

**Minutes of July 26, 2003**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors of**  
**Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.**

The meeting was called to order after breakfast on Saturday morning, July 26, 2003, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center. In the absence of Steve Little, Chairman, and at the request of Martha Jo Berry, Vice Chairman, Jackson Norton presided. Jim Berry, Secretary, called the roll. Those in attendance were Jim Berry, Martha Jo Berry, Bill Culbreth, Robert Angell, Dick Burts, John Suggs, David Bell, Sr., Phil Brown, Jackson Norton, Frank Johnson, Bobby Donnelly, Landis Stanfield, Scott Luna, Alan Sanders, Matt Brown, John Carey, Ron Springs, Len Taylor, and Jay Rhodes. Guests were Bill Bowman, General Manager, LifeWay Conference Centers and Camps and Lisa Harris Joyner, representing Camp Crestridge Alumnae & Friends, Inc. Jim Berry presented the minutes of the February 1, 2003 meeting, which were approved.

**Officer Reports**

There were no reports presented by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman. Scott Luna and Jackson Norton presented the Treasurer's report. Jackson noted that \$100,000.00 from a money market account had been invested in bonds with the help of Jeff Davis. The bonds have staggered maturities with \$20,000.00 maturing each year. The aggregate interest rate is 3.58%. Jackson presented a balance sheet as of July 21, 2003, showing total assets of \$114,389.70 and a profit and loss statement for the period January 1 through July 21, 2003, showing net income of \$19,854.46. A statement of cash flow showed cash at the end of the period January 1 through July 21, 2003 of \$13,078.35. Several charts were also presented illustrating net worth by month and income and expenses by month.

It was reported that \$5,000.00 had been received in registration fees for the reunion. There was no Secretary's report or President's report.

**Committee Reports**

Frank Johnson presented the reunion report. Frank indicated that things were going well so far and that the agenda was being set. He reported that a CD was being prepared for sale for \$5.00. Dick Burts suggested having various era groups meet in nearby locations, which would permit "party hopping".

Bill Culbreth presented a chapel fund-raising committee report reporting that at the last meeting, discussion had been held for hiring a professional fund-raiser. He indicated that he thought that the group needed a professional fund-raiser to direct them and solicited input as to who might be selected. He noted that some of the objections that had been met were (1) some individuals feeling that the camp does not need a chapel and (2) the issue of theological differences limiting contributions from some of the older people. He reported that while some feel the camp is unique and that Baptist theology is usually not a concern, others were uncertain what might happen in the future. Bill indicated that the group felt a need for direction and noted that the project could not go on indefinitely. He solicited suggestions or authorization to hire a

fund-raiser. Jackson suggested that, since Board members are rotating off, it would be good to discuss this with the Board members to be elected Sunday. The Board discussed whether the chapel fundraising committee should meet before the Board meeting and agreed that the fundraising committee would meet at 5:30 P.M. prior to the banquet.

Daniel Redding gave the projects report. He reported on the new lake facilities and dam repairs and the building of the new docks by the Alumni Association and two blobs, one of which was provided by the Alumni Association. He indicated that a Fall work weekend is to be set.

Alan Sanders gave a chapel report, indicating that the chapel committee is in “suspended animation” waiting upon the results of the fund-raising project and that it had possible plans that had been prepared and are currently on hold.

There were no other committee reports.

### **Other Reports**

Lisa Harris Joyner gave a Camp Crestridge Alumnae & Friends, Inc. report and noted the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion scheduled for July 8, 9 and 10, 2004. She expressed appreciation to Robert Suggs, who had provided the means for making registration on-line. She also noted the need for repairs to the chapel and a desire to add on to the chapel. Lisa indicated that she is serving as reunion chair and that Cindy Tillis is the new President.

Ron Springs provided the Camp Ridgecrest report. He indicated that the final closing week had resulted in no major crises, but that there was a strep outbreak this year with forty or fifty cases. He was pleased with the attendance and noted that many camps were 5% or 10% down. He noted that Rockmont attendance was unusually low and that it had closed certain cabins for the last week. He noted that Ridgecrest attendance was slightly ahead of last year, that they had an excellent staff and that, with the addition of the blob and the new dock, all was working out well. He also reported on the new Shawnee bathhouse. Ron and Jackson noted that the Alumni Association had provided \$1,000.00 for the purchase of a new projector, which was not budgeted. Since there had not been time for the Board to take formal action to authorize this purchase in advance, a motion was made and seconded that the Board endorse this action. The motion passed to ratify and confirm this use of Alumni Association funds.

Bill Bowman provided a LifeWay report. Bill expressed an appreciation for the ministry of the camp and emphasized Lifeway's commitment to the camp. He mentioned the lake work and the bathhouse improvements. He reported that Ron and Daniel are doing a good job and indicated the intent to put together a master plan for the camp. He reported that he is working on strategic planning with Ron and Daniel as to what the master plan might look like. This should include recruiting staff and program. He referred to the facilities revitalization program at the Conference Center with the construction of the new hotel and the Dogwood Conference Room and expressed the intent to send out a revitalization plan for the camp beginning in the next few months. He noted the need for money and donations for major improvements and noted the involvement of the Nashville camp development department and the hiring of Bill Keisling as a fund-raiser who had offered his services to work with the camps. Bill suggested that anyone having input for the master plan could provide that through Jackson.

## **Other Reports**

Bill Culbreth discussed a need for maintaining the membership list and expressed the importance of expending the time and energy to keep this list for fundraising purposes, etc. He indicated that there were 1,200 active names on the list and a place in the website to add new names, but that there is no other major strategy to update the membership list. Landis suggested that the Board members all get on the website to see what additions they could made. Robert Angell moved that the Board direct Jackson to get the rolls up to date and spend money to do that. Jay Rhodes suggested that \$5,000.00 be authorized for purposes of this project, and suggested that the Board note at dinner the need to bring the roster up to date.

## **Old Business**

The Board discussed a number of potential Board members to fill the open slots. The Board agreed to nominate the following possible Board members: Rick Jones, Jacob Driggers, Dick Burts, Jason Hall, Adam Underwood, Matt Brown, Beth Olson and George Shriver. There was no other old business.

## **New Business**

The Board discussed whether it is necessary to hold both a Fall work weekend and a Spring work weekend. It was noted that no one showed up for Spring work weekends and Landis moved and Scott seconded that the Board schedule an alumni reunion in the Fall instead of during session break. This suggestion was approved. Various other projects were mentioned that might need to be discussed including changes in the bylaws and that there would be no more session breaks. It was agreed that the Board would talk about this in February.

## **Discussion for the betterment of the association**

There being no other issues to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.