

Minutes of Minutes Board of Directors 9-12-18

Attending

J. Gwynne- President

J. Koppel- Vice President- Absent

R. Fritz – Treasurer-Absent

M. Bogus- Immediate past president – present

D. Ague- Quartermaster

M. Vagi- Reunion committee

Meeting called by president at 1806 hrs. CST

- 1. Discussed day and time of meeting for each month which will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1800 hours.**
- 2. Financial review at each meeting by Treasurer. Discuss Lifetime Membership Equity Liabilities and the impact on Association sending and planning.**
- 3. Talked about generating revenue, Ronn Jutkins has a list of military personnel which we will ask him to give us a copy. We discussed finding a reason they will want to join, to be continued at next meeting.**

Mel will work directly with Ronn.

- 4. Other approaches reviewed including extending an Associate Membership to Aledo residents and family members of alumni. Nick Seefeld offered to provide ground support if we wanted to launch a “brick campaign” to the alumni for recognizing RMA instructors, teachers and other RMA administrative personnel as a means to generate funds. Believe he said he has about 61 spaces for brick pavers.**
- 5. The 2020 reunion was discussed and the board agreed to move forward with plans to return to Aledo.**

Mike Vagi agreed remain as Chair Person for the Reunion. Details later.

- 6. Talked about broadcast letter that Mike Vagi made up, and ideas to show the city of Aledo how much our organization appreciates what they have done for our association, and also a mailing list of an updated copy that was approved to send out to all alumni with this broadcast letter.**

Mike followed through and distributed a broadcast email with this information and is now working with Tarah in Aledo to maintain a list of all Alumni which make donations to the city for the memorial at the campus site.

- 7. Mike Vagi has asked the Association donation to the city of Aledo for the work and monument erected at the campus site.**

- 8. Talked about memorial wall at R.M.A. site putting up name plates like the Vietnam wall.**

Mel bogus will get with Mayor Hagloch and Ronn Rutkins for financing options.

- 9. Talked about Mini reunions occurring on odd years. Jack reached out to Dr. Herb Golden and he has ideas on how to raise money and thoughts about mini-reunion.**

Jack has invited Herb to join our October 10, 2018 call.

- 10. Talked about developing a messaging committee.**

11.. We had the following people send in donations to our 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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12. Rick Millikan made the following request and has been invited to the October 10, 2018 conference call to explain his proposal and will work directly with the webmaster if feasible.

Rick Millikan seeking approval to use website for selling shirts:

Excerpts from Rick's email: "On another note, several years ago when I had the RMA polo shirts designed, one or two of the guys came up to me and mentioned that the logo is not the real "emblem" of the school. They were correct in that the uniform shoulder patch has "RMA" in the center, whereas the logo on the shirt was taken from printed documents, such as letterhead (even the decal for cars has TR's face in the center of the emblem).

I have asked the same company to re-design the shirt logo to look like the shoulder patch from the uniform (without the dark blue "shield" in the background). I have not seen the final product, yet. When I do see it, make changes, if necessary and after I approve it, I will send you guys photos of some shirts. We can then add them to the website and offer them for sale.

I have spoken with my contact and she has agreed to allow her phone number and email to be posted on our website as the POC for the polos. This will keep the Board out of the process and the alumni can deal directly with the company.

I hope the Board will be okay with that. I don't know how many guys will buy a shirt, but we can at least make it available and the cost for set up is on me; not the Board. I was also thinking of adding navy blue and black shirts as a choice, as well as the current red, white and gray shirts. Also, both designs will be available and anyone buying a shirt can dictate "RMA-TR" for the design with TR's face in the center and "RMA-SP" for the new design based on the shoulder patch.

Bob, I will send you the POC's phone and email to post on the website, once I review and approve the new design.

13. Newsletter and utilizing alternative mediums to communicate with alumni that is cost effective. Website viability, Facebook, distribution of URL links for email users and managing the members who do not use internet?

14. Identifying volunteers with ideas at business meeting to help out the association that includes Herb Goldin, Norm Bushee, Jim Roberts, Skip Wilson.

Jack attempted to contact Jim Roberts and Skip Wilson but their telephones would not accept calls. Will follow up and see if we can engage other.

15. Here is a list of Saturday night attendees from Aledo

- **Mayor Chris and Dennise Hagloch**
- **City Administrator Erin and Husband Tim Knackstedt**
- **Economic Developer Coordinator Tara Sipes and husband Jermaine Anderson.**
- **Essley-Noble Museum Treasurer Hugh Brown and wife Sarah**
- **Aledo police detective Nick Seefeld and wife Vickie**
- **Chris Sullivan and wife Shelly**
- **Ronald Phelps and wife Tamra**

16. Acknowledge donors to the Association.

Jack contacted the following individuals:

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

- **Phelps (son of a former cadet Mike has contact information) \$20**
- **B Wald \$100**
- **Charlotte Russo \$20**
- **John Butler \$50**

17. Next meeting will be Wed. October 10th at 1800 hours CDT

18. The Sept 12 meeting adjourned at 1907 CDT.