

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

BY CONFERENCE CALL- 03 JUL 2012

Attending: J Gwynne, President - Yes
G. Feitler, Secretary / Treasurer - Yes
R. Fritz, Immediate Past President - Yes
R. Kramer, Reunion and Paver Chair - Yes
R. Millikan, Invitee for August Reunion Events Discussion Yes

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

Mr. Gwynne indicated that we would start with the discussion of special events at the August Reunion to cover the reasons that Mr. Millikan has joined us:

Friday – Registration and paver sales offers, etc:

1. Mr. Kramer will be there to offer paver blocks and DVD's of the week end's activities. The DVD's will be offered at \$25 each.
2. Mr. Feitler will have a quartermaster store open and will have a raffle organized. We will raffle off a 3x5 flag, two RMA clocks, and an RMA shirt underwritten by Mr. Fritz and some of the cups. Mr. Feitler will circulate the raffle data, pricing, etc to the Board prior to the next Board meeting for their approval.
3. Mr. Millikan will have order data available for the RMA shirts, also,

Friday – Evening Mr. Gwynne will ask Rick Bogoff to organize the movement of people to the dinner cruise. Need someone to stay at the hotel – do the pizza - \$100 to \$150. Since Mr. Lloyd Young did it last year, we will give Mr. Mel Bogus has agreed to 'host' the Pizza and will remain at the hotel with Mr. Feitler to man reception desk Friday evening. He will also arrive on Thursday to assist Mr. Kramer and Mr. Feitler with the set up to the Reunion.

Saturday Morning / Afternoon– Mr. Bogoff will again be asked to organized the movement of the people; we are to gather at band shell in Central Park in Aledo by 10am. Aledo Main Street, e.g., Pam Meyers, will provide music and a giveaway bag. Paul May will assemble the 'cadets' in formation to march to memorial on 2nd avenue for seating for the ceremony of flag retirement. Follow that with the dedication of RMA section of the memorial and a taps ceremony, then a drill-off in parking lot.

Mr. Gwynne, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Bogoff, Mr. Millikan and Mr. Glen Millikan are planning to visit Aledo on the 24th of July to discuss the various ceremonies and plans therefore with the appropriated Aledo people.

Saturday Evening – Banquet held at the hotel, Mr. Fritz will emcee the drawings, the two

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rooms for attending members and paver purchasers and the raffle described above of RMA related merchandise.

As Mr. Millikan and Mr. Young have supplied the Association with new flags, and have provided poles therefore, the Board agreed to buy three stands for the new flags,

Mr. Millikan retired from the conference call as the business he attended for was concluded.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2012 have been circulated by email to all the attendees. They are approved as written.

Committees:

Memorial Committee: The Mayor has approved location for statue on Collage Ave at Central Park, near the VFW Post and the Armed Forces Memorial. The city is waiting for Ronn Jutkins to react to what they need to complete.

Paver Sales Committee: No additional sales.

2012 Reunion Committee: Mr. Feitler reported that Mr. Gene Shalander, Sr. is still awaiting surgery. We need to develop a plan to obtain the memorabilia display for the reunion.

JUN With Mr. Shalander's present condition, this is imperative. Mr. Feitler has emailed him to initiate a session this month to discuss the quartermaster display and sales effort at the Reunion, Mr. Feitler expects to visit Mr. Shalander, made the choices and personally transport the quartermaster sales merchandise to the Reunion.

Members of the Board will, if possible, visit Mr. Shalander in order to pack up the reunion display and ship to Rock Island or Aledo for the August Reunion. We may want to maintain it in Aledo for coming reunions.

JUL: Mr. Feitler has visited Ocala and obtained the merchandise for sale at the August Reunion and cups and tote bags to give away.

The Board went into executive session to discuss Mr. Shalander's condition and what reactions the Association should be to it.

Membership Committee: No report

Roster Committee: Mr. Vagi has provided the Board members with updated rosters prior to the meeting.

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Elections Committee: The notices of election letters and emails have been sent.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Feitler has emailed the June fiscal report to the Board.

He reports that as of 6/30/2012 we had \$11,173.28 in our bank accounts, but cautions that the cash balances must be conserved to cover the liabilities of \$7,321.66 and the guests at the Reunion Dinner and the Reunion Breakfast. We need to be careful with additional spending.

Unfinished Business:

1. DVD's of speeches and recruiting film: Mr. Gwynne reports he his working on having all of the available media consolidated and perhaps made available through the quartermaster for distribution. MAY- Waiting for a volunteer to head up this project. JUN still waiting for a volunteer.
2. At a prior meeting it was suggested a Face Book page for the Association and we were to do a survey of the members on it. JUN tabled until a future meeting.
3. We had an inquiry from the Aledo library about displaying some of our memorabilia in their facility, would this be supplemental or different from the displays at the Mercer County Historical Society museum? Rick Millikan had an offer from the library for storage of some of our memorabilia. We have to ask the library about exhibiting the memorabilia, if it would be permanent or part of a rotating schedule. Would the exhibit refer the viewer to the Museum for further information? Possibly we should give to the museum, and let them decide when, where and what should be displayed. JUN Mr. Gwynne contacted them but no response yet from a principal. JUL The library has informed the Association that they will not have room for artifacts until their expansion is complete. There is no time table for the completion of the expansion. The Museum has also informed the Association that they do not have any room more artifacts. We shall continue to examine alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lloyd Young has offered to find funding for a "RMA Was Here" historical marker in Aledo. Mr. Gwynne will continue discussions with him. Mr. Jerry Shirk, with the assistance of Mr. Steve Moller of Aledo, has been successful in obtaining four welcome to Aledo "Home of Roosevelt Academy 1931 to 1972" signs from the State of Illinois.
2. Lloyd Young has offered to be contact with Mr. Shalander on the proposition regarding movement of memorabilia to Aledo or to another caretaker, given Mr. Shalander's ill health. He also recommends that we find another quartermaster. Mr. Feitler suggests that some of the duties that Mr. Shalander is now doing be

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assigned (need some volunteers here) elsewhere.

- a. Historian, Mr. Shalander should be appointed (or voted by membership) as Historian for Life as suggested by Mr. Gwynne (Young)
- b. Caretaker of memorabilia, this should be either an Aledo institution or a member in the Midwest to facilitate having displays at the Regular Reunions.
- c. Quartermaster for items offered for sale – if no other volunteers, Mr. Feitler would do, but it would be Quartermaster only without the memorabilia.
- d. Mel Bogus has agreed to arrange for packing and transporting memorabilia from Gene Shalander's home in Florida to Lloyd Young's home in Kentucky. Mr. Young has agreed to take custody of the artifacts, repack all items, prepare packing lists for each box, re-frame the large pictures and store the RMA artifacts until a final home is found.

3. The Board agreed that Mr. Shalander be named Historian for Life and will investigate the other items proposed.

4. The newsletter editor, Mr. Mel Bogus, has suggested an additional newsletter in July.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:34 CDT