

**Minutes of the General Members  
Meeting Saturday, July 15, 2006  
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Saturday, July 15, 2006, in Spilman Lodge at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys by Jackson Norton, President and CEO, who presided. Matthew Fowler, Secretary, called roll. Those in attendance were: Neely Barnhardt, Jim Berry, Dr. Dick Burts, Matthew Brown, John Carey, Jeff Davis, Jacob Driggers, Matthew Fowler, David Haughton, Peter Haughton, Hal Hill, Jimmie Holland, Ryan Krumroy, Steve Little, Scott Luna, Beth Olson, Cara Pollard, Dr. Alan Sanders, Ron Springs, Landis Stanfield, Hewlett Sullivan, Ben Talbert, and Adam Underwood. Jackson Norton attended as President and CEO. Matthew Fowler presented the minutes of the July 14, 2005, General Members Meeting, which were approved.

**Officer Reports**

There was no Chairman's Report.

There was no Vice Chairman's Report.

Jacob Driggers presented the Treasurer's Report. Jacob gave a general financial review indicating, that the Association currently has approximately two hundred eighty four thousand dollars (\$284,000.00) currently in investments. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) of that total is ear-marked for the Ridgecrest pavilion. Jacob stated that currently the Association has two hundred ninety-seven thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$297,820.00) in cash for the Ridgecrest Chapel. We still have several of our pledges outstanding. Jackson Norton indicated that if we receive, at a minimum, forty percent (40%) of the current accounts receivable (outstanding pledges) our total would come to approximately three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars (\$322,000.00) for the Ridgecrest Chapel. Jacob recognized Jeff Davis who serves of the Association's financial advisor. He works with Raymond James Financial Services.

There was no Secretary's Report.

Jackson Norton presented the President and CEO's Report. Jackson reported that a new issue of the *ECHO* is being produced by Adam Underwood and should be ready for mailing in the near future.

**Committee Reports**

Alan Sanders presented the Chapel Committee Report. Alan indicated that the Chapel Committee had been working hard over the past several months trying to finalize details relating to the construction of the Ridgecrest Chapel. Alan reported that today (July 15, 2006) the Board of Directors approved a Grant Agreement between the Alumni Association and Lifeway. This Agreement is to be executed by Jackson Norton and it transfers our funds ear-marked for the Chapel to Lifeway so that Lifeway may enter into

a contract with the construction company. The Board also authorized Scott Luna to finalize and sign-off on the final design drawings that are being developed by the engineer. At present, Hall Hill and the Chapel Committee are in the process of studying and finalizing bids for construction. There is a local construction company, Honeycutt Construction, Inc. who is very interested in serving as the construction company on the Ridgecrest Chapel project. Currently the parties are working to iron out final costs and to receive other bids per Lifeway requirements.

There was no Fundraising Committee Report except to state that the Fundraising Committee continues to contact members of the Association updating them on the progress of the Ridgecrest Chapel and to provide an opportunity to donate.

Frank Johnson presented the Special Events Committee Report. Frank stated that today will be a special day in the life of Camp Ridgecrest because we will be having the Ridgecrest Chapel Groundbreaking Ceremony immediately after this meeting. There will be a short ceremony where we will break ground at the construction site. There will be an opportunity for photographs and a chance for everyone to help prepare the site by “breaking ground.” A reception will follow in Spilman Lodge.

Ron Springs presented the Camp Ridgecrest Report. Ron reported that Camp had just finished its third two-week session. The final two-week opening day will be tomorrow (Sunday, July 16, 2006). Ron indicated that Camp was enjoying a great summer so far. Ron reports this has been a banner year for enrollment with 2,866 camper weeks (over 3,000 if you count the new Starter Camp). There is actually a waiting list for the one week Starter Camp. Ron praised the strong staff at both camps and asked for the Alumni Association’s continued prayers.

There were no other committee reports.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

Jackson Norton outlined to the general membership the revisions to the Alumni Association’s Bylaws. The amendments were approved by the Board its meeting today (July 15, 2006). The Bylaws amendments were enacted in an effort to have the document reflect how the Board actually operates by having a President/CEO who handles the day to day operations of the Association, as well as having the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary be on the Board. There were some offices named in the Bylaws that have not been filled and are not used. Also the term member and Board member were made consistent throughout the document to clear up several ambiguities. Jackson asked that any Alumni Member who would like a current copy of the Bylaws to please see him after the meeting or he would email a copy to them. The Bylaws are also available online at the Alumni Association website.

Jackson Norton presented to the general membership the slate of eight Alumni Members (or couples) recommended by the Board of Directors to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors replacing the eight Directors rotating off. The slate of members recommended by the Board of Directors are: Kenny Byrd, Daniel Eils, Brian NeSmith, Rick and Neely Barnhardt, Jacob Driggers, Matthew Brown, Beth Olson, and David and Nancy Corbett. Hewlett Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Alan Sanders, that the slate of eight Alumni Members (or couples) nominated by the Board of Directors be approved to serve as Directors on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other new business.

### **Discussion for the Betterment of the Association**

Jackson Norton encouraged everyone to attend the Fall Work Weekend being held the weekend of October 14-15, 2006. The General Membership joined Jackson Norton in recognizing Dr. Dick Burts for his six (6) years of service and dedication to the Camp Ridgecrest Alumni and Friends Association. Dr. Burts is rotating off the Board this year. Dr. Burts spoke of his love for Ridgecrest and his excitement to see the dream of a chapel at Ridgecrest realized. He thanked all the Alumni Members present for their love of Ridgecrest and challenged all of us to stay involved with Ridgecrest as it continues to grow and prosper.

Frank Johnson reminded the members of the following Alumni Association Members who had passed away the past year. These Members include: Ross Arnold, Wert Cooper, Joel Montgomery and Hal Unwin.

### **Adjournment**

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