

Minutes for Mighty Hawkeye Bn Alumni Association Board Meeting

4 APR 2017

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm Central

Directors Present

- ✓ Scott Ayres – '83
- ✓ Jeff Borland – '87
- ✓ Brad Cook – '95
- ✓ Dave Deyak – Former PMS
- ✓ Steve Fredericks – '69/Former PMS
- ✓ Katie Hanna – '94
- ✓ Rob Hedgepeth – '88
- ✓ Todd Jacobus – '88
- ✓ Dave Lewis – '89
- ✓ Diana Meador – '89
- Luke Peters – '89
- Dave Pinter – '90
- ✓ Joseph Poch – '09
- ✓ Vance Stewart – '85
- Stewart Wallace – '68

Others Present

- ✓ LTC Zach Buettner, PMS
- ✓ Tony Wolf

1. Rob Hedgepeth called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.
2. Rob called for any conflicts of interest. Dave Lewis noted that he has taken a position as the Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Johnson County. This may mean that he has to defer voting on some financial matters as we discuss tax-deductible account options.
3. Approval of the minutes for the regular board meeting of 07 MAR 2017 were unanimously approved on a motion by Jeff Borland and a 2nd by Katie Hanna.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee:
 - i. Treasurer's Report. Current Balance - \$2,313.25. No changes from last month. On a motion by Todd Jacobus (2nd by Jeff Borland) the board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.
 - ii. Discussion about the UofI President's announcement that the UIAA and UI Foundation will merge ensued. Rob previously forwarded a message to the other Board members from Jeff Kueter. Given the uncertainties about how the new organization will function, some endeavors will be put on hold for the near term.
 - iii. Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). – Rob Hedgepeth and Todd Jacobus will meet with Jeff Kueter at the UIAA regarding CFC and the Amazon America Smile program. **On hold.**

- iv. Update on proposed “intent of funds” letter. On 4 March, Luke sent a proposed fund raising letter to the board for consideration. The letter asked the alumni for at least a \$100.00 donation in order to establish operating funds for alumni events, funds for department events and funds to work toward the establishment of scholarships for cadets. The letter also had a link sending alumni to the UIAA for the contribution which isn’t tax deductible. Stewart Wallace indicated that in his experience the letter should be no more than one page long and that we would probably raise more money if we had a tax deductible route. Stewart also spoke with Sarah Cavanaugh at the UI Foundation regarding sending tax deductible donations to the Foundation. Dave Lewis suggested that we request the UI Foundation compose the letter for us to send out as they are the subject matter experts at this. Rob will follow-up with Ms. Cavanaugh and Jeff Kueter at the UIAA. **On hold**
 - v. Rob provided a summary of the differences between the UIAA and the UofI Foundation as they used to exist. He also summarized the existing foundation accounts with assistance from Tony Wolf. There currently exist two accounts that benefit Army ROTC at UofI.
 - 1 One is an endowed account named the Stubbs and 1-410th IN account. This account was established with stipulations on how the proceeds from the account are used.
 - 2 The other is called the Army ROTC Program Account. It is not endowed and funds can be used by the Department as operating funds.
 - 3 Ground rules for the foundation are such that any money from either account to a beneficiary is transferred within the University accounting system. The Foundation does not have a mechanism to write checks. Money can be transferred to a student account (scholarship) to the Army ROTC account for the Department’s use.
 - 4 Rob noted that current foundation rules state that new accounts need a minimum of \$50,000.00 to open.
- b. Strategic Vision Committee:
- i. Update on committee progress. Brad Cook has sent a draft letter proposing initial operating guidance for the committees to get them started. Brad re-stated the four primary points of guidance for board approval.
 - 1) Always maintain a professional ethic in all team actions - nothing illegal, immoral, or harmful. (Everything we do or fail to do will likely reflect on the MHB, U. of Iowa, Army R.O.T.C., and the U.S. Army.)
 - 2) Obtain board approval before making any commitments or taking any actions on behalf of the MHBAA.
 - 3) Coordinate with points of contact for existing initiatives, to include LTC Zach Buettner ('97), Professor of Military Science.
 - 4) As an initial product, please complete the appropriate strategy team template (attached to this e-mail) in order to:
 - a) Describe what we (as an association) have done before (or are currently doing) to support existing initiatives.
 - b) Propose new initiatives and/or modifications to exiting initiatives to the board for approval.
 - ii. Motion unanimously approved on a motion by Dave Lewis and a 2nd by Joe Poch.
 - iii. Brad will contact Luke Peters to get correct emails for all volunteers and send forth guidance and contact info to each initiative leader.

- c. Outreach Committee: NSTR
- d. Social Networking: NSTR

5. Department Updates:

- a. Mil Ball. Will be 22 April 2017 at with social hour at 1700 at the IMU, Stewart Wallace will be the guest speaker. Initiations are out via mail and email. LTC Buettner noted that PMSs from 1987, 1997, and 2007 will be in attendance at this year's ball and special recognition will be provided to attendees who commissioned in any year ending in "7".
- b. During MG Wallace's time in Iowa, he will meet with BG Altman, Iowa National Guard DAG, Speak to the Iowa State University Tri-Service change of command, meet with Iowa Governor Branstad and LT Gov Reynolds, Uofl President Harreld, a rep from the Uofl Foundation, and attend the Mighty Hawkeye Bn spring FTX.
- c. LTC Buettner noted that the Department is anticipating quite a lot of turnover soon, including both APMSs. He also noted that 4th year extension requests for PMSs are being denied, so he expects he will also depart at the end of next year. It may be worthwhile to note the possibility of the assignment opening to MHB Alumni for interested O-4/O-5 applicants. He also expects the Department mission to increase as the Army grows.
- d. Rube's Steakhouse Fundraiser. LTC Buettner still has to confirm the June 14 dates with Matt Anderson from Rube's. Once the date is confirmed, he will check to see if the UIAA can still send an email out to all Uofl alumni in their database with a zip code in the Des Moines Metro area.
- e. Spring Commissioning. Commissioning will be in the Kinnick Stadium Press Box on 12 May 2017. A BG from the USAR will be the speaker. The department intends to commission 12 Lieutenants and also expects to commission 3 cadets over the summer.
- f. LTC Buettner also noted that the Army Reserve has a broadening assignment opportunity for drilling reservist officers and E-6/E-7 NCOs to conduct their monthly drills in support of an ROTC detachment. He believes one O-3 will be on board soon, with the possibility of one or two other openings.

6. Old Business.

- a. Golf Event. Joe briefed that Finkbine can host the event with a set price for 100 people. If we get more, the cost to us stays the same. He also stated the other area golf course would charge on a per-person basis. More discussion is required to set a date and identify help with planning, etc. Issue deferred until April.

7. New Business.

- a. Katie Hanna graciously volunteered to purchase 2LT rank (OCP/Velcro) for each of the 15 cadets who will commission this spring/summer. The rank will be presented to each new Officer on behalf of the MHBAA along with a letter from the board and an invitation to take part in our activities as they begin their career.

b. Calendar of events. Our plan is to have the 4 April meeting as scheduled. At that meeting Board members need to indicate if they will be available the day of the Mil Ball (22 Apr) at 1400 for a meeting (either in person or via phone). If we have a quorum on 22 Apr the 2 May meeting will be cancelled.

8. Other Items.

a. Next scheduled meetings

- i. 22 APR 17 Military Ball Meeting at 1400 at South Quad. Call in will also be available.
- ii. 02 May 17 – Conditional; if we have a quorum for the 22 Apr meeting this one will be cancelled.
- iii. 01 AUG 17

9. On a motion by Joe Poch and a 2nd by Brad Cook the meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

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Robert A. Hedgepeth

President

Mighty Hawkeye Battalion

Army ROTC Alumni Association (MHBA)

MHBAA Calendar

3 Jan 17	Board Meeting
7 Feb 17	Board Meeting
7 Mar 17	Board Meeting
4 Apr 17	Board Meeting
22 Apr 17	Military Ball/Board Meeting
2 May 17	Board Meeting
12 May 17	Spring Commissioning
29 May 17	Memorial Day
14 Jun 17	<i>Tentative</i> Rube's Steakhouse Fundraiser
4 Jul 17	Independence Day
1 Aug 17	Board Meeting
??Aug 17	Summer Commissioning
21 Aug 17	Fall Classes Start
1-14 Sep 17	Board Elections
2 Sep 17	Home FB game (WY)
5 Sep 17	Board Meeting
8 Sep 17	Game Ball Run
16 Sep 17	Home FB game (N TX)
23 Sep 17	Home FB game (PSU)
3 Oct 17	Board Meeting
7 Oct 17	Home FB game (III) – HC
28 Oct 17	Home FB game (Minn)

4 Nov 17 Home FB game (OSU)
7 Nov 17 Board Meeting
11 Nov 17 Veteran's Day
18 Nov 17 Home FB game (PU)

23 Nov 17 Thanksgiving
5 Dec 17 Board Meeting
o/a 15 Dec 17 Winter Commissioning
9 Jan 18 Board Meeting
6 Feb 18 Board Meeting
6 Mar 18 Board Meeting
o/a 21 Apr 18 Military Ball/Board Meeting

o/a 11 May 18 Spring Commissioning