

MARCH 19, 2024 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2024

Time: 1730 – 1850

Location: VFW 5555; 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 Chapter President

List of attendees: Curt Brown, Tom Wilson, Rick Knoll, Jason VanOverbeke, Terry Flower, Edward Wipson, Dave Reiner, Mike Riess, Bob Hockman, Tony Rodriguez

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Rules of order

1. Pledge of Allegiance – accomplished
2. Quorum of Directors – established
4. February 20, 2023 Meeting minutes - approved unanimously
5. Current / New Business
 - a. Upcoming Events:
 - i. TCA-AOG Scholarship — Anonymous donor provided \$500. At least one scholarship will be awarded to eligible spouses or dependents; Zach to send email from President Brown to TCA grads. Applications due May 1 to Terry Flower per the application instructions on the email.
 - 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. 6 currently signed up, 2 more interested. Open to guests. Potential July speaker, [John Guiland, ex USN, drone co. operator].
 - iii. Heritage Dinner – coordinating with Parents' Club (Andrea); confirmed speaker is Gen. (ret) Chilton. Location to be Scott Sather's hangar at Flying Cloud Airport, May 18. Tony has confirmed arrangements including:
 - Cvent link done
 - email flyer done
 - TCA-AOG website updated
 - Wine Pull (Georgetta Olson emailed request — attached in Appendix)
 - Silent auction items - underway
 - Pricing
 - POW-MIA table

- Swag from USAFA
- US Flag(s) only (no 4-star)
- MC – Jason Vanoverbeke (script, schedule of events)
- Escort for Gen Chilton – Brown

Rick motioned that TCA-AOG will split the cost of Meghan Swanson to take pictures at the event (M/S, passed unanimously)

- iv. Distinguished Chapter (Jason) — Awarded in March 2024 (13 years in a row); benefits include \$500 in travel credit to leadership conference, \$300 in merchandise, and \$250 for Heritage Dinner
 - v. Social Committee (Tony Rodriguez presented upcoming calendar):
 - April 18 – Jim Johns, Doolittle Raid talk
 - May 18 Heritage Dinner
 - June – OPEN
 - July – potential speaker [TBD, Tom]
 - August - OPEN
 - September – River Cruise – will set date once Vikings schedule announced
 - October – potential bourbon tasting
 - November – Mancini’s Veteran’s Day dinner
 - December - OPEN
 - vi. Board opportunities — Need to reach out to local alums to increase participation and deeper involvement.
 - vii. Board elections in May – At least one opening as Pete Swanson would like to step off board
 - a. Members interested in taking a board position should email a current board member prior to May elections.
 - b. Board will vote on officers in the June meeting.
 - viii. Chapter Distinguished Graduate for TCA-AOG, 2024; TBA in June meeting
 - b. Treasurer’s report (Knoll):
 - i. Checking account \$477.40
 - ii. Savings account \$12,142.27 (no change)
 - iii. Curt presented checks to be deposited from scotch tasting
6. Old business
- a. Challenger Learning Center – (Terry) — waiting to hear back from potential sponsor
 - b. Facebook/Website Status (Bob) - Bob checking with AOG on hosting options; no change on FB status
 - c. Education Website (Terry) – see above
 - d. ALO Program (Ed emailed update, see Appendix) – busy time of the application season
 - e. Young Grad engagement (Pete) – no update
 - f. Parents Club – Rick attending Parents’ Club meeting; discussion around building stronger ties between the organizations
 - g. Newsletter: Tom published. Next installment to be published within the next two weeks.

Adjourned 1850

Next Meeting:

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

Date: April 16th, 2024

Time: Social hour at 1700, meeting commences at 1730

APPENDIX**A. Email from Georgetta Olson:**

Rick, Skip, Tom, Pete & the MN Parents Club:

The ever popular and always exciting “Heritage Dinner Wine Pull” will be available at the 2024 Heritage Dinner planned for Saturday, May 18th, 5pm at the Sather Hangar, St Cloud Airport.

Why am I emailing you? The Wine Pull Committee needs your help and is seeking donations from AOG members, Cadet Parents, and local community supporters. Can you please share this donation request with your members and sponsors via email? Perhaps your members could bring their donation to your formal and informal gatherings during March, April and early May? All varietals valued at or above \$15 are needed and will be wholeheartedly appreciated! Please contact Georgetta Olson to coordinate a pickup. A Donation receipt can be provided. The goal is 50 bottles. Thank you!

Georgetta Olson
Class of 1990 & Mom to John (2024) & Joe (2025)
2024 Wine Pull Chair
651-600-7649

B. ALO UPDATE – FROM ED ZAREMBO VIA PETE SWANSON

Hi Curt, Skip, and Jason -

I have a work conflict tomorrow evening so will not be able to attend the meeting. Here is an update on the ALO Program from Major Ed Zarembo. Could one of you please read this to the Board and insert into the minutes?

MN ALOs are wrapping up a productive year. We are in the heart of the admissions cycle when Appointment Offers are being made. Statistics as of March 18th:

MN had 141 applicants this year representing growth from last cycle as outreach events, marketing activities, and ALO efforts have proven productive.

Twenty-one Appointment Offers have been extended so far.
Four Letters of Interest have been extended.
One of the Appointment Offers is a Falcon Foundation Scholar.
One Prep-school slot has been offered

The average ACT superscore for the MN Appointees so far is above 32 -- impressive!
80% of MN Appointment Offers are male, 20% are female.

These are not the final statistics as Appointment Offers can still be extended.