

WVRS Alumni Assoc. Board of Dir. Meeting

December 03, 2015

6 PM

Attendance: Brian McGinness, Lou Kaufman, Pat Patterson, Jack Hartley, Louise Lawson, Robert Lawson and Paul Sterling via teleconferencing

The meeting was held at the Wheaton Rescue Squad station.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President McGinness reported on the following:

1. The shrimp/oyster feast will take place on Sunday, March 6, 2016. Both the ballroom and oyster shuckers have been booked.
2. The Alumni Association annual meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 07, 2016. The ballroom was booked for the month of April thus the May meeting date.
3. President McGinness agreed to run for WVRS first vice president for 2016. Hopefully this will not cause any conflicts.
4. The Rescue Squad's accountant was contacted concerning tax exemption status for the Alumni Association. Only some general guidance was provided (see discussion under new business).
5. The building re-dedication plaque that was donated by the Alumni Association has been installed and looks great.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kaufman reported that the total assets of the Alumni Association as of December 03, 2015, are \$7,216.10.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Exempt Status

The issue of tax exempt status for the Alumni Association was discussed. Brian reported that the plan is to submit the 501(c)(3) filing now in 2015 and file a 2015 return next year before the deadline. Hopefully our determination will have arrived by then as we are using the new short form for the 501(c)(3) determination filing. We will have to make a few tweaks to the By-Laws to be able to fully sustain an audit if one comes after we do this.

After a discussion, the following motion was made by Lou Kaufman, seconded by Louise Moore:

MOTION: That the Alumni Association apply for 501(c)(3) status at a cost of \$400.

Passed

2. Service Time Issue

The Alumni Association assisted the Squad by looking over the service records for two past members that were inquiring about their eligibility for life membership.

3. Service Time Awards

President McGinness reported that he will be meeting with the Rescue Squad's Awards Committee later this month to reach an understanding of the definition of "service time". The current statement from the Awards Committee is that service time awards are for "call riding active duty members who get LOSAP credit". There are also some contradictions in the program.

4. Shrimp/Oyster Feast Planning

President McGinness reported that he would like to form a planning group to assist with the shrimp/oyster feast. He will be incapacitated from the end of December through February with foot

surgery. He will be able to help with the planning from home. Students from Kennedy High School will assist at the feast again this year. Planning for the event should be easier this year since we know what to order and we have the vendor accounts in place. A separate crew to do the cleanup at the end of the event is needed and we will seek volunteers to assist with this effort. During the discussion it was decided that the money wheel be eliminated this year. We will also consider purchasing a steamer. Last year we sold 190 tickets and we will try for 250 this year. Brian will get the tickets printed shortly and the ticket price will be \$45.

5. Annual Meeting

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the board members that we use the same caterer as last year (CRD Catering) and follow the same format.

6. Fall Fund Raiser

A discussion was held on the possibility of having a fall fund raising event. Suggestions included having a second shrimp/oyster feast or an event like bingo which would not require as much work to organize. It was suggested that we look into holding a cash bingo in the fall. We need to understand the format of this type of event and how much seed money would be required to pull it off. Paul Sterling will look into this and report back.

OLD BUSINESS

Rescue 21 Project

Pat Patterson gave an update on the Rescue 21 Oldsmobile ambulance rehab. The project has been moving slowly, primarily because of a lack of funding. The unit has been stripped of all chrome parts, including the bumpers, which were sent out for re-chroming. We located and purchased a 1969 Oldsmobile sedan which will be used as a parts car. This acquisition will save us money in the long run as purchasing the entire car is a lot less expensive

than purchasing parts separately. The next step will be to work on the mechanics of the vehicle and then deal with undercarriage rust. At the request of board members, expenditure figures for the project to date are being provided in these minutes:

\$15,044.73 has been spent on the project. This total includes a \$3,000 deposit to the restoration shop that will be deducted from the final bill when the project is completed. It also includes the cost of the parts car (\$2,195.91) and shipping costs from New Mexico to Beltsville (\$1,075) for a total of \$3,270.91. This means that \$8,773.82 has been spent for actual work on the ambulance thus far. Funding for these expenses has been from individual donations from several alumni members.

Pat also reported that we are looking to contacting an individual that would fund a substantial portion, if not all, of this restoration. Brian suggested that the restoration committee develop some sort of work or business plan that could be used to explain the project to prospective donors. Pat will work on this. He also asked that the Alumni Assoc. support the project with a donation if possible.

After a discussion, the following motion was made by Jack Hartley, seconded by Louise Moore:

MOTION: To recommend to the alumni membership at the May 7, 2016 meeting that the Alumni Association donate \$1,000.00 to the Rescue Squad for the Rescue 21 Project.

Passed

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Patterson, Secretary