

THE ROOSEVELT MILITARY ACADEMY ROUGH RIDER ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY CONFERENCE CALL- 10 JANUARY 2012

Attending: J Gwynne, President - Yes
G. Feitler, Secretary / Treasurer - Yes
R. Fritz, Immediate Past President - Yes

Mr. Gwynne called the meeting to order at 18:00 CST

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 13 December 2011 have been circulated by email to all the members of the Board. They are approved as written.

Organizational Agenda Items:

1. Mr. Feitler noted that he had (on the message forum) received the resignation of Mr. Lloyd Young Sr. of Hopkinsville, KY as President and member of the Board of Directors. Since the By-laws are silent as to method of resignations and acceptance, Mr. Feitler, as Secretary has accepted Mr. Young's notice as appropriate.
2. By action of the By-laws, Mr. Jack Gwynne of Aurora, IL now assumes the position of President.
3. The By-laws further provide for the assumption of the Vice-Presidency by Secretary and further, the assumption of the position of Secretary by the Treasurer. The By-laws are silent on the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer.
4. Mr. Feitler indicates that he is willing to complete the current term as Secretary/Treasurer, but unwilling to assume any other duties. He further suggests that it would be easier to recruit a member to assume the duties of Vice-President for the remaining term than the two positions he now holds. The Board agreed that the current membership will continue the term.
5. Mr. Gwynne indicated that he will be asking some of the committee chairs to join the conference calls when their activities will be discussed.
6. He further indicated that Mr. Kramer, 2012 Reunion Chair, will be invited to join us for the calls between now and the reunion in August.
7. Hereafter, the conference calls will be on the first Tuesday of the month.

Committees:

Memorial Committee:

Mr. Gwynne spoke to Mr. Jutkins who is ready to present project to the city and wants to negotiate site with them. We will support him without making any fiscal commitment or donation to the project. Mr. Gwynne will accompany him to the city.

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Paver Sales Committee:

Mr. Kramer – by emails – has indicated his willingness to head up another sales effort. Mr. Vagi had been corresponding with Mr. Young about offering paver purchases to the alums now on the Taps roll. He reported he was willing to go ahead with the project with the Board's blessing. Jack will talk to them about organization of the efforts.

2012 Reunion:

Mr. Kramer did not respond to an email asking for comments, report, etc. Mr. Feitler reported that Mr. Shalander is planning to attend the Reunion and is planning to bring the displays with him. By email he indicated that he understood that we would not be underwriting him this time. Mr. Feitler has begun a discourse with Mr. Shalander about setting up a "quartermaster shop" at the reunion that was to be handled by Mr. Young and Mr. Feitler.

Membership Committee:

Mr. Vagi is contacting the 2011 members (full and associate) for 2012 dues payments, the letter being used is signed by both Mr. Vagi and Mr. Feitler and should be in the mail before the end of this week, if it wasn't already posted.

Roster Committee:

Mr. Vagi reports he is close to issuing a roster with (or of) the lost battalion.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Feitler mailed the December 31, 2011 financial statements to the board members. It is ready for posting to the web site. The Treasurer reported that we have as of 12/31/11 we had \$ 9, 171 in our bank accounts.

Unfinished Business:

1. DVD's of speeches and recruiting film:

OCT. Mr. Gwynne reports that the DVD is black and white, runs 15 minutes, and is silent, They are campus life that were used for recruiting,. The CD has 6 commencement addresses of about 5 minutes each approximately. A total run time of 45 minutes. Mr. Gwynne will do a time check and listen to them. Can we do a voice-over of what is on screen, and maybe use some of the speeches. Make a finished product out of it. We also have a record of the administration building being razed which may be included along with reunion photos.

NOV. Mr. Feitler reported that Mike Vagi was handing out free copies of the film on CD at the November Mini Reunion in Texas. The Board wants to know who authorized distribution.

DEC We need to advise all committee chairs that distribution of media paid for by the

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Association must be approved by a board member.

JAN: Mr. Gwynne will handle ongoing activities and is seeking assistance from knowledgeable members.

SPECIAL ITEMS THAT WERE TO BE HANDLED BY MR. YOUNG:

2. Special projects with the Aledo administration on the following ideas:

- a. The Roosevelt tree
- b. The remaining buildings of the Academy.
- c. Sign – historical marker – on highway into Aledo to mark home of RMA.

Mr. Young will contact Mr. Jutkins and invite him to Aledo this spring (see new business) and try to cover these items also. There may be governmental help on the buildings if the city can write a proposal with our help. See note on grant in last newsletter. Mr. Gwynne will handle.

3. The Board discussed the possibility of revising the communication efforts and Mr. Gwynne will begin an investigation into the probabilities.

New Business:

1. We need a new sales effort for pavers, using the newsletter and also contacting families of our fallen comrades to solicit pavers in memory. Mr. Gwynne will discuss the responsibilities with Mr. Kramer who has agreed to chair the project and be the sole contact with the Aledo people and Mr. Vagi who has agree to spearhead the project to contact the families.

2. We need to coordinate election advisories with Mel Bogus, Mr. Feitler will work with him on the advisories, proxies and the by-law amendments that need to be circulated (primarily on the Web Site).

3. Newsletter to go to everybody via mail. We will have one page as a Reunion announcement with the registration form on the back side. The size and number of pages will be determined by projected costs. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Feitler will check costs of printing. The Board agreed that all newsletters are to be posted on the web site.

Next meeting is called for 18:00 CDT, 7 February, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 CDT.