

WHEATON VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 08 September 2011 Meeting at the home of Lou Kaufman

Attendees: Brian McGinness, Paul Sterling, Lou Kaufman, Louise Lawson, and Pat Patterson

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Brian reported that he had spoken to Tom Brown via telephone on 8/22 about the Alumni Association and he will meet with Tom in person soon. Tom will attend an Alumni BOD meeting once we get the bingo situation under control. Brian asked Tom about the status of the new squad building and Tom said that the bids had come back somewhat higher than the loan amount so that triggered a modification to the loan. All permits are in hand. Brian reminded him that the alumni wanted to play a small role in the groundbreaking to which he agreed.
- b. They also discussed the corporate status of the Alumni Assoc. and whether the squad's insurance covers the Alumni Assoc. Tom is not sure. The intent was that it would, as all Alumni members that are not life members are supposedly Alumni members of the Squad too, which is a new category created in the by-laws. But if we are our own corporation, that might pierce the veil and we may or may not be covered on the Squad's policy. This needs clarification in the future. Tom also said he signed the bingo permit last year because the Squad is a 501(C)3 corporation and the Alumni Assoc, is not (but could be). Brian checked into becoming a 501(C)3 corporation and determined there is a \$400 IRS fee for an IRA determination of status. In the process of doing this he checked into our corporate status and found that we are indeed a Maryland Incorporation in good standing and that Buddy Schantz is our RA (which needs to be corrected).
- c. The summer cookout was held in July but with a smaller turnout than last year.
- d. Brian gave an update on the Basket Bingo event. See Old Business below for details.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian reported that these are \$7,135.83 in the Alumni Assoc. bank account.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Brian gave the following update on the basket bingo event:

- a. Lois Bell and Rhonda Cohen have agreed to handle the food for the bingo. Lois will get the food permit a couple of weeks before the event.
- b. Sponsors are needed for 27 baskets. Requests for bingo donations were mailed out to a number of the Squad's vendors but there have been no responses so far. Brian asked board members to make follow up calls. Board members volunteered to contact vendors as follows:

Lou – Chuck Levin's Music, Firehouse One, Roberts Home Medical and Remax.

Brian – Elbe's, Powerhouse Tool and Supply, and Holy Cross Hospital

Paul – Lindsay Ford, Marchones, and Md. Fire Equip. Co.

Pat – Continental Petroleum and EVS

Sue – Stained Glass Pub

Freddy – Fesco

Bob/Louise – Nicks and Country Boy

- c. Ed Whorton will obtain the bingo permit and have Tom Brown sign it.
- d. A discussion was held on advertising the bingo event including in the Patch newspapers.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Brian recommended that we update our RA by making Ed Whorton our new representative. It was the consensus of the Board members that Ed Whorton be our RA.
- b. A discussion was held on whether we should try to get 501(c)3 status and if it was worth the \$400 output to do it. It was the

consensus of the Board that we not pursue this action at this time. There was also a discussion on whether the Rescue Squad's liability insurance also covered the Alumni Assoc. This will be looked into.

- c. Jacob DeGlopper has offered to make Alumni ID cards for alumni that are not also life members.