

MAY 21, 2024 TCA AOG Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2024

Time: 1730 – 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, Mike Riess, Jason VanOverbeke (phone), Pete Swanson (phone), Terry Flower, Edward “Skip” Wipson, Tony Rodriguez, Denny Sultany, Georgetta Olson, Dave Langan, Tom Greene

Parents Club: Brian Olson, Stella Sick

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Rules of order

1. Pledge of Allegiance – accomplished
2. Quorum of Directors – established
3. April 16, 2024 Meeting minutes – M/S - approved unanimously
4. Old business
 - a. Challenger Learning Center (Terry) — continuing to look for a sponsor, St. Cloud State does not look promising
 - b. Facebook/Website Status (no update)
 - c. Education Website (Terry) – no changes
 - d. ALO Program (no update)
5. Current / New Business
 - a. Recent Events:
 - i. Speaker Series:
 - Jim Johns spoke on Doolittle Raid on April 18 Over lunch at Richfield VFW. Hugely successful.
 - Potential July speaker is Jon Gruen, '97 USNA grad and current USNR Captain, Chairman and CEO of Fortem Technologies, a drone company owner/operator ([linkedin.com/in/jon-d-gruen](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jon-d-gruen)),
 - ii. Heritage Dinner debrief:
 - Gen (ret) Chilton remarked to Curt about the high quality of the event

- Brian Olson commented that the Parents Club thought the event overall was largely successful (14 of 21 appointees represented)
- Curt asked the board to discuss and address critical feedback from two members of the Parents' Club regarding planning and recognition of firsties; discussion comments included:
 - Pete noted that the event script was sent to the Parents Club multiple times weeks before the event
 - Jason noted that the Falcon Foundation scholarship and TCA-AOG Dependent scholarship were new additions from last year's program
 - Curt commented that Amy and Andrea were on the Planning Committee
 - Georgetta shared that her son (a firstie) felt appropriately recognized, however, they also noted that non-present firsties were left out
 - Rick heard a complaint that a specific present firstie was not brought forward and recognized on stage;
 - Curt mentioned that both firstie attendees had pictures taken with Gen Chilton and Curt
 - An email comment was received that AOG members didn't equally share in set-up; Curt and Denny stated that responsibility for set-up was shared between the TCA-AOG and Parents Club including a long list of behind-the-scenes logistical items
 - Event financials (Tony)
 - Proceeds from Silent Auction - \$8,949. 96 items (all were sold)
 - Expenses - Brian mentioned that Andrea had ~\$500 in expenses; TCA-AOG paid for Gen Chilton's expenses, and ticket costs for cadets, appointees, and ALO's
 - Tony suggested that the AOG and Parents Club debrief soon to jointly clarify lessons learned to apply to next year's event. One idea is create podium time for Parents Club to introduce the club president and explain club benefits to new parents
- iii. Congratulatory letter designed and sent to graduating MN firsties – Georgetta and Rick completed
- iv. National AOG Board update (Curt) - attended via Zoom; their focus is on engaging new grads and how to get them into the AOG; Long Blue Line Conference is coming up (July 26 and 27th) – looking for a TCA-AOG representative to attend
- v. 2024 TCA-AOG Distinguished Graduate Award (Tom) – Curt Brown recipient; Tom read Curt's bio and his contributions to the TCA-AOG chapter that underpin Curt's award
- vi. Board elections – Rick nominated the following slate of candidates:
 - Bob Hockman, Tom Wilson and Curt Brown for follow-on terms
 - Tony Rodriguez nominated to replace Pete Swanson
 - ***M/S – Rick, Pete, Approved unanimously***

- Board will vote on officers in the June meeting.
 - vii. Board Officer nominations – elections at June meeting:
 - Preliminary Nominations for Denny as VP (if Mike steps down), Rick as Treasurer, and Bob Hockman as Secretary (if Skip steps down)
 - viii. Rick and Tom will draft a proposal to amend chapter by-laws to include Space Force
 - ix. Social Committee (Tony) – no update other than Speaker Series (above)
 - x. Young Grad engagement (Pete) – subsidizing the Heritage Dinner was successful; increase awareness of Dependent Scholarship, scotch and bourbon tastings
 - xi. Newsletter (Tom) – recent edition was published and posted. Next installment to be published after the June meeting.
- b. Treasurer’s report (Rick):
- i. Checking account - \$5,256.43
 - ii. Savings account - \$4,172.54
 - iii. Motion: Rick motioned to move bank to Wells Fargo (*M/S Rick, Tom – approved*)

Meeting Adjourned 1848 - M/S - Rick, Denny, approved unanimously

Next Meeting:

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

Date: June 18th, 2024

Time: Social hour at 1700, meeting commences at 1730