

Board Meeting Minutes
Troop 351 Honor Scout Alumni Association
January 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association was duly called on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:15 am. Chief Executive Officer Horace Green called the meeting to order.

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

FINANCIAL

The Treasurer reported that the bank account held the sum of \$5219.80 as of December 31, which reflected a number of contributions inspired by the Board's \$351 challenge.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

CEO Green informed the Board that his retirement date had been pushed back from the projected January date, by no more than a month, and that after that time he would be prepared to take up the effort to clean up and update the mailing list. The ensuing discussion revolved around the projected implementation of that effort. The Secretary estimated that there were 60-70 members on the mailing list who had not been heard from in any way: by email, by response to the newsletter, or by sending in a donation. The consensus was that each of these members needed to be contacted to gauge their interest in the cause, and to see if they could refer the Board to any potential alumni who were not on the list. It was agreed that the manner of this outreach should be determined in the near future.

ROYANEH

Board member Dore shared that he had had a conversation with Scott Rodgers at Camp Royaneh regarding Fort Teshara. We were informed that the shade structure was under construction, and that the total cost would come in at approximately \$25,000. This would mean that, given the comparatively limited funds available, any contribution would be one of many. Board member Wiener proposed an alternative suggested by one of the members, that

the Association offer to fund materials and infrastructure to contribute to the overall Scouting experience at the handicraft center: benches, tools, fans, and the like. Board member Dore offered to contact Mr. Rodgers and see if he could put together a proposal that would fit with our funding capabilities.

The next subject of discussion was the 100th anniversary events schedule for Camp Royaneh. Board member Dore shared what known about two events at this point in time: the Gala dinner, and the gathering at the camp in July.

There were two areas of fiscal discussion that followed. The first was consideration of some sort of sponsorship related to the Gala dinner, which in the case of the Association would be the purchase of an ad in the event program. It was agreed by consensus that this would not be the best use of Association funds. The second was the projected cost to attend the celebration at Royaneh. After some discussion, the Board agreed that it would cover the cost of any member who could otherwise not afford the charge, and that it would assure anyone who needed the help that it would be done anonymously.

The Board agreed to meet next on April 1, 2025 at 9 am. CEO Green adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by:

Joel D. Wiener, Secretary/Treasurer
