

**Minutes of the General Members
Meeting Saturday, July 18, 2009
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the Ridgecrest Chapel by Adam Underwood, who presided. Matthew Fowler called roll. Those in attendance were: Matthew Fowler, Jimmie Holland, Jackson Norton, Steve LaSota, Scott Suggs, Frank Johnson, Dr. Dick Burts, Adam Hewitt, Bobby Black, John Perry, Bobby Donnelly, Jason Alford, Scott Counce, and John Carey. Matthew Fowler presented the minutes of July 27, 2008, General Members meeting which were approved.

Officer Reports

Adam Underwood presented the 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 and the new Board committee structure later in today's meeting as well as discussing opportunities to assist camp in its cabin refurbishment/renovation project. Adam Underwood also recognized newly elected Association President Jimmie Holland to the general membership. Jimmie took a few minutes to introduce himself and answer questions. Adam also thanked Matthew Fowler for his seven months of service as interim President of the Association.

There was no Vice Chairman's Report.

Jackson Norton presented the Treasurer's Report in Jacob Driggers' absence. Jackson 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). 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. He also indicated that the Board Communications Committee has been charged with developing a "fundraising strategy" focused on raising funds for the Ridgecrest cabin refurbishment/renovation project.

There was no Secretary's Report except to report that the July 2007 General Members Minutes were not presented for approval in July 2008 and will be submitted for approval

at the July 2010 General Members meeting. An electronic copy of the minutes are available on the Alumni website for review.

Matthew Fowler presented a general overview of the new Board committee structure and the revised role for the Association President. Matthew passed out a Committee and President overview sheet (attached). 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 also took a few minutes to present to the membership the Board's new commitment statements 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. The Board's commitment statements are: Pray daily for our Association and Camp, Give time and talents selflessly to the Association, and Give generously so that we may continue to provide financial support to Camp and its programs. Matthew concluded his remarks by thanking the Association for allowing him to serve as Interim President these past seven months.

There were no other reports.

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. 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.

Camp Ridgecrest/Lifeway Report. Adam Underwood gave a general overview of Ron Springs and Phil Berry's Camp Ridgecrest Report from this morning's Board of Directors meeting. 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.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Adam Underwood presented a general overview to the membership of the Ridgecrest cabin refurbishment/renovation fundraising project. Adam 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. Adam reported that the Board has charged 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. Adam encouraged members of the general membership to contact fellow alumni members to contribute to this project.

Adam Underwood and Matthew Fowler presented to the general membership the slate of seven (7) Alumni Members recommended by the Board of Directors to serve a

three-year term on the Board of Directors replacing the eight (8) Directors rotating off. The slate of members recommended by the Board of Directors were: **Kenny Byrd, Scott Suggs, Steve LaSota, Scott Luna, Jim/Martha Jo Berry, Billy Gregory and David Budd.** Frank Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bobby Black, that the slate of seven (7) 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

It was announced that the Annual Fall Work Weekend will be held the weekend of October 16, 17 and 18, 2009.

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.

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 Gallaway School in Atlanta) have passed away. The Board expressed its condolences to both their families.

Scott Counce and Frank Johnson gave the membership an update of the condition of John Henson's daughter who was recently involved in a terrible church van accident. She is currently in the hospital in Mississippi. Members of the Association are encouraged to reach out the Henson family.

There was no other discussion.

Adjournment

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