

Alumni Association - Phone Conference Call

October 21, 2006 - 8:00pm Central Time

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Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps Meeting Minutes October 21st, 2007

I. Call to Order

Attendance: Steve Shark, Neil Litton, Chris Soper, Brad Olson, Chad Swenson, Warren Tobin, Jenny Fisher, Byron Clark

II. Officer Reports

- a. Director 3: Montie Fronk – No Report
- b. Director 2: Steve Lyman – No Report
- c. Director 1: Warren Tobin – Glad to be part of the board and will do whatever it takes. Is looking forward to helping out.
- d. Past President: Bill Beyer – No Report
- e. President Chad Swenson – Wants to post the meeting minutes from all meetings on the web page. Send him any that you have. Chad and Mark Zimmerman participated in a Heart Butte reunion. Chad encouraged people to view the fire watch tower on the web page.
- f. Executive Secretary: Damin Lewis – No Report
- g. Council Liaison: Brad Olson – Lightning strike hit near the trading post/QM. The phone system is out of service, all electronics in TP and QM are toast. Camp masters are needed. Brad encouraged The Association to help with recruiting. Camping promotions are kicking off and additional support is needed. Brad encouraged The Association to help recruit and support. There is a new DVD for the cub camp. The Old-Timers meeting had about 15 in attendance.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Publications: Scott Ralston – No report but it was noted that the last Aurora went out on time, just as the past two years have.
- b. Alumni Achievement Award: Steve Shark – Les Herbrenson will be presented his award on Thursday, Nov 1 at the Moorhead roundtable which is held at 7:00 pm. Steve is accepting nominations.
- c. Fall Fellowship: Was held Oct 12-14. Lots of work on Silver Beaver lodge was accomplished. Campmaster training took place. Firewood was cut and trim-out work occurred on Cabin 16. Cabin 3 still needs electric to be completed.

- d. Staff Week: Matt Saari –No Report. Chad added that a few changes are in the works for next year and Brad will need to let us know how staff week will be handled in 2008.
- e. Open House: Neil Litton – July 4th 2008.
- f. Membership: Chris Soper – Chris Reported 71 members in good standing and that The Association is financially stable with \$2,535.06 as of 9/7. The cabin project cost \$5081.72 and we received donations totaling \$2,750.00. A total of \$2,331.72 was taken from the general fund to support the cabin project. There is \$700.00 in outstanding dues for lifetime members who have not completed their payments and there is \$100.00 in Lifetime members who are in good standing and have \$50.00 left to pay on their membership.
- g. Staff Scholarships: Jenny Fisher – Jenny has updated the applications. There is \$1,200 in the fund which yields 5% return which provides for approximately \$60 for distribution. Jenny would like to move the application deadline date to December 1 so that money can be distributed earlier. Jenny would like to add a paragraph to the Staff Manual to describe the fund as well as talk with the staff during the summer. All agreed. Jenny and Brad are working out the list of eligible staff.
- h. History Project – Chad indicated that the goal is to have history walk done this summer. Oral history interviews are coming up this week. Chad proposed making this a standing committee. All seemed in favor and a vote will occur at the annual meeting to change the bylaws. The change will be posted in The Aurora prior to the meeting.

IV. Project – Funding Staff Scholarship

It was agreed that the staff scholarship fund will be The Associations project for the year. Jenny Fisher will prepare a letter to be sent to the membership. This letter will also include information regarding the Christmas Party and ongoing socials. The deadline for the letter will be November 18th. The Letter will be sent out shortly after the next conference call. Chris suggested that we use follow-up phone calls. Chad and Byron agreed this is a good idea. Most people were silent. Further discussion is needed.

V. Sending out Greeting Cards to Camp Staff & Alumni Members

Ron Elliot is sending out birthday cards to camp staff members. It is exciting to see that more people are involved.

VI. Aurora

Aurora deadline is January 14th

VII. Other Business

Chad suggested adding the history committee as a standing committee.

Please send Chris or Chad any web page updates.

Chris moved that the July 4 meeting minutes be approved as stated. Steve Shark provided second. The minutes were approved as posted.

Byron provided update on the NDSU Vs. U of M game.
The time of the conference call was moved up to 7:00 pm.

VIII. Adjourn.

The next conference calls will be held: November 18th, January 20th, March 16th, May 18th