

Saturday, April 09, 2016

Minutes of Meeting held on 04-09-2016

Prayer – Mr. Ernie Weatherholtz '65

Attendance sheets were passed out and Dr. Skipper announced that for voting only MMA Alumni were authorized to vote.

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion to approve minutes: Stewart Bair, Second Rick Ruhlin. Motion Passed.

BOT Liaison Remarks: Mr. Ernie Weatherholtz gave remarks.

Standing Committee Reports:

Alumni Outreach - Chairman Mr. Dean Simonds '63: Introduced his assistant: Kristin. The next newsletter should be out mid-May and will be pushing summer school. Another newsletter will come out this summer with homecoming information. Discussion on how to get other alumni to provide email addresses took place. It was noted that the costs of the newsletter just for postage at 4 pages is \$600 per mailing. Please send any articles, pictures, or items of interest to Mr. Simonds for inclusion in the newsletter.

Alumni Events - Mr. Alan Haines '67 – No present – No Report

Alumni Legacy Mr. Rick Ruhlin '69 – Mr. Ruhlin showcased the items he brought for sale and has been donating as gifts to MMA graduates. Nominating Committee reported nominee for Hall of Fame is Rick Ruhlin. Biographical information on the nominee was presented by Stewart Bair.

Alumni Annual Fund Vacant – No participants on the committee

Reports of Special Committees – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

Dr. Skipper provided a report on the state of the Academy and actions of the Board of Trustees. Examples: Enrollment at 104 Cadets, Re-Accreditation Status, 22 Summer School applications, 51 Fall applications, 32 College Acceptances for 16 Seniors who have heard back at this time, etc.; BOT Approved construction of a JROTC Rappelling Tower, Approved reinstatement of the PG Basketball Program.

Proposed Rule Changes were read and discussed:

1. To add a Section 14, a, xiii (Hall of Fame), pg. 5.

To allow: "For Alumni Council members to vote for as many of the nominees as they chose."

2. To Add to a Section 3, d (The Alumni Council), pg. 1.

To add: "Members-At-Large to the Alumni Council showing them the same rights as Standing Committee Members."

Discussion held. Mr. Ruhlin who made the proposals stated that he had sent in another proposal that would require the nominee to obtain a simple majority (more yes votes than no votes) to be elected. Discussion was held offering to place that item before the group. No action taken. Discussion on rule change proposal # 2 and Mr. Ruhlin rescinded the proposal. Votes take only on HOF nominee and proposed rule change # 1.

Vote on Hall of Fame Nominee(s): Mr. Rick Ruhlin was elected

Vote on Suggested Changes to Rules: Proposal #1 failed and was defeated.

Discussion was held on the real purpose and mission of the Alumni Council. Concern was that it is currently just a body to elect HOF and does little to meet its stated purpose and has no mission statement. Stated Purpose: ""The Purpose of the Alumni Council is to perform, coordinate, and facilitate services and activities that assist the MMA's Administration in meeting its mission: "To prepare cadets for their success by delivering structure and a superior educational experience. Our unique approach involves an environment built on collaboration, critical thinking and innovation.""

Suggestions made that the Alumni Council should be working to activate and invigorate Alumni to support the Academy through donations of time, talent, and resources. Ms. Melody Hutsell and Reverend Stewart Bair volunteered to be on a committee to develop a *mission statement*.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.