

APRIL 16, 2024 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2024

Time: 1732 – 1848

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, Bob Hockman, Tony Rodriguez, Denny Sultany, Zach Turcotte

Parents Club: Brian Olson, Georgetta Olson, Stella Sick

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Rules of order

1. Pledge of Allegiance – accomplished
2. Quorum of Directors – established
4. March 19, 2024 Meeting minutes - approved unanimously
5. Current / New Business
 - a. Upcoming Events:
 - i. TCA-AOG Dependent Scholarship, \$500 — May 1 deadline, so far only 1 applicant; any grad dependent is eligible; spread the word
 - ii. Speaker Series – Jim Johns to speak on Doolittle Raid, this Thursday, April 18, 11:00 – 1:00 at Richfield VFW. Sign up on the TCA website. Opening to guests and Parent’s Club. 29 signed up so far, 21 openings. Potential July speaker, Jon Gruen, ex USNA grad Captain, Fortem Tech, a drone company owner/operator.
 - iii. Heritage Dinner – coordinating with Parents’ Club (Andrea); confirmed speaker is Gen (ret) Chilton. Logistics have been confirmed. Location to be Scott Sather’s hangar at Flying Cloud Airport, May 18. Tony has confirmed arrangements including:
 - Jason to emcee
 - TCA-AOG and Parent’s Club websites updated
 - Wine Pull (Georgetta Olson emailed request — attached in Appendix)**Motion: “TCA-AOG to fund up to \$200 for ~10 bottles”;** M/S Tom/Denny, approved unanimously
 - Silent auction – 90 lots committed
 - Escort for Gen Chilton, logistics have been confirmed – Curt

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

- iv. Congratulatory letter for graduating Firsties - Rick
- v. Board opportunities — Mike Riess will be retiring from VP but is willing to remain a director at-large; Rick will be transitioning from Treasurer to director at-large.
Members interested in taking a board position should email a current board member prior to May elections.
Need to reach out to local alums to increase participation and deeper involvement.
- vi. Board elections in May – At least one opening as Pete Swanson would like to step off board
 - a. Nomination for Denny as VP; Skip as Treasurer; Bob as Secretary
 - b. Board will vote on officers in the June meeting.
- vii. By-laws – proposal to amend the TCA-AOG membership to include Space Force
- viii. Social Committee (Tony Rodriguez presented upcoming calendar):
April 18 – Jim Johns, Doolittle Raid talk
May 18 Heritage Dinner, Gen (ret) Chilton
June – OPEN
July – potential speaker [Jon Gruen]
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
- ix. Chapter Distinguished Graduate for TCA-AOG, 2024; TBA in June meeting
- b. Treasurer’s report (Knoll):
 - i. Checking account \$1,462.40
 - ii. Savings account \$12,164.98

6. Old business

- a. Challenger Learning Center (Terry) — waiting to hear back from potential sponsor, St. Cloud State (future home of Space Shuttle Orbiter mock-up)
- b. Facebook/Website Status (Bob) - Bios are up to date; no change on FB status
- c. Education Website (Terry) – no changes
- d. ALO Program (Ed emailed update, see Appendix)
- e. Young Grad engagement (Pete) – how to attract, excite and retain new: subsidizing the Heritage Dinner, scholarship, scotch and bourbon tastings
- f. Parents Club – Brian Olson provided an update on upcoming orientation for incoming class of 2028; Permission/waiver slips for parent communication are required
- g. Newsletter: Tom published. Next installment to be published after the June meeting.

Adjourned 1848

Next Meeting:

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

Date: May 21th, 2024

Time: Social hour at 1700, meeting commences at 1730

Meeting adjourned Knoll, approved unanimously

APPENDIX

A. Email from Georgetta Olson:

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

MN ALO Class of 2028 Cycle Update:

MN ALOs are winding down a very successful admissions cycle for the Class of 2028. Total applications this cycle were 141.

USAFA Appointments: 24 Appointment Offers/21 Accepted/3 pending acceptance a/o 16 April (1 May 2024 deadline to accept/decline)

One MN student is on the waitlist

MN has two Falcon Foundation Scholarships offers w/both offers accepted.

MN has one Falcon Foundation Scholarship waitlist

MN also has three Letters of Interest which may become Appointment Offers

MN has no Appointment Declinations yet.

The average ACT score of Appointees this year is **31.7 which is very impressive**. While no official government data has been formally released about this, we have strong reason to believe these ACT scores are above the average ACT scores from the USAFA Class of 1988 graduates who hailed from MN.

The MN ALO team appreciates the tremendous and unwavering support from the TCA AOG. The MN ALO team is proud of the results from this Admissions Cycle and happy the hard work is paying off again. USAFA will be getting a group of incredibly talented students from MN again this year.

Major Ed Zarembo, '07
MN ALO Director