

**Minutes of the July 18, 2009, Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.**

Commitment Statements

Pray daily for our Association and Camp

Give time and talents selflessly to the Association

Give generously so that we may continue to provide financial support to Camp and its programs

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the Ridgecrest Chapel, by Adam Underwood, Chairman, who presided. Following the opening prayer by Dr. Burts, Matthew Fowler called roll and recognized guests. Those in attendance were: Board members: Matthew Brown, Dr. Dick Burts, David and Nancy Corbett, Steve Cothran, Matthew Fowler, Dr. Michael Giusti, Jackson Norton, Beth Olson, John Perry and Adam Underwood (Matthew Brown had proxy for Phil Brown for all voting matters). Guests: Philip Berry, Ron Springs, Jimmie Holland, Steve LaSota, Scott Suggs, and Frank Johnson. Matthew Fowler presented the minutes of February 28, 2009, Board of Directors meeting which were approved.

Officer Reports

Chairman's Report. Adam Underwood expressed his gratitude to all those who made effort to attend today's meetings. Adam informed the group that we would be discussing the office of Association President later in today's meeting as well as discussing opportunities to assist camp in its cabin refurbishment/renovation project.

There was no Vice-Chairman's Report.

Matthew Fowler and Jackson Norton presented the Treasurer's Report in Jacob Driggers' absence. Matthew gave a general financial review and provided a P&L statement and Balance through July 15, 2009, for information (P&L and Balance Sheet attached). Board members discussed several items on the P & L statement and Balance sheet. Through July 15, 2009, the Balance Sheet shows Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred One and 23/100ths (\$22,301.23) in total assets. The P & L shows that Association has received Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine and 51/100ths (\$10,849.51) Dollars in total contributions year to date. The Association has incurred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight and 97/100ths (\$3,728.97) Dollars in expenses year to date leaving a net income of Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 54/100ths (\$7,120.54) Dollars. Jackson noted that some monies have already been designated for the cabin refurbishment and we continue to collect monies designate for camper scholarships. Jackson indicated that the Association was granted an extension on its 2008 tax filing. Jackson anticipates filing the Association's 2008 tax return in the next week to ten days. Adam Underwood encouraged all Board members to reach out to fellow alumni to remind them of membership dues and encourage fellow members to give to the Association and its projects.

There was no Secretary's report.

Matthew Fowler presented the Interim President's report. Matthew extended thanks to all those who have assisted in getting the new committee structure in place. Matthew recognized Jimmie Holland who will be nominated to serve as the Association's president later in today's meeting. Jimmie took a few moments and spoke to the group. Matthew reported that the Finance and Communications committees are up and running and are operating smoothly. Matthew extended special thanks to Jackson Norton and Chris Maslin for their work on the Finance Committee and extended special thanks to Adam Underwood, Scott Suggs, Frank Johnson and Ernie Roberts for their efforts on the communications committee. Matthew took a few minutes to remind the Board of the commitment statements presented at the February meeting and encouraged all members to encourage others in the Association to get involved as we move forward this year with our various projects in support of camp. Matthew concluded his remarks by thanking the Board for allowing him to serve as Interim President these past seven months.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee Report. Adam Underwood announced that everyone should have recently received their copy of the most recent *ECHO* newsletter. The Association was able to save money by using a third-party to format, print and distribute the newsletter. Matthew Fowler recognized Adam for his continued efforts in heading the creation and distribution of the *ECHO*. Scott Suggs reported that the Communications Committee is still trying to identify someone to help update and maintain the alumni website. Scott indicated that Jason Alford has expressed interest in addressing our immediate needs for the website. The Communications Committee will be speaking with Jason in the coming days to receive his recommendations and develop options for keeping the website current with information for the general membership.

Finance Committee Report. The Finance Committee Report was presented earlier during the Treasurer's Report. Matthew Fowler reminded the Board that Jacob Driggers will need to be replaced as Treasurer as he is rotating off the Board following today's meeting.

Camp Ridgecrest/Lifeway Report. Ron Springs and Phil Berry presented the Camp Ridgecrest Report. Ron indicated that Camp was enjoying a great summer so far and reported this has been another banner year for enrollment and camper weeks. The final two-week session begins tomorrow (July 19), with the one-week starter camp to follow. The reorganization of camper cabins (and the construction of the new cabin on Shawnee Hill) has allowed capacity to grow from 210 to 250 each two-weeks. The addition to the dining hall and the construction of the new infirmary on the middle green have really improved camp this summer. Both Camps have again been blessed with excellent and dedicated staffs. Phil thanked the Board again for its efforts in finishing the Chapel. He indicated it has been a wonderful addition to Camp and has provided a special place for worship on Sundays. Phil reported that the HVAC system and acoustic modifications have really added to the usefulness of the facility.

Special Events Report. Frank Johnson presented a report from the Crestridge 55th Summer Reunion celebration. Frank and Matthew Fowler attended the reunion on behalf of the Association. Frank suggested there may be ways for both organizations for work together in the future, such as common alumni weekends.

Dr. Burts gave a brief update of fellow Board member Hewlett Sullivan's condition. The Board expressed its concern and will continue to keep Hewlett and his family in their prayers.

There were no other reports.

Old Business

Association President Discussion. Matthew Fowler presented Jimmie Holland to the Board for consideration as President of the Association. Matthew reported that he has spoken and worked with Jimmie on several occasions during that past several months and believes Jimmie will serve the organization faithfully. Adam Underwood agreed that he believes Jimmie will be an excellent President and looks forward to working with him in the coming year. Following discussion by the Board, Jackson Norton made a motion, seconded by Beth Olson, that Jimmie Holland be elected to serve as President of the Camp Ridgecrest Alumni and Friends Association for an initial two (2) year term. The motion passed unanimously. As clarification, Jimmie's term of service begins today, with the two (2) year period concluding at the July 2011 Board of Directors meeting. Jimmie expressed his excitement about serving camp and the Association in this new role.

Cabin Refurbishment/Renovation. Adam Underwood reminded the Board that at its meeting in February, Phil Berry and Hal Hill discussed the anticipated refurbishment/renovation of the camper cabins at both Ridgecrest and Crestridge. At that meeting, the Board expressed interest in assisting camp in helping fund this project. Phil indicated that Lifeway has pledged support to help in the refurbishment/renovation (and new construction where appropriate) of several of the facilities at the two camps. The estimated commitment from Lifeway is One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.) Dollars over the next couple of years. As with most projects of this size, the work will be done in phases. This past off season, some of the funds were used to construct one new cabin on Shawnee Hill and a couple of new cabins at Crestridge. Funds were also used for the addition to the dining hall and the construction of the new infirmary. Although bids have not yet been received, Camp estimates that refurbishment/renovation of a cabin at Ridgecrest could cost around Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars. It appears that twenty-two (22) cabins at Ridgecrest are in need of some refurbishment/renovation. The refurbishment/renovation will include: updated lighting and electrical systems, outside and inside wall coverings, new roofs and redesigned rafters, upgraded ventilation and other improvements. Lifeway has developed some naming opportunities for individuals/groups wishing to participate in the project at

certain threshold levels. Lifeway has approved recognition/naming opportunities at the Fifteen Thousand, Ten Thousand and One Hundred Dollar levels. Individuals and groups interested in pursuing a naming and/or recognition opportunity are invited to visit the Camp website for specific information. Following lengthy discussion centered around ways to get fellow alumni engaged in this fundraising project, a motion was made by Adam Underwood and seconded by Mike Giusti that the Board will utilize the naming/recognition levels as proposed by Lifeway and will charge the Communications Committee to develop a “fundraising strategy” focused on raising funds for the Ridgecrest cabin refurbishment/renovation project. The Board anticipates a combination of phone calls, hard-copy mailings, website exposure and email communications (or some combination thereof) could prove effective tools during this fundraising effort. Fundraising efforts will begin immediately and will continue through September 30, 2010.

Scholarships. Matthew Fowler reminded the Board that Camp always in need of funds designated for camper scholarships. The Board expressed its commitment to continue its efforts in raising funds designed for camper scholarships. Ron and Phil expressed their appreciation for the Association’s commitment to providing scholarships to those in need.

Bylaws Update. Matthew Brown indicated that his brother has talked with a North Carolina attorney regarding our Bylaws. There is consensus that our current Bylaws provide appropriate mechanisms for the Board to conduct the business and further the mission of the Association. The Board will review the Bylaws periodically and propose amendments, from time to time, as appropriate. Adam Underwood will follow-up directly with Phil to make sure any necessary amendments to reflect our new committee structure are presented at the February 2010 Board meeting.

There was no other old business.

New Business

Adam Underwood reminded the Board that it must nominate a slate of Alumni members to replace the outgoing Board members. The Board discussed eligibility/commitment requirements/expectations for serving on the Board. Following a discussion of eligible Alumni members who have expressed interest in serving, a slate was determined. Adam Underwood made a motion, seconded by Beth Olson, that the following slate of names: **Kenny Byrd, Scott Suggs, Steve LaSota, Scott Luna, Jim/Martha Jo Berry, Billy Gregory and David Budd** be submitted to the general membership of the Alumni Association for consideration and approval. The motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed its thanks to Matthew Brown, Jacob Driggers, Beth Olson, Rick and Neely Barnhardt, Daniel Eils, Brian NeSmith and David and Nancy Corbett for their service to the Board and the Association these past three years.

Discussion for the Betterment of the Association

The Board discussed and agreed that the Annual Fall Work Weekend will be held the weekend of October 16, 17 and 18, 2009. Jimmie will work with Phil Berry to discuss potential work projects for that weekend.

Matthew Fowler reminded the Board that it will receive recommendations and vote on a recipient of the Frank Johnson Service Award at the February 2010 meeting. Frank Johnson was the inaugural winner of the award. The 2009 winner, as voted by the Board at the February 2010 meeting, will be recognized at the July 2010 General Membership meeting.

Frank Johnson reminded the Board that Ridgecrest alumni Walter Rees (camper in 1936 and 1937) and John Elliot Gallaway (staffer in the late 30's and 40's and founder of the Galloway School in Atlanta) have passed away. The Board expressed its condolences to both their families.

Matthew Fowler encouraged everyone to attend the annual Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends General Members meeting at 2:00pm today (July 18, 2009) as well as the second Board of Directors Meeting to begin immediately following the General Members meeting. Both meetings will be held at the Ridgecrest Chapel.

Adjournment

There being no other issues to discuss, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion for adjournment passed unanimously. Phil Berry closed the meeting in prayer.