

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps Minutes from Phone Conference on November 19, 2006

Call to Order by Bill Beyer, President

Participating: Bill Beyer, Steve Lyman, Chris Soper, Matt Saari, Chad Swenson, Brad Olson, Neil Litton, and Byron Clark

Officer Reports:

Chad Swenson – New member Mark Malmberg who signed up at the Camp Wilderness Update/Social held on November 16th.

Brad Olson - Reported that the 4th Tower at the Cub Camp is currently under construction for progress check out the council website. Camp Wilderness will be hosting the Day Camp School for the Region. The Silver Beaver Lodge previously know as the “Guys and Dolls” is progressing and should be finished next year. The Long Range Planning Meeting is to be held December 2nd at the Scout Office. Steve Lyman has been hired as Camp Director for next summer. Brad has accepted position as Program Director for the Council.

Committee Reports:

Publication – The 2nd Aurora that has gone out in time. The next issue is due in January – articles due by the 15th with a publication date of the 30th. Possible stories include the Christmas Party, which is planned for December 16th at Rocky’s in Park Rapids.

Achievement Award (Steve Shark) – currently no one has submitted any nominations.

Fall Fellowship: 60 people attended the event on October 10-12th (Biggest attendance so far)

Staff Week – Matt’s thinking forward for event ideas on June 8-10th. Planning on an article in Aurora.

Open House – Neil reported that next Open House is slated for July 6th and visiting the logging camp on July 7th. Brad said that a troop from Texas is scheduled to be there during Reunion Week.

Membership – Chris stated that currently there are 108 “live” Members - 62 of them in good standing. Postcards will be sent out to members has membership has lapsed. Byron has agreed to personally call those whose membership has lapsed. Annual Members whose membership has lapsed will also get a postcard reminding them plus their publications will be extended 1 year to encourage their participation. Membership cards will be sent out printed on “business card stock” that will give more value to their membership and validate their membership status. Chad’s been going to the Scout Office monthly, collecting any correspondence, and scanning/e-mailing them to Chris. This has allowed Chris to send the membership package and a friendly e-mail welcoming them to the Association. Byron was wondering the success of people he has been talking to about the Association. To assist in the success Chris is preparing an invite letter that can be mailed to the candidate. The web page has 1480 hits since it started -- roughly 300 in the last couple of months. Any update to the site can be sent to Chris Soper.

Cabin Projects:

Discussion was made on the probability of the project being completed and if the funds should be diverted to another project like the Silver Beaver Lodge. The consensus was that we should hold course and continue with building of Cabin 3.

Question was raised to how much is in the project fund? [\$1600 –according to Chris Soper 9/25/06]
From last meeting the question was brought up on what the new projected cost would be and the need for an updated price list.

Steve Lyman has written a letter asking our members to help contribute to the fund that was sent out about 2 months ago.

There is probable need for additional assistance from our active members. Another article in the Aurora.

Bill is preparing a letter to be sent out to donors thanking them of their contribution.

Craig Kjos's plan for changing the cabin design was considered, but decide to stay course.

Alumni Scholarships:

Currently the status is as an Ad Hoc Committee with Nate Truennell as chairman.

Chad needs to talk with Nate about the Association plans on taking a larger role in the Scholarship. A more formal association needs to be prepared and submitted for approval. Including information for the Association Handbook & By-Law changes in accordance with the other committee's.

Nate Truennell needs to be added to the conference call list.

Brad reported that there is roughly \$3-5000 in the scholarship fund which is in a dedicate endowment account that is separate from the Alumni Association.

Originally a letter was sent out to our members to solicit funds that were directed to the Scholarship account.

Chris brought up that we still owe \$175 to the Scholarship fund. Chris made a motion, second by Matt, no discussion, and motion was passed.

There is a web page on the Alumni site on the Scholarship - Chad is to speak with Nate on any changes needed.

Other Business:

Chad brought up the idea to send out a Christmas greeting card that will be sent out this winter.

Black Building – Schlossman's were at camp this summer and tour the Black Building with Rick Stern about the possibility of updating the building.

Brad remarked that as the camp is growing it would be nice if the Alumni take another role of helping to find Campmasters or even more... Discussion: the possibility of adding a page on our website for campmasters (Chad and Brad need to work on out page ideas to be sent to Chris) and a letter to be sent out to our members (Brad/Chris) including the possibility of a calendar of dates needed. An article in the Aurora (Brad). Campmaster program is now a year around program and includes the need for help as a medic, trading post, and program help.

Any item for next conference call need to be sent to Bill Beyer 2 weeks prior to call.

Adjourn by Bill

Next Conference Call – 8:00 pm on January 21st, 2007

Submitted by Chad Swenson on 11/20/06