**JANUARY 16, 2024 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 16, 2024

Time: 1730 – 1854

Location: Fred Babcock VFW, 6715 Lake Shore Dr, Richfield, MN, 55423

Meeting called by: Chapter President Curt Brown

Type of meeting: TCA AOG Open Board Meeting

Meeting facilitator: Curt Brown, TCA AOG President

List of attendees: Curt Brown, Tom Wilson, Rick Knoll, Denny Sultany, Jason VanOverbeke, Pete Swanson, Edward Wipson, Dave Reiner, Jamie Lindman, Andrea Komschlies; Jill Olson; Kristine Hockman

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

**Rules of order**

1. Pledge of Allegiance – accomplished

2. Quorum of Directors – established

3. Introductions – 3 guests from the Parents Club: Andrea Komschlies (current Parents’ Club president); Jill Olson (incoming Parents’ Club president); Kristine Hockman

4. December 19, 2023 Meeting minutes amended: Item 7 to read “Additional New Business brought to Board —Motion to create new role of Assistant Secretary to be filled by Mike Riess (M/S Rick/Tom)” – M/S – approved unanimously

5. Current / New Business

a. Upcoming Events:

i. Scholarship — Anonymous donor provided $500; Terry to provide an update next month.

ii. Speaker Series – Jim Johns to speak on Doolittle Raid, April 18, at 11:00 at Richfield VFW. Posted on the TCA website with sign up.

iii. Heritage Dinner – coordinating with Parents’ Club (Andrea); confirmed speaker is Gen (ret) Chilton (travel arrangements need to be made). Location to be Scott Sather’s hangar at Flying Cloud Airport, May 18. Need to confirm MC. Would we consider asking for donations to cover the cost of new appointees? Andrea and Jill will meet soon to continue planning.

iv. Distinguished Chapter nomination (Jason) — submitted 12/21

v. National AOG portal — the “Long Blue Line” app is up and running. Curt created a TCA page for the national portal. Possible alternative to a separate TCA-AOG website?

vi. Scotch Tasting Update – First event will be Saturday, January 27th, a Scotch tasting hosted by Terry and Margaret Flower. First email sent by Curt last Sunday, 1/14. 5 currently signed up, 2 others pending on “Sign Up Genius”. Curt will email a follow up to the TCA-AOG this Sunday (1/21). Cost will be $30 per person/$50 per couple.

vii. Hockey Series Proposal – Tom is trying to get a “home/home” series with USAFA and St. Thomas. He sent an email to the St. Thomas Athletic Director and will follow up. More to follow

viii. MN Military Appreciation Fund (<http://thankmntroops.org>). Tom motioned to donate $500 to the fund (M/S Tom/Rick, approved). Fund hosts annual banquet – Curt requests that the Board be informed of an invitation to the Board.

viii. Parents Club request for $1000 donation to MN morale event at USAFA on Feb 2&3. Whir-lie-ball followed by dinner first night; second night dinner at Scott Sather’s house. Club is a 501©3. Rick challenged the financial wherewithal of Parents’ Club (they have more money that we do). Their goal is to create a sustaining annual event. Suggestion from Jill to investigate corporate donations. Decision to discuss this further at the Feb board meeting.

ix. Social Committee – Tony Rodriguez emailed his update to Curt. We need to get word out sooner to our social events: “Save the Date” emails, etc.; Cvent will continue to be used for the Heritage Dinner and for those events which we plan in advance and is in the best interests of our Chapter.

x.Need to reach out to local alums to increase participation and upcoming board opportunities.

1. Treasurer’s report (Knoll):
   1. Checking account $3,048.26 (Post $1481 of disbursements for Wreaths Across America, Sabre Society, and Mike Ramirez memorial)
   2. Savings account $12,142.27.

6. Old business

1. Challenger Learning Center – (Terry) — no update.
2. Facebook/Website Status (Bob) - no update. Awaiting final board member profile to Bob.
3. Education Website (Terry) – no update
4. ALO Program (report by Pete; Ed absent) – busy time of the application season; no update
5. Young Grad engagement (Pete) – awaiting scholarship information
6. Parents Club – trying to connect with ALO liaison Robert Lee Curtis (Hudson, WI).
7. Newsletter: Tom published. Next installment in late March or early April.

**Next Meeting**:

Location: Fred Babcock VFW, Post 5555; 6715 Lake Shore Dr, Richfield, MN, 55423

Date: February 20th, 2024

Time: Social hour at 1700, meeting commences at 1730

Meeting adjourned 1854 M/S, approved unanimously