

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

BY CONFERENCE CALL - 07 AUG 2012

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

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 3 Jul 2012 have been circulated by email to all the attendees. They are approved as written. Mr. Feitler noted he had made a typing error in the first item of new business, the latter date should have been 1973. Mr. Feitler apologized for the error and thanked the many members who spotted his error and communicated it to him.

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. Mr. Ronn Jutkins is working on the spot.

Paver Sales Committee: Mr. Kramer noted that we have an additional sale. . Mike Vagi has asked if the Association was willing to underwrite an installment plan where the members could pay for their pavers over time. Mr. Feitler, as Treasurer pointed out that we are not in a position to finance paver sales as we would have to pay for the pavers and may or may not get paid and this is not in the purview of our business model. The Board, by a vote, did not adopt the proposal.

Mr. Vagi has further suggested we take pictures of the pavers and send them to the honorees. We have complied with all requests,

2012 Reunion Committee: Mr. Gwynne reports that we may need two more stands for flag poles and Mr. Feitler reports that we may need two different flag poles for the new flags being donated to the Association by Mr. Lloyd Young and Mr. Richard Millikan – they are large and may not fit on the guideon poles being donated will handle the 3x5 flags. He further stated that when he and Mr. Millikan meet prior to the Reunion, they will decide what is needed and Mr. Feitler will obtain locally if needed. Upon discussion of the sequence of the events in Aledo, it appears that we can satisfy our needs for bases with the three we have already obtained, and may not need additional poles and decided to wait on procurement of either until meeting prior to the events in Rock Island where

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we can match the poles on hand with the various flags.

A copy of the paid registrations was emailed to the Board with the agenda.

The Board agreed to post the American Legion Post breakfast invitation, on the web site and Mr. Fritz will issue a flash email on it, and add a note that Hotel contact person needs to be called directly for special rate.

Mr. Gwynne noted that at the preparation meeting in Aledo went well with Mr. Rick Millikan, Mr. Paul May and Col. Lawson are carrying the load to make the flag retirement and dedication ceremonies outstanding events.

Membership Committee: Mr. Mel Bogus has suggested we look into an installment plan for the payment of lifetime memberships. Mr. Feitler has drawn up a suggested program which has been circulated to the Board and the Membership Chair, it calls for allowing anyone eligible for lifetime membership to pay for such membership in installments with some caveats. The Board, upon a vote decided not to offer the program. .

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

Elections Committee:

Treasurer's Report:

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

He reports that as of 7/31/2012 we had \$10,988.46 in our bank accounts.

Mr. Feitler further noted that he had emailed a projection for the resources to be used for the Reunion to Board. It shows the available resources projected after the event.

Unfinished 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 1973" signs from the State of Illinois.
2. Mr. Bogus has agreed to arrange the transfer of the Association-owned memorabilia from Mr. Shalander's to Mr. Young's. Mr. Young has agreed to box for storage and to create a catalog or box identity list for the Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Mike Vagi has suggested that the Association allow for payment over time of lifetime memberships. Mr. Feitler has circulated a proposal to members of the board and other interested parties.

It is noted that we need quick approval of these minutes for posting on the web site prior to the August Regular Reunion. See action under membership committee report.

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Next meeting will be established by the incoming Board of Directors to be elected at the Regular Reunion later this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:08 CDT

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