

SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) Board Minutes
Saturday, September 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Harry Bruckno, President.

ATTENDEES

Bruckno, Harry	Davis, Tom	Ehmann, Eugene
Holmes, Burdette	Lawrence, Lee W.	Bissett, Bill
Smith, Ed	Hildebrand, Jack	Dalbo, Jack
Lowe, Jack	Phillips, Tom	Martin, Harvie
Parker, Robert	Painter, Simon	Hanson, Craig
Lake, Julian		

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

A motion to accept the April 11 and 12, 2007 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Davis presented a report that summarized association and foundation financials as of August 31, 2008.

- Accounts receivable are being worked by Harry and Tom.
- Harry Bruckno will investigate which official at MBC promised to pay for half of the wall repairs (approximately \$7,000).
- A motion to set up the necessary accounts for dues payment and other charges (e.g., items from Cadet Store) via credit card was approved. The signing officials will be Harry Bruckno and Arlene Nicely.
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Museum Report was presented by Jack Lowe.

- Storage Room. A bid has been received to divide, provide doors, paint, and seal the storage room. The bid is between \$18,000 and \$20,000, depending upon various options. Jack feels the bid is too high. Additional bids are being sought.
- Heating System. A bid to install two electric heaters in the office has been received. For a total of \$734.90, two heaters will be ordered, shipped, and installed. A motion to accept the bid was passed.
- Office door. Jack presented an option to replace the old, wooden door with a new aluminum door. The bid for a new door, including removal of the old door, came in at \$2,700. A group of board members will discuss the replacement and other issues with MBC officials.

Arlene Nicely discussed the monies coming into the office. She requested that we need a better method of allocating funds to the desired accounts.

Ed Smith discussed the possible purchase (for resale) of SMA polo jerseys, caps, and jackets. The cost would be around \$5,500. Ed believes these items will sell well and provide a \$5,000 profit. A motion to purchase up to \$5,000 worth of inventory was passed.

Four names were nominated for a plaque on the SMA Memorial Wall. The names will be considered by the Museum Committee, and a recommendation will be returned to the board.

The Reunion Committee Report was presented by Harry Bruckno. The rooms have been reserved, but a speaker has not yet been confirmed. Recommendations are welcome. It was noted that the hotel rooms at the Stonewall Jackson are going fast.

Although there was no Kablegram Committee Report, it was noted that the Kablegram is distributed to over 3,200 people at the cost of \$1.17 per person. Discussion about an electronic distribution was entertained. The board expects an issue before Thanksgiving and another in February.

No other committee reports were presented.

Website. A motion to approve a \$1,000 budget to Mark Orr for updating the website was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Reunion dates for 2009 were confirmed: Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th, 2009.

Historical Marker. The historical society will not proceed with a historical marker on the hill until we can prove the date that SMA was founded. A history of SMA is still being researched.

Tom Phillips introduced a proposed amendment to the bylaws that would increase the responsibilities of the Executive Committee of the Board and revised its membership. The amendment will have to be approved at the annual meeting during reunion weekend. In the interim, the committee will begin holding monthly phone calls to help carry out alumni business. All board members are invited to participate in the calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.