

THE ROOSEVELT MILITARY ACADEMY ROUGH RIDER ASSOCIATION, INC.

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BIENNIAL MEETING

Pursuant to due notice to the members of the Association, there being a quorum present of 26 attendees and an additional 23 represented by valid absentee ballot and proxy, President Jack Gwynne called the meeting to order at 08:30 CDT.

President Gwynne thanked the reunion committee comprised of Bob Kramer, and Mike Vagi for an excellent job well done.

Mr. Gwynne also thanked Gene Shalander, Sr. for his roles as historian and quartermaster. He noted that Gene has been named Historian For Life and was presented with a plaque in recognition of that appointment.

He further recognized the following for their service to the Association during the last two years:

Lloyd Young, Sr. as President

Mike Vagi as membership and roster chair,

Bob Kramer as paver chair

Ron Jutkins as memorial chair

Mel Bogus as elections chair and newsletter editor

Tom DeGraffenreid and Tom Jones elections committee

The President then asked for a Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Gerald Feitler gave a short report on the fiscal condition of the Association,

The President then asked the various chairmen to report:

Membership and Roster Mike Vagi – 104 members, about half are lifetime. Mike requested that all members and all alumni please advise changes in their contact information to him as roster chair in order to help us maintain as current a listing as possible.

Memorial Ron Jutkins: We are working currently on a rendering of the memorial and are planning to have it up by next reunion.

Paver Bob Kramer 104 sold, have space for 85-90.

Signs welcoming visitors to Aledo, Home of Roosevelt Military Academy, 1931-1973 are being prepared in cooperation with the State of Illinois.

The President call for a vote on the recommended bylaw amendments as posted on the website. By a vote duly taken, these amendments were accepted with corrections and additions:

The following amendments to the Bylaws of The Roosevelt Military Academy Rough Rider Association, Inc. were proposed to clarify and extend the subject articles.

## ARTICLE II: THE MEMBERS

**Section 2 – Full Membership.** Any former cadet or faculty who attended or taught at Roosevelt Military Academy shall be eligible for Full Membership in the Association. Any direct descendant of Col. Glen G. Millikan shall also be eligible for Full Membership in the Association, upon petition to, and acceptance by, the Board. Lifetime members are full members who have chosen to pay a one-time fee rather than an annual fee.

[Note: The underlined sentence is proposed to be added to the section.]

**Section 7: Resignation from Membership:** Any member of the Association may resign (in) from the Association by sending a notice of resignation to the Secretary of the Association. Failure to pay Association dues will be deemed a voluntary resignation.

[Note: The word in parenthesis shall be deleted and the underlined word substituted for it.] e

## ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

**Section 1- Board of Directors.** The executive and administrative authority of the Rough Rider Association shall be vested with (the) a five-member Board of Directors, which shall consist of the elected officers and the Immediate Past President. In the event of the inability or unavailability of a member of the Board of Directors to serve, another member will be appointed by the President, with the concurrence his Officers, to serve.

[Note: The word in parenthesis shall be deleted and the underlined words substituted for it, or added to the section.]

**Section 5 A – Treasurer Succession.** In the absence or inability of the duly elected Treasurer to carry out the duties and responsibilities of that office, the President shall appoint a successor with the concurrence of the Board of Directors to serve until the next election.

**Section 7 – Consolidation of Offices.** The membership may, during a Regular election, vote to consolidate two of the offices for the coming term. The Election Committee may recommend this action. In the event that the membership so votes to consolidate two positions, in order to maintain the five-member Board, an at-large member of the Board shall be elected.

[Note: The underlined sections are proposed to be added to Article IV]

## **ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The number of remaining cadets, faculty and friends of RMA will continue to decline over the years. When it is determined by a vote of the Association members that the organization's continuance is no longer viable, the Association will be dissolved and its assets turned over to the Mercer County (h)Historical Society or other non-profit organization(s) in Mercer County, Illinois, as determined by the members.

[Note: The underlined syllable or letter is to be added to the article, the letter in parenthesis is to be deleted.]

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These amendments and additions to the By Laws were adopted at the Regular Meeting held 19 August 2012.

The President gave a short report on the activities of the Association during the past two years with an emphasis on the cooperation of the City of Aledo on such activities as the Armed Forces Memorial, the Memorial Statue and the Signs.

There being no unfinished business not covered by the committee reports, the President called for new business from the floor.

The Election Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the 2012-2014 term:

President	Mel Bogus
Vice-President	Paul LaForce
Secretary	Richard Millikan
Treasurer	Gerald Feitler

The slate was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Gwynne then turned the chair over to Mr. Mel Bogus, incoming president

Mr. Leland Easton presented a set of flags to Mr. Gwynne to pass to Mr. Bogus to be displayed at our meetings.

Mr. Bogus gave a short talk on his plans for the next two years, placing emphasis on increasing the Association's membership.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gerald Feitler, Outgoing Secretary