

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Troop 351 Honor Scout Alumni Association**  
**January 2, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board members present (via Zoom) when meeting commenced: Rod Dore, Joel Wiener, Craig Hoffman, Wayne Schafer, and prospective member Patrick Carpenter.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association was duly called on Tuesday, January 2, at 9 am. Chief Executive Officer Horace Green called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the Board Meeting in June were approved by acclamation.

Patrick Carpenter was nominated to replace Terry McAteer on the board. He was seconded, and approved by acclamation. The Board then approved Rod Dore by acclamation to succeed Terry McAteer as Vice President.

**FINANCIAL**

The Treasurer reported that the bank account held the sum of \$3277.04 as of November 30, with a donation pending of \$301, for a total of \$3571.56.

**CHARITIES/ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION**

CEO Green opened the discussion with the reminder that the Board had tabled the discussion of year-end donations from the previous meeting. Board member Hoffman requested some time to share his feelings about what he had always imagined the idea of the Association being converted to a charitable organization meant to him. His concept was that it would be dedicated to scouting pursuits, as opposed to general community causes.

Board member Schafer suggested that it would not be necessary to limit participation to scouting causes, but that the mission should be focused on youth programs, in keeping with the concept of Scouting itself. Board member Wiener opined that the concept of soliciting donations from members for disparate causes that were of interest to Board members may not have the same salience to Association members, and might even be counter-productive to what the Board was hoping to achieve. He offered as a potentially more embraceable cause the example of a Boy Scout camp in the Lake Almanor area that had been severely damaged in a fire, and was in need of reconstruction funds.

CEO Green suggested that in light of this long and far-reaching conversation, donation suggestions be tabled until the next meeting, so that members could develop alternatives for youth-oriented organization. This suggestion was agreed to by acclamation.

## **MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH**

The discussion of organizational philosophy segued into a conversation about the nature and participation of the membership. It has been an ongoing dialogue among the Board members that the response from appeals, newsletters and other communications was limited to a small percentage of the membership list, and that greater outreach was needed in some manner.

While the consensus was that eventually each silent member on the rolls would need to be contacted by phone, an interim step might be an email appeal for members to update their contact information. It was further agreed that this would be a good opportunity to poll the membership on their opinions of the organization's direction and efforts since its inception. Secretary Wiener offered to draft and send such an email.

## **REUNION**

A review of the reunion of the Association on November 11 was the next order of business. It was agreed that despite the fact that attendance was relatively small in number, the event was a tremendous success. There was optimism expressed that with proper buildup and a positive story about the event in the newsletter, that another reunion within the current calendar year was feasible and might even be more successful.

During this segment of the meeting, there was more discussing regarding ways to attract the interest of membership. There was a reminder that Scoutmaster Teshara sent an electronic Christmas card/message to every member. That reminiscence generated thoughts about "Larry stories" - encounters with the guiding light of Troop 351 - and that perhaps asking members to share their stories about Larry might encourage them to be more interactive.

The Board agreed to meet next on March 26, 2024. at 9 am. CEO Green adjourned the meeting.

### **Prepared by:**

Joel D. Wiener, Secretary/Treasurer

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