris reimbursement approved of \$56.52 for photocopies and \$37.80 for postage

Website redesign with Leo Andrie. Leo is in the process of completing his minor in web-design at NDSU and is working on updating our website. Cost is not defined, because Leo volunteered till December.

Meeting adjourned at 9.10 PM

Discussion continued with Leo and interested people on the website issues.

Minutes submitted by Willem Schrage, October 5, 2008