

Board Meeting Minutes
Troop 351 Honor Scout Alumni Association
June 25, 2024

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association was duly called on Tuesday, June 25, at 9:15 am. Chief Executive Officer Horace Green called the meeting to order.

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

FINANCIAL

The Treasurer reported that the bank account held the sum of \$3570.27 as of May 31, and that there had been one contribution received since the last Board meeting.

CEO Green noted that the Board had not authorized any new donations since December 2022, and that the Internal Revenue Service frowned on organizations who accumulated funds and made no corresponding donations.

This point generated a discussion of potential recipients. Board member Schafer shared that that he had been in contact with Association member Tanner, who has been the Board's conduit to the management of Camp Fleischmann in Plumas County. Tanner reported that the work to clear debris and restore the camp after the Dixie Fire had been delayed by late snowmelt, and that they would have a much better idea of what their specific needs might be at the end of the summer.

Board member Wiener noted that there had been discussion about contributing money to Camp Royaneh, either as a one-time donation or a recurring annual grant. Board member Dore responded that Royaneh was constantly in need of upgrades, especially after the continuous wear and tear of summer sessions, but that there was no specific fund to send money to at this time. He also noted that the Golden Gate Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America was responsible for a number of camps in Northern California that could potentially use financial assistance.

Further, he informed the Board that the cost of one session at Royaneh was now \$800, and that the Council had a fund to pay the cost of camp for financially disadvantaged Scouts. The Board voted by acclamation to send \$1000 to the Council to support that program.

The Board agreed to revisit funding for renovation at Fleischmann and Royaneh at the next Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

A discussion ensued regarding the relative lack of response to the Association's communications. It was agreed that the only way to know for certain how accurate the contact information is on the membership roster would be a telephone campaign. The Board decided to table such action for the present and possibly undertake that approach in the future.

Once again, the concept of regional gatherings of small groups was considered. Board member Wiener related that the introduction and rollout of Third Thursdays, a regularly scheduled calendar event, was not embraced by the membership. Board member Hoffman suggested that perhaps a better way to kickstart this concept would be to have any Board member who had contact with Association members to arrange lunches with these confederates. CEO Green and Board member Wiener offered that they would try to schedule such a lunch meeting.

The Board agreed to meet next on September 25, 2024. at 9 am. CEO Green adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by:

Joel D. Wiener, Secretary/Treasurer
