

August 16, 2022 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 16, 2022
Time: 1730 Hours
Location: VFW/American Legion Post

Meeting Called By: Jason Vanoverbeke
Type of Meeting: TCA AOG Open/Board Meeting
Name of Meeting Facilitator: Jason VanOverbeke
List of Attendees: Jason VanOverbeke, Tom Wilson, Rick Knoll, Mike Riess, Terry Flower (phone), Denny Sultany, Bob Hockman, Curt Brown, Elissa Unger (AFA Foundation), Ed Wipson (joined)

Summary of Discussion

Rules of Order:

- Pledge of Allegiance - accomplished
- Quorum established - 5 Board members minimum
- Introductions of all present - Elissa Unger from AFA Foundation was introduced.
- Last Month's Board minutes approval - Rick made motion, Denny's second, approved unanimously.

Summary of Discussion

Events/Current/New/Old Business:

Upcoming Events:

- Military Appreciation Day is set for 10 Sept. See website for detailed information.
- St. Croix River Cruise is set for 18 Sept. Details and sign-up are on the website. Limited to 75 attendees. West Point and Annapolis grads are invited also, so plan to sign-up soon.
- Bourbon Tasting (Terry) is set for 24 Sept, 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Limited to 20 attendees. Sign-up link to be posted on the website soon, if not already.
- Veterans Dinner in planning stages for 11Nov. Details to follow when available.
- Football games viewing - Navy/Army/CU get together. Plans are fluid but more info/interest to come.
- Wine Tasting event is in planning stages for a future event.

Financial Status (Rick Knoll):

- Balances - approximately \$10,000.00 in Savings, approximately \$1,000.00 in checking. Parents Club check amount still in work.

New Business:

- Folds of Honor donation was confirmed - \$750.00 was approved by majority.
- Board Membership - Bob Hockman was approved unanimously as the at-large Board member.
- Elissa Unger - AFA Foundation Development Director - Visiting/checking on what different chapters are doing. Excellent POC for questions. Talked about how busy the AFA Foundation is. Great exchange of information for us and for her on Chapter operations, etc.
- AOG Chapter President's meeting in Dallas - Jason will be our representative.
- Update - Cadet Frankie Sylvester, '25, has been accepted into the Class of 2026 and will be returning to the Academy(to our knowledge...) as the first amputee. He will remain in the VA Hospital for a while longer. If anyone would like to help support him, please contact the Parents Club rep, Denise Metzler at 715-760-0114.
- Post 435 Veterans Village update - Richfield American Legion is being remolded and expected to be completed in 2025. We are planning on using that facility for our monthly meetings and as host for many of our events. Thanks to Tom!!
- For new Board members or old - If you would like business cards, they are available. Contact Jason.
- Agenda items for the Board meetings need to be sent to Jason in a timely manner.

Old Business:

- Challenger Learning Center (Terry) - No changes. Will be hosting a STEM event at the MN State Fair along with the MN Vikings.
- Facebook/Website: Merging Facebook accounts. If you would like to update your bio, send to Bob at hockb@hotmail.com.
- Education Website (Terry): No changes.
- ALO Program: Skip made some remarks about flow of information. More action needed on this area. Also ALOs, not just grads, need to be invited to all events.
- Younger Grad Engagement (Terry): On the Cruise, younger grads (2005 and newer) will be 1/2 price tickets to the cruise/dinner. Voted on and passed. Funds will be refunded due to late date of decision. Also a scholarship plan (for younger grads) is in work with the plan to be presented before May 2023.
- Parents Club - Heritage Dinner dates need to be firmed up.
- News Letter (Tom) - Out by the end of August.

Adjournment/Next Meeting:

- Next Meeting: September 20, 2022, 1730 at the VFW/American Legion Post, 311 W 84th Street, Bloomington, MN. Social hour starting at 1700.
- Meeting Adjourned: After discussion of all items, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting at 1854.