

**Minutes of the General Members
Meeting Saturday, July 21, 2007
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm on Saturday, July 21, 2007, at the Camp Ridgecrest Chapel by Jackson Norton, President and CEO, who presided. Matthew Fowler, Secretary, called roll. Those in attendance were: Jim Berry, Martha Jo Berry, Matthew Brown, Phil Brown, Matthew Fowler, Dr. Michael Giusti, Frank Johnson, Scott Luna, Beth Olson, Dr. Alan Sanders, Landis Stanfield, Adam Underwood and Todd Young. Jackson Norton attended as President and CEO.

Officer Reports

There was no Chairman's Report.

There was no Vice Chairman's Report.

Jackson Norton, presented the Treasurer's Report in Jacob Driggers' absence. Jackson gave a general financial review indicating that the Alumni Association currently has a balance of approximately ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars in the bank. Jackson indicated that approximately eight thousand (\$8,000.00) dollars are funds designated for the Ridgecrest Chapel and the remaining balance of approximately two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars are undesignated funds. Jackson indicated that the main reason for the current fund level is the use of all the designated Ridgecrest Chapel funds for the construction of the Ridgecrest Chapel. Jackson indicated that the Alumni Association has been able to raise approximately four hundred twenty five thousand (\$425,000.00) dollars for the Ridgecrest Chapel. Of that amount, approximately four hundred twenty two thousand (\$422,000.00) dollars have been expended. This year the Alumni Association was able to fund additional scholarships because additional funds were received designated for scholarships. Finally, Jackson indicated that this year the Alumni Association had raised approximately Ninety Two Thousand (\$92,000.00) Dollars which the vast majority of that amount being designated to the Ridgecrest Chapel project.

There was no Secretary's Report.

Jackson Norton presented the President and CEO's Report. Jackson indicated that he intends to submit a letter of resignation to the Board effective December 31, 2008. Jackson has served as the Alumni Association's President and CEO for almost ten years. Jackson expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this role these past ten years and will work with the Alumni Association to locate a qualified replacement over the next several months. The Members expressed their gratitude to Jackson for his years of faithful service to Ridgecrest and the Alumni Association. After brief discussion, the Members agreed the need to re evaluate the current President and CEO job description as they begin to consider replacements for Jackson.

Committee Reports

There was no Fundraising Committee Report due to Adam Hewitt's absence. The Members acknowledged the passing of Adam's father and extended its sympathies to the Hewitt family.

Scott Luna provided an overview of the Ridgecrest Chapel during the Chapel Committee Report. Scott indicated that the Ridgecrest Chapel is a six thousand square foot commercial grade building (3,000 square foot main level with a 3,000 square foot unfinished basement). The Ridgecrest Chapel was constructed by Honeycutt Construction of Marion, North Carolina. The 3,000 square foot main level has a seating capacity of three hundred forty three. The loft area to the rear of the Ridgecrest Chapel will house the audio-visual equipment. Scott indicated that most of the wood found in the Ridgecrest Chapel is eastern white pine. The roof has been constructed in a "post and beam system." This system does not require the use of support posts in the main area of the Chapel and thus creating unobstructed views of the front from all angles and seating areas. The trim has been done in "tongue and groove." The 3,000 square foot unfinished basement will be up fitted in the future to address future programming needs, such as classroom or meeting room space. The logs creating the outside façade, are call "D-shaped" logs. The outside of the Ridgecrest Chapel also has a full wraparound porch. Jackson added that he and Scott are looking at funding opportunities to construct the stone fireplace at the front of the Ridgecrest Chapel. The Members expressed their appreciation to everyone who put so much effort into completing the Ridgecrest Chapel project and extended special appreciation to Scott Luna, Camps Administration and the Chapel Committee for its efforts these past several months.

Frank Johnson presented the Special Events Committee Report. Frank indicated that next summer, Ridgecrest will celebrate its 80th summer. Frank indicated that it is now time to start making plans for the Alumni celebration weekend. Frank anticipates that the 80th celebration weekend will be similar to the 75th celebration. The Board will further discuss the details of the 80th summer celebration during the second Board meeting which will be held later this afternoon (July 21, 2007).

Jackson Norton presented the Webmaster's Report in Robert Suggs' absence. Jackson reported that a great deal of new data is being up loaded onto the Alumni website. The Camp "long pictures" are now online as well as old postcards and even a brochure from the 1930 summer. Pictures showing the Ridgecrest Chapel construction progress are also available on the website. Some of the areas on the website are password protected and Jackson explained the log in process. A full directory of Alumni names and contact information are available as well.

There were no other committee reports.

Matthew Brown gave an overview of Ron Springs' Camp Ridgecrest Report that was presented during the first Board of Directors Meeting held earlier today (July 21,

2007). Ron had reported this has been another banner year for enrollment. Camper weeks are currently two hundred weeks ahead of last years' totals. A sixth Shawnee Tribe cabin has been opened for the first time in years. Camp is looking forward to the second year of Starter Camp beginning after the final two-week session. While the enrollment is down somewhat from last summer, the enrollment is still ahead of the goals set before the first Starter Camp last summer. There are currently approximately sixty enrolled for the Starter Camp this summer. Ron also indicated that both Camps have been blessed with excellent and dedicated staffs. Ron reported that Chris Maslin has resigned as Assistant Director of Ridgecrest Summer Camps and will be taking a job with the Biltmore Company at the end of the summer. Ron was pleased to announce that long-time Ridgecrest camper and staffer Philip Berry has been named Assistant Director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys. His first day will be August 16, 2007. The Members expressed their excitement of having Philip Berry returning to Ridgecrest in this full-time role.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Matthew Brown reported that following discussion during the Board of Directors meeting he had dissolved the Chapel Committee. He indicated that the Board desires to collaborate with Camp Administration in developing ideas on how best to use the 3,000 square foot unfinished basement. Matthew also reported that an Ad Hoc committee had been formed and was charged with working with potential donors in identifying funding opportunities for the various unfinished projects related to the Ridgecrest Chapel. Another charge to this Ad Hoc committee will be to communicate with Lifeway in regards to the potential sales tax refund on materials used in the Ridgecrest Chapel project. The Ad Hoc committee will be headed by Scott Luna and Jackson Norton and will report to the Board at the February 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

Jackson Norton, Matthew Brown and Frank Johnson gave a brief overview of the initial ideas regarding the 80th summer celebration and reminded the Members that the Board will continue its discussions regarding this matter during the second Board of Directors meeting to be held later in this afternoon (July 21, 2007).

Jackson Norton presented to the general membership the slate of five Alumni Members recommended by the Board of Directors to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors replacing the five Directors rotating off. The slate of members recommended by the Board of Directors are: Dr. Dick Burts, Matthew Fowler, John Perry, Doug Trotter and Adam Underwood. Landis Stanfield made a motion, seconded by Todd Young, that the slate of five Alumni Members 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 informed the Members that Sinda Snead is celebrating her 30th summer at Camp this summer. Sinda's first summer at Ridgecrest was 1978. A bronze plaque is being made that will commemorate this milestone and will be placed either at the infirmary or the nurses station. A plaque will also be given to her in recognition of her years of service and dedication to Camp.

Frank reminded the Board that Jackson Norton is celebrating his 20th summer at Camp this summer. The Members extended their appreciation to Jackson for his years of faithful service to Camp.

Frank Johnson reminded the members of the two Alumni Association Members who had passed away during the past year. These Members are Darrell Richardson and Dr. James Al Martin.

Adjournment

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