



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

Attending:

J. Gwynne, President – Yes
J. Koppel, Vice President
B. Fritz, Treasurer – Yes
B. Kramer, Secretary – No
M. Bogus, Immediate Past President – Yes

R. Millikan - Presenter – Yes

Meeting called to order by the President at: 1802hrs

Bridge Dialing Instructions: Dial: 404 260 1415

Attendee Code: 3422168 Chairperson Code: 728847

Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of 12 September 2018 have been approved by the attendees and sent to the Webmaster for posting to the web.

Committees:

Paver Sales: No new sales and all needed corrections have been made.

Reunion Chair: Mike Vagi. Mike has initiated contact with Rock Island for 2010.

Membership Chair: Mike Vagi reports there are currently 90 members in the Association and the current roster has 363 names that were at active at one time and 117 names listed in Lost Battalion. There are 25 names listed as persons of interest. Thanks to Mike for maintaining our records.

TAPS: No known alumni or faculty this month.



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Treasurer's Report:

The August 2018 Fiscal Report has been sent to the BOD and the cash in bank on 01 September 2018 \$ 4,342.85.

We have asked Bob Fritz and Jerry Feitler to collaborate on calibrating the last Statement of Revenues and Expenses and our Liabilities and Equity.

Jerry Feitler reported that the Lifetime Membership Liability is real and must be accounted for in the record keeping until such time the Association is dissolved. Our liability due to offering life time memberships is \$4191.76.

Bob Fritz is assuming the Treasures responsibility and is still working to assume the duties with the bank account and PayPal. Jerry has agreed to continue to coach the board during the transition.

Old Business:

1. Board approved the 2020 Rock Island reunion at the 12 September 2018 meeting. Spoke with Herb Golden about mini reunions is off years and he would like for the Cadets to meet in areas other than Rock Island. The Association will support any alumni who sets up such a gathering.
2. Board approved the monthly meeting to be held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 1800 CST.
3. Nick Seefeld reported that there is room for another 61 paver sales. The board will consider developing an announcement to individuals on our mailing list to encourage Paver Sales for other RMA persons of interest.
4. Ronn Jutkins reported that he had access to veterans mailing list and Mel will continue to reach Ronn on providing that data for possible contact as potential Associate Members.



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5. The Association recognizes the following people for their donations

We had the following people send donations to City of Aledo

Son of Mike Phelps

Barney Wald

Connie Russo

John & Angelina Butler

Larry Anderelli

Norm Bushee

Gerald Feitler

Phil Geata

Bruce Lutz

James Regas

Mike Vagi

Gary Weaver

An anonymous donor

FUTURE DONATIONS TO ALEDO:

The Association received the following instructions from Aledo regarding future donations:

“From this point forward there is a change in the routing on the RMA memorial project donations. Please direct anyone wishing to contribute to the project to send their correspondence to”:

Aledo Police Benevolent Association
200 NE 2nd Street
Aledo, IL 61231

Please have them make the check out to “Aledo Police Benevolent Association”. We still ask that the reference line on the check mentions the RMA Memorial Project. If you have further questions please let me know.

Thank you, Tarah Sipes Economic Development Coordinator

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New Business:

1. A review of finances and whether the Association had sufficient funds for a donation to the City of Aledo. The board completely agrees that recognizing and donating money to Aledo is appropriate. In light of the current finances, the board will defer donations until we build the treasury sufficient to support the projected needs for 2020.
2. The board agreed to raise the dues of Associate members to \$25 which is the same as full membership and an online voting processes will be examined to gain Association support.
3. The board agreed to extend the Associate Membership to the residents of Aledo and Mercer County. Mel has agreed to discuss this imitative with Mayor Chris Hagloch. To minimize costs, Mel will discuss posting the membership opportunity on the Aledo City Website, with technology that enables residents to link to our existing accounts receivable mechanism.

There remains an opportunity for revenue sharing with the Association and the City depending upon the membership fee and further discussion at the November 14th conference call.

4. The board agreed to further discuss launching a new Paver campaign specifically urging Cadets to purchase pavers for RMA instructors, teachers and other administrative personnel. The board needs a list of individuals who have pavers in their name to ensure we avoid duplications.



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5. The board agreed to distribute future Newsletters through electronic means such as email with consideration for URL links to the website or other source document. This included providing access or copies to residents of Aledo through their website or other electronics solutions to be determined as we explore ways and means to galvanize our commitment to Aledo and the Association.

6. Rick Millikan presented an opportunity for the Association to sell RMA Shirts through his contact. Details of the cost are still under review. However, the board agreed to strongly consider a “pass through” means of sales from the Cadets or anyone else, to the RMA website using a credit or debit card and then fulfilling the request using the RMA debit card. Essentially the Association would not take in cash or check only credit or debit cards and then fulfill the order using the Association Debit Card. This would eliminate and inventory, stocking or distribution issues. The financial approach would simplify the accounting. The Association would sell the shirts at a slight margin for handling and to ensure processing fees with PAY PAL ARE COMPLETELY COVERED. Using the website, the Association incurs a fee and a percentage cost using the PAY PAL. These cost and margin will be captured at the point of sale.

7. The board agreed to continue to engage the Committee services of Dale Ague to work with Bob Fritz on website shirt orders capture and placing orders to the vendor. The vendor will drop ship the shirts to the purchasers. Spoke to Dale and he is completely engaged to support this initiative.



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Assignments for next meeting:

1. We require an understanding of our financial level of preparedness for the 2020 reunion. Bob and Jerry to collaborate.
2. Mel will continue to contact with Ronn on both his mailing list and determine his actions with the mayor on memorial wall at site of RMA.
3. Mel will contact the mayor to explore opportunities to use their website to post our newsletter and promote the Associate Membership to residents of Mercer County.
4. Board to review the process for selling RMA shirts via the website.
5. Bob will engage Jerry on transferring the bank account and Pay Pal to his custody. We also have asked for a professional opinion though Jerry on how the Association needs to recognize and account for the life time membership equity liability.
6. Jack will invite Dale to all future meetings for his insights and progress with RMA shirt sales outlined by Rick and Bob.
7. Acknowledge donors to the Association.
Jack contacted the following individuals:

Recognition and acknowledgement of Donations: Per Jerry Feitler,
"Jack, the association received the following donations at the reunion":

- Phelps (son of a former cadet Mike has contact information)
- B Wald
- Charlotte Russo
- John Butler
- Norm Bushee

Date and Time of next Conference Call: Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 1800 CST.

Meeting adjourned at: 1904 hrs.