

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

BY CONFERENCE CALL- 06 MARCH 2012

Attending: J Gwynne, President - Yes  
G. Feitler, Secretary / Treasurer - Yes  
R. Fritz, Immediate Past President - Yes  
R. Kramer, Reunion and Paver Chair -Yes

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 07 February 2012 have been circulated by email to all the attendees. They are approved as written.

Committees:

Memorial Committee: See Aledo meeting notes in old business.  
MAR – Will be handled with Aledo agenda.

Paver Sales Committee: Will be ready to sell pavers at the site. They will check with the builders on dispersing surplus funding to the Association, if available. Letter as prepared by Mr. Vagi and Mr. Kramer. Mr. Kramer will advise Mr. Vagi to go ahead.

2012 Reunion Committee: Mr. Kramer is proceeding with his investigation of how to get the reunion taped. Will get pricing on Saturday dinner and the Saturday dedication Plan to take orders then and there!

MAR Mr. Kramer reported that he has two quotes for capturing the activities on video: AVE LLC quotes \$75 per hour for on-site tech work which includes shooting the video and basic editing of titles pages, transitions and pre for DVD's. Additional video editing is \$50 per hour, they can go to Aledo for the \$75 per hour, but that will include travel time.

Ruby Media Services quotes as follows: \$600 for the 18th Memorial services in Aledo and campus shots in morning.

Dinner: 3-4 hours of interviews and speeches.

This includes a documentary style video put together to make it a very watchable film. Various footage shots will be added to make a nice story of the day. Extra footage will be of the campus, pavers, etc.

We would setup an area for the alumni to do a video interview so not to disturb dinner.

Mr. Kramer will check on DVD distribution, we want to have the job of doing the copying and distribution. We should sell them at registration and on Sunday at the meeting. Preliminary choice is Ruby.

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Membership Committee:

Mr. Vagi has pointed out that the By Laws provide newsletters by mail or email for members which he interprets as precluding posting it on the Web site and suggests dropping our intention of such a posting. Mr. Feitler points out that the point is moot for the current newsletter as the content has already been posted to the web site. The by-laws do not prohibit wider distribution. Since the Board over the last years has sent the newsletter to everybody on the roster for the widest distribution possible and does not interpret the By Laws as precluding other distribution, but as preferential to the paid members. Mr. Gwynne thought that the web site be used as an archive, posting only newsletters from the prior year. Mr. Fritz thought widest distribution possible at minimum additional cost to publicize our activities is one of the responsibilities of the Board. Mr. Feitler suggested that we should post them a month after issue. This would give members thirty days privileged information. Mr. Feitler's suggestion was adopted.

Roster Committee: Mr. Vagi is sending current copies just prior to the Board meetings.

Elections Committee: Mr. Bogus has spoken to Mr. Feitler about soliciting candidates for officers by email and will prepare a letter to be mailed to all members timed with the election guide. They agreed that both 2012 and 2011 paid members would receive the emails (letters if no email address available) with a note that 2011 paid members can join in by paying their 2012 dues.

Treasurer's Report:

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

The Treasurer reported that as of 2.29/12 we had \$ 9, 826 in our bank accounts.

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.

2. Special projects with the Aledo administration on the following ideas:

a. The Roosevelt tree

b. The remaining buildings of the Academy.

c. Sign – historical marker – on highway into Aledo to mark home of RMA.

Mr. Gwynne has contacted Mr. Jutkins and invited him to Aledo this spring (see new business) and try to cover these items also. There may be governmental help on the buildings if the city can write a proposal with our help. See note on grant in last newsletter. Mr. Gwynne will handle.

d. T R Memorial.

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FEB Mr. Gwynne, Mr. Kramer and Mr. Jutkins are scheduled to meet with the people in Aledo in March and have set up an agenda covering the items in question.

Mr. Gwynne will send an agenda before the March meeting, including a list of possible invitees to the reunion dinner and Aledo presentations.

MAR Mr. Gwynne has circulated his agenda and the list of possible invitees to the banquet. The Board went into executive sessions to discuss the invitees as these minutes become publicly available and a non-invitee may object.

The list was reviewed and the committee will meet prior to the visit to Aledo and discuss the agenda.

Mr. Gwynne will prepare notices of various projects for posting on the seb site along with verbiage changes and submit to Mr. Fritz to update the web site.

3. The Board discussed the possibility of revising the communication efforts and Mr. Gwynne will begin an investigation into the probabilities.

MAR Mr. Gwynne has contacted Mr. Melvin Bogus and he agreed to handle the newsletter. He and Mr. Gwynne agreed on terms and conditions. Mr. Kilpatrick agreed to continue to interview cadets and faculty, as his time permits and provide articles as available.

4. We need a new sales effort for pavers, using the newsletter and also contacting families of our fallen comrades to solicit pavers in memory. Mr. Kramer who has agreed to chair the project and be the sole contact with the Aledo people and Mr. Vagi who has agree to spearhead the project to contact the families of those on our TAPS listing.

MAR Mr. Kramer and Mr. Vagi have prepared the attached letter and request the Board's approval to use it. In conversation, Mr. Vagi has said he was aware that some of the people he would be contacting would not be the widows, but he was planning to telephone as his first effort. See also the Paver Committee report.

6. Newsletter to go to everybody via mail. We will have one page as a Reunion announcement with the registration form on the back side. The size and number of pages will be determined by projected costs. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Feitler will check costs of printing. The Board agreed that all newsletters are to be posted on the web site.

FEB: Mr. Fritz has a quote which we will use, print in black and white to save money. The newsletter will go out this week. Mr. Fritz will complete the task.

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MAR Mr. Vagi has questioned the posting of the Newsletter to the web site, see membership committee above. He also has asked why the sales effort to the widows was not in the newsletter.

Please see discussion above. The newsletter did contain an article on the pavers consistent with space available, and was prepared by the editor.

7. Mr. Kramer has DVD of speech at the Memorial Dedication last November, we can get copies and sell them, asking for direction from the Board to respond at the March meeting. We will plan to show them at the reunion and sell them there or maybe add it to the one to be made at the reunion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

With Mr. Shalander's impending surgery, it may be necessary to make alternative arrangements for the transportation of the memorabilia to Rock Island / Aledo for the reunion, Mr. Gwynne and Mr. Kramer will address this situation if it arises.

Next meeting is called for 18:00 CDT, 3 April, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:24 CDT.