

Board Meeting Minutes
Troop 351 Honor Scout Alumni Association
September 28, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Board members present (via Zoom) when meeting commenced: Rod Dore, Joel Wiener, and Craig Hoffman.

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association was duly called on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 9:10 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 \$3036.42 as of August 31.

CEO Green advised the Board that the corporate tax return was due on November 15 of this year, and that there was professional help engaged to ensure that that task would be accomplished. Treasurer Wiener reported that there had been three donations totaling \$491 received since the previous board meeting in June.

EAST BAY CHAPTER

CEO Green reported on a meeting he had with two members of the Association during the summer. Specifically, he offered three suggestions that were made that might increase the participation of the members in the mission of the Association.

The first was that more donations might be forthcoming if there was a way to make them electronically. The specific tool proposed was Paypal. All members agreed that this option should be pursued.

The next suggestion was to create some sort of fundraising competition among the membership. The specific concept that was proposed here was that we could group members by the patrol in which they were members during their time in the troop. Board member Dore noted that there were different patrols during the time of the older members. It was agreed that should this concept be adopted, the six patrols that were in existence during the longest period of time of the troop's history would be used, and a separate patrol would be designated for the older members.

The final idea was to create a social media presence for the Association. The discussion of this concept was hampered by the fact that none of the participants in this Board meeting were technologically qualified to discuss the specifics of such an effort, but that it might be proposed before the whole group at the reunion.

During this segment of the meeting, Board member Dore suggested that the members be reminded that all donations were tax-deductible, and Secretary Wiener replied that he would include such an item in the next newsletter.

REUNION

The Board confirmed by acclamation that there would be a reunion of the Association of November 11 at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. The ensuing discussion centered on all aspects of the gathering: room capacity, potential deadlines for attendance, menu, and pricing. It was agreed that the charge for the event would be \$50, based on the anticipated cost being quoted by the venue. As this raised the question of how members would send in their payment for the event, the idea of instituting Paypal as a payment option was revisited, and CEO Green and Board member Wiener volunteered that they would follow up on this concept to see if it could be instituted in time to receive payments for the reunion.

Board member Hoffman inquired as to the progress of the slide conversion project. Board member Wiener responded that half of the slides had been converted in the first round, and that he would see to it that the remaining slides be converted by the time of the reunion. A discussion ensued as to how to best exhibit the slides at the reunion, with the consensus being that the original slide projectors would probably be the most practical option.

DONATIONS

The Board decided that it would defer a final decision on which groups would qualify for a year-end donation until the final Board meeting of the year, so that the Association members could be included in that process at the reunion.

The Board agreed to meet next on October 24, 2023 at 9 am, so that a progress report could be issued on attendance numbers for the reunion, and to discuss whether any additional efforts were needed to generate greater participation. CEO Green adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by:

Joel D. Wiener, Secretary/Treasurer
