



The Sequassen Alumni Association

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President: Mike Migliore
Vice President: Kailyn Polzella
Treasurer: David Applegate
Secretary: Niels Thomsen
Ancient Advisor: Kenny Wright

Sequassen Alumni Association Fall 2023 Business Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mike Migliore, Kailyn Polzella, David Applegate, Niels Thomsen, Kenny Wright, Abigail Morrell, Brian Polzella, Roger Poggio, Dylan Hogan, Steve Gagne, Pat Maxim, Adam Gerstein,

Opening: Migs calls to order at 1710

Review of Spring Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept as posted on Website by D. Applegate, seconded by D Hogan
Reports:

Treasurer: See attached report.

Camperships: Form needs to be updated, email for M. Migliore needs to be updated. Camperships still need to be sent to bill by council. Initial contact made by D. Applegate, no response as of meeting

Camp Projects: paid 19,000 and change for update of Jerome. Donated mule to camp and donated motors for class motor boats at waterfront

Program: See new and old business.

Historical: Ben Cruson not in attendance and did not send in report

Plaques and Memorials: Plan to work on guidebook to publish physically and digitally. Will check website for photos.

Membership: Continued recruitment during Fire Hose competition at camp. increased visibility of merchandise with affiliated members on camp staff to increase awareness and membership. Worked during events to reconnect with any. Plan to utilize social media to help connect to membership and increase number of renewals.

Quartermaster: Andrew St John not in attendance, no noted report at meeting. D. Hogan reports last he was aware, working on merchandise. Hats and polos have arrived and are in stock. Other existing merchandise has been sorted and is stored downstairs.

Old Business:

Reunion Dinner: 7/22 total number in attendance 60. lower than previous.

Oktoberfest: occurred despite rain, 61 purchased tickets, 57 in attendance. Positive anonymous review via Square.

Other: Dining Hall kitchen: Plan to replace convection ovens was tabled at last meeting due to need for additional quotes and possible repairs. At time of meeting, ovens do not need to be replaced at this time per Ranger Dave. P. Maxim reports ovens are circa 1978, may have trouble with racks falling inside ovens but overall use seems to be workable.

Jerome: Hogan reports update from Ranger Dave. B Appleby has been working on Zimmerman with progress moving quickly. Ranger Dave has graded area and installed retaining wall. R Poggio reports to his knowledge, lean tos have been framed and laid out as of today 10/14.



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New Business:

New projects:

New stair way going from Jerome to Ecology would be approximately \$2000. Hogan believes trail is similar to trail behind Alderman before its renovation, the stairs would be a safety improvement. N. Thomsen moves to allocate 2000 from general fund to fund stair case. B. Polzella seconds. passes unanimously. N. Thomsen motions to reconsider, seconded by A. Morrell. Motion to reconsider due to update that funding for Jerome project overall may be below budget and supportive funding from alumni may not be necessary for completion. Discussion of potential need for additional funding may arise as project is still ongoing, membership concludes that directing funding towards general project completion as opposed to specifically for construction of stairway may give Ranger Dave the flexibility needed. N. Thomsen moves to amend motion to change allocation of 2000 to completion of Jerome project instead of specifically to stairs, second by A. Morrell

Allocation of Reunion funding: Dishwasher would be approximately \$20,000 for conveyor dishwasher and would greatly increase speed of dishwashing. P. Maxim reports possible to move new dishwasher into a new dining hall. Would lower water use significantly. P. Maxim is curious how water would be heated while in operation. D. Applegate reports would be a internal mechanism. If electric would potentially require 100 amp service. P. Maxim reports dining hall would be able to accommodate. Applegate reports 20,000 is the amount requested by Ranger Dave to finance. D. Applegate reports Trade-O-Ree account is a liquid account, current funding has not been earmarked, there is no planned Trade-O-Ree event pending, and if consolidated into Reunion dinner fund would help finance dishwasher without needing to touch general fund. Rough pricing currently in hand but not specific quotes. D. Hogan motion to allocate 20,000 including consolidating Trade-O-Ree funding into Reunion dinner account , pending review of 2 quotes from Ranger Dave, with approval by Executive board. A. Morrell seconds. Passes unanimously.

Calendar Items:

Spring Meeting: Previous meeting on second Saturday of June including BBQ at Waterfront pavilion as thank you to all volunteers. Occurred same day as Mini Work party in June. Previously had successful meeting. Proposed June 8th during lunch of Mini work party.

Reunion Dinner: Discussion for moving to beginning of summer versus keeping during 3rd or 4th weekend during summer camp. D. Hogan suggests middle due to continued outreach to troops and continued access to Luke's catering of the event. R. Poggio suggests potentially honoring a member who has significantly assisted the camp. R. Poggio suggests leading with what the fundraising is being directed to. D. applegate advises that target of fundraising has been dependent on the amount raised. M. Migliore suggests adding the recognition of member as part of the program. D. Hogan reiterates having camp staff to assist with set up has been largely beneficial. K. Wright emphasizes additional time to advertise event to more troops and membership. D. Applegate reports maybe offering a discount if a large group discount. D. Hogan reports we have previously struggled with increasing attendance due to single set price. D. Applegate reports having the number has been more beneficial due to noted increase in overall revenue believed due to greater participation. K. Polzella suggests either July 20th or 27th depending on which week would work better for Luke and if Luke would be willing to cater the event again. D. Hogan suggests forming a committee starting as soon as possible to facilitate planning events. K Polzella suggests adding a request for volunteers to event committees via coming email blast.

Oktoberfest: Currently open for October 12th or September 28th. Discussion including attempting to not conflict with Torrington Oktoberfest, previously held last Saturday of September. Planned for October 12th.

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We may want to book going forward as each second Saturday of October, benefits of consistent date and may encourage retention. P. Maxim reports mini work party shifts to 3rd weekend in September to avoid the holiday so there will be no overlap between events. D. Hogan expresses frustration with Little Red Barn Brewing after failing to provide wine and cider options. They had advertised at Little Red Barn's location but previously limited return on advertising. Hogan reports possible to solicit alternative businesses to see if we would have improved arrangements. D. Applegate also suggests considering approaching a distributor and providing all beverage options for event which may be cheaper and could increase returns from the event. D. Applegate reports solid preference from those seeking cider option which we provided during the event. Sold approximately 40 ciders during event. Preference is if we were to provide all beverage options for the event, we would require a over 21 year old member serve alcohol. Currently seeking volunteer for chair committee of event.

Winter Event: Possible social event at off site restaurant for social hour and provide initial two beverages. seeking volunteer to chair committee for event. Consider a bring a friend who meets requirements of membership of alumni. D. Applegate suggests either between christmas and new years while college age membership is home. M. Migliore suggests hosting after the first of the year because membership may be away for vacation for the holiday. D. Applegate suggests before MLK day. M. Migliore suggests covering beverages and finger foods/appetizers, not provide full meal. Merchandise would be not available.

Merchandise:

Hooded sweatshirt: Motion to purchase sweatshirts with screen printing of design submitted by K. Polzella and D. Applegate. Funding has previously been allocated at prior meeting with approval. D. Applegate reports funding for previous merchandise order exhausted previously allocated funding, and a new purchase would require additional funding and approval. Decision to purchase sweatshirts on a preorder format, will be sold to any that want one. estimate per unit of \$24 for 100 units or \$26 for 50. D Hogan expresses concern that purchasing extra inventory may require additional storage and is against purchasing 100 units of one particular type. D. Hogan suggests 50 quarter zip sweatshirts and 50 pull over. D Applegate suggests preordering and then 10 additional of each type. D. Hogan motions to allocate 3000 for sweatshirts with preorder phase to close by May 31st 2024, order to be placed by Vice President and Treasurer. Seconded by M. Migliore. Passes unanimously.

Other: D. Applegate reports still has not received receipt from funding of Jerome project from Council. Council has not produced a receipt showing paid despite multiple previous requests, last communication provided only an invoice prior to application of payment. Last communication was on 8/12/23 when invoice was forwarded. D. Applegate reports reservations with current system of funding of projects through council, specifically providing a donation towards a project, council wants a check directed through council instead of purchasing directly through a vendor. In this system, D. Applegate has not received receipt of allocation of payment from projects where funding has been allocated. Council wants to have the funding routed through their account so that council can make the purchase and track funding moving through and towards projects. The receipts are necessary for our accounting. Our funding is to be express purpose of Sequassen and this process may be more complex. D. Hogan questions if purchasing through previous system (where SAA has purchased directly from vendors for intended projects) is possible or if this would create an complicated political climate with council. D. Applegate reports he would prefer to purchase directly from vendors to know exactly where the funding has been allocated. Migs reports he will alleviate the missing receipt on the council end.



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Closing: Next meeting will be 6/8/2024. Please be on the look out for following information regarding Winter gathering. Motion to adjourn by K. Wright, seconded by A. Morrell. Meeting adjourned at 1853.

N. Thomsen, Secretary

Account Balances - As of 10/15/2023

Account	10/15/2023 Balance
Bank Accounts	
SAA - PayPal	1,803.30
Totally Free Small Business Sav x444...	22,831.60
Webster Business Value Checking x3...	53,139.01
TOTAL Bank Accounts	77,773.91
Asset Accounts	
BBQ Fund	1,092.40
Bill Bunnell Fund	21,020.00
Friends of Pomp	4,282.89
General Fund	25,182.34
Gun Cleaning	110.00
Health Lodge	149.03
Hermit Fund	18.73
Honor Awards	210.00
Octoberfest	4,107.19
President Monthly Account	250.00
Reunion Dinner	19,250.09
Trade-o-Ree	2,101.24
Transfer Account	-77,773.91
TOTAL Asset Accounts	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	77,773.91