**OCTOBER 17, 2023 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 17, 2023

Time: 1730 – 1845

Location: Everett McClay VFW Post 1296 (Bloomington, MN)

Meeting called by: Chapter President Curt Brown

Type of meeting: TCA AOG Open Board Meeting

Meeting facilitator: Curt Brown, TCA AOG President

List of eleven attendees: Curt Brown, Tom Wilson, Rick Knoll, Terry Flower, Denny Sultany, Jason VanOverbeke, Mike Riess, Dave Reiner, Pete Swanson, Zach Turcotte, Andrea Komschlies

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

**Rules of order**

1. Pledge of Allegiance – accomplished
2. Quorum of Directors – established
3. Introductions – Dave Reiner and Andrea Komschlies (USAFA Parent’s Club)
4. September 19, 2023 Meeting minutes – **M/S – approved unanimously**
5. Current / New Business
6. Upcoming Events:
   1. Veterans Appreciation Day Dinner: will be **Nov 14th at Mancini’s** in St. Paul. $27 cash per person, will invite MN/WI USAFA Grads -- cVent signup coming soon
   2. TCA-AOG Graduate Dependent Scholarship Idea Update – Mr. Flower presented criteria and CONOPS for scholarship award(s) of not less than $500: Board members will review proposal for discussion at November 2023 Open Board Mtg
   3. WWII Speaker Event to Graduate Community: Mr. Flower presented idea to invite Mr. Jim Johns, an expert on Pearl Harbor. Plan is a “lunch ‘n learn” event on December 7th, 2023 at either the Bloomington or Richfield VF. cVent signup coming
   4. AOG Presidents Meeting – Travel Reimbursement: **Motion to reimburse Mr. Flower for $500 above the AOG’s reimbursement passed** – note that Mr. Flower abstained from voting on this motion.
   5. WOTN Supersonic Event: Mr. Brown attended the event comprised military veteran pilots and astronauts who have flown at supersonic speeds.
   6. USAFA AOG Distinguished Graduate Nomination: Mr. Knoll will nominate Mr. Wilson for the DG award with a package including endorsement letters from Mr. Brown and Mr. Swanson. Mr. Wilson stated he was honored to be nominated.
   7. TCA AOG Fall Newsletter Response: The volume of positive responses to the most recent letter surprised to the upside. Graduates in the local community appreciated the update and perspectives provided by the newsletter. The next Chapter Newsletter tentatively scheduled for publication in December/January.
   8. New Items
      1. Potential venue change for TCA AOG Meetings: Mr. Sultany investigated the Richfield VFW at 66th and Lyndale where the group may receive better food service to support the meetings. President Brown will consider the venue change and email all local graduates with details.
7. Treasurer’s report (Knoll):
   1. Checking account $3,548.26
   2. Savings account $12,104.88
8. Old business
9. Challenger Learning Center – no material progress
10. Facebook/Website Status (Hockman): no report – but a reminder for each club member should review current content; ***OVERDUE: TCA Board Members to update their profiles and send to Bob Hockman***
11. Education Website – Mr. Flower – considering a change to the focus of the website
12. ALO Program (report by Mr. Swanson; Mr. Zarembo absent) – 1) Admission Cycle is picking up with 116+ MN Applicants – mentoring and evaluating by ALOs going full steam, 2) The new Admissions Office Director Col Candice Pipes CL98 started in the position, 3) MN ALO Lt Col Rob Curtis has been assigned as the Parent’s Club Liaison – a special thanks to Matt Williams CL14 for many years of good liaison services and we wish him the best now that he has separated from the Air Force Reserves
13. Young Grad engagement – Potential graduate scholarship program could ignite engagements
14. Parents Club – May 18th 2024 proposed Heritage Dinner: **Motion – Establish May 18, 2024 as the event date – Motion Passed unanimously**
15. Newsletter: Please notify Mr. Wilson of any suggested articles for target publication in December.

**Next Meeting**:

Location: Will be either VFW/Amer. Legion Post at 311 W. 84th St., Bloomington, MN. (Between Nicollet & Lyndale) **OR** VFW Post at 66th and Lyndale in Richfield Date: November 21, 2023

Time: Social hour @ 1700, meeting commences @ 1730

Meeting adjourned 1845 M/S, approved unanimously