

THE ROOSEVELT MILITARY ACADEMY ROUGH RIDER ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
19 MARCH 2013

Attending:

M. Bogus, President - Yes
P. La Force, Vice President - Yes
R. Millikan, Secretary – Yes
G. Feitler, Treasurer - Yes
J. Gwynne, Immediate Past President – Yes

After call to order by the President: 1802hrs

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of 13 February 2013 have been approved by the attendees and posted on the web.

Committees:

Paver Sales: No new sales from last meeting.

Memorial Committee: No progress to report.

2014 Reunion Committee: Mike Vagi, '60 joined the tele-con at approximately 1815hrs to speak about the 2014 reunion.

- Recommend the option(s) of the Business Meeting and election starting around 0730hrs on Saturday and be done before 1000hrs to allow people to drive to Aledo. Also, the people can return to the hotel in time for the dinner.
- Another option: There is a Pancake Breakfast in Aledo for Antique Days with the Business Meeting early Saturday at the hotel. The pancake breakfast on Saturday morning is important to Aledo and our attendance will support their efforts and keep the Association in good standing. From a leadership perspective, the relationship with Aledo is more important than moving the Business Meeting and jeopardizing attendance at the breakfast.
- The “good-bye breakfast” can be held on Sunday prior to the alumnus’ departures.
- Recommend continue Dinner Cruise as an option for Friday night. Mr. Vagi suggests that at the next reunion for those who do not want to go on the Dinner Cruise have a few options: A. Casino night sponsored by the Lions Club at the hotel (for some type of cost); B. Continue with pizza at the hotel; C. Transportation to Jumer’s Casino; D. Other suggestions.

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- For Saturday, the Aledo Antique days is one option & shopping in Aledo. Another idea is that the RMA Memorial will (possibly) be ready for dedication that weekend...more information as time draws closer.
- Mr. Gwynne suggested that “Casino Night” makes sense on Saturday night since we do not have entertainment planned after the dinner (at this time).
- Mr. Vagi suggests posting an agenda, even if it’s not in stone, so people can see the timeline of the reunion. This may help them make a decision on their plans for the next reunion.

Membership Committee: Mike Vagi ’60 stated Robert Leeds ’61 paid for Lifetime Membership. He also stated that the membership has remained consistent for the past several years.

Election Committee: N/A

Treasurer’s Report:

The February Fiscal Reports have been sent to the Board members and the cash in bank was \$10,859.93.

Unfinished Business:

1. Historian appointment and memorabilia transfer (physical ownership). Mr. Feitler spoke to Mr. Shalandar and stated that the Board wanted to get the display materials up to the Midwest so it can be at the next reunion. Mr. Shalandar has tentatively agreed to allow this to happen, although Mr. Shalandar wanted more time to think about it.
2. Status of the transfer of Association-owned memorabilia from Mr. Shalander’s to Association. There is no transfer of memorabilia except for all the medals and ribbons, one cadet sword and various items that were for sale on the website that are no longer for sale.
3. Flag case for flags: No real progress. Cabinet maker is making it harder than it needs to be. LTC Millikan is looking at other options, as well. Mr. Bogus will make another appeal to the members with carpentry skills to help.
4. Status of the August 2012 Reunion DVD: Association will spend \$700.00 to get two sets of the DVDs. One set will go to Mr. Bogus where he can have

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50 sets made for (about) \$350.00. The sets will be on sale through the Quartermaster for \$35.00 (a set of two DVDs).

5. Recruiting efforts to gain members and volunteers: Mr. Bogus stated he will call anyone who has not renewed this year, if needed.

New Business:

1. The Association is in need of a new Quartermaster. Mr. Feitler will continue to act as Quartermaster for a time, however he may run out of space if he sells his current house.
 - Status of inventory to be discussed at next tele-con.
 - Job description for Quartermaster/Custodian/Historian will be discussed at the next tele-con.
2. Board to discuss monetary “donations and contributions” to the Rough Rider Alumni Association not specifically marked for membership or otherwise noted. Mr. Bogus suggests that it goes into a “general” fund and shows up as a “contribution” and can be used for costs such as the Newsletter or other costs. Mr. Gwynne stated his recommendation is that any funds not earmarked should go towards the Newsletter (and not in a “general fund”); which is the biggest cost the association incurs during the year. Mr. Bogus stated as long as the bookkeeping is clear, he agrees with Mr. Gwynne’s aforementioned proposal. However, Mr. Feitler stated the “contribution” should be shown as a “deferred revenue”.
3. Mr. LaForce asked the Board for clarification on Mr. Gwynne’s proposed informal dinner in Chicago on 27 April, for any alumnus to attend. It was explained as an open invitation and not sanctioned by the Board as a “formal reunion”, but it is certainly encouraged to keep alumni informed, promote membership and a means to just get together (details are posted in the Comment Section of the website).
4. Taps: N/A

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Date and Time of next Conference Call: Tuesday 17 April 2013

Meeting adjourned at: 1908hrs.