

**Minutes for the Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association (MHBA) Board Meeting  
- 5 January 2021 -**

Meeting Start Time: 7:05 pm Central  
Zoom Meeting (Visual and Audio)

<b>Directors present:</b>			<b>Non-Directors present:</b>		
1.	X	Scott AYRES – '83	1.	X	Rob HEDGEPEETH – '89
2.		Kevan BAKEWELL – '98	2.	X	Tony WOLF – '85
3.	X	Josh BUSARD – '99			
4.		Jamie CLASEN – '07			
5.	X	Brad COOK – '95 (Secretary)			
6.	X	Kevin FLATT – '70			
7.	X	Katie HANNA – '94 (President)			
8.	X	Karl KRAUS – '88			
9.	X	Ken MADDEN – '71			
10.	X	David (Dave) PINTER – '90			
11.	X	Joe POCH – '09 (Treasurer)			
12.	X	Walter PRENTICE – '69 (VP)			
13.		Marshall RICHARDSON – '13			
14.	X	Scott SANBORN – '85			
15.	X	Stewart (Stu) WALLACE – '68			

1. Katie HANNA called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm Central.
2. Katie did not call for any conflicts of interest and no directors noted any.
3. The board voted to **APPROVE** both sets of 1 December 2020 minutes (one for the regular meeting and one for the subsequent special meeting to elect the 2021 officer slate) with motion to approve by Scott SANBORN and seconded by Stu WALLACE.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Finance Committee: (Joe POCH)

i. Account Status: Joe reported that the bank assessed an inactive account fee of \$14.00 on our Operational Account (if no activity for six months) and that he is trying to resolve the charge with the bank. We received two deposits to our Operational Account from Wreaths Across America and there may be more due in; he's trying to get the final number of wreaths our members supported this year. Scott asked Joe to please provide the final number so he can publicize it and thank everyone on LinkedIn

Ops Fund	\$3,938.12
Scholarship Fund	\$7,346.15
Fac Fund	\$1,787.90
	Total \$13,072.17

ii. Update on how to thank donors: Katie said she had talked with Tony WOLF about this topic in the past and, specifically, if it would be possible to send hand-written notes to donors. Tony reported that we can't currently get that detailed level of information from the university and would have to talk with Jeff Lieberman (from the Center for Advancement) to see if we could get it. Katie said we'd revisit next month.

b. Strategic Vision Committee: (Brad COOK)

i. Build a World Class Network of Leaders (Diana MEADOR).

- a) Cadet Mentorship Program – Diana was not present tonight so there were no new updates.
- b) Katie emphasized that cadets had been in contact with their mentors, so the program is ongoing.

ii. Support, Enhance and Fund Department Activities: (Karl KRAUS)

- a) Karl reported that he spoke with LTC Kevin SALGE about the spring 2021 semester, but there are not many in-person events.
- b) Tony reported that the BDE Ranger Challenge competition is scheduled for the last week in February and that the MIL Ball was tentatively scheduled for 17 April. LTC SALGE said the department could submit a waiver to the university to conduct the MIL Ball, but that Iowa City is a COVID-19 hotspot in the state [and therefore wouldn't likely receive approval]. LTC SALGE plans to make a decision in early March.
- c) Katie noted that in the past, alumni (some from the MHBAA) have financially supported every cadet attending the MIL Ball by paying their ticket costs. She raised the question of whether to include a notice about donating in the next Hawkeye Happenings newsletter or to wait until LTC SALGE makes a final decision.
- d) Dave PINTER asked if we could just hold the donated funds (not immediately cashing the checks) and if LTC SALGE cancels the MIL Ball, then the donated funds would go to the MHBAA. Tony opined that Sharyl GRIMM would say 'no' to this option.
- e) Ken MADDEN asked if we would be able to ensure such donated funds would actually go to the MHBAA.
- f) After some additional discussion, Katie decided that we would wait until next month's meeting to revisit the question.

iii. Recruit the Next Generation of Leaders: (Stu WALLACE)

- a) Tony reported that Joe conducted free sports physicals for 17 cadets over two nights so they could enroll in the program. This was an unusually high number of potential cadets at a time when other sports physical options had dried up due to COVID. Joe's efforts resulted in the program getting far ahead of their enrollment goals for the fall. (Great job and thanks, Joe!) There were 95 cadets in the program in December, but one commissioned in the USAR and another to Active Duty, bringing the total to 93. The cadre are assessing six cadets who might be potential losses (due to grades and/or other issues). The program also saw its biggest group of mid-year entries (consisting of 20 cadets) in the past 15 years.
- b) Stu reported that the department plans to send 28 cadets to Advance Camp next summer. (The average normally ranges from 10 - 15 cadets per year.)

iv. Promote Our Organization: ( - VACANT - )

- a) Katie announced that the former sub-committee lead, Melanie YOUNG, will not continue in this position and asked for any volunteers who would be interested in stepping in. She asked if Scott would be interested in volunteering, since he already runs the MHBAA LinkedIn page.
- b) Scott stated that he's preparing to start a new academic program and doesn't know if he'll have the necessary time to serve in this role. He plans to make a decision in a few months.
- c) Katie also mentioned an SOP recommendation from Brad to start querying current committee / sub-committee leads in the fall to see if they intend to continue serving in the same capacity the following year. If they don't, then the board could start looking for replacements earlier before the end of the year and not have to go several months without a lead in the new year until finding a replacement.
- d) NOTE – in an e-mail after the meeting, Katie also reported that she sent out a Hawkeye Happenings newsletter on 20 December and plans to send another one out in January with commissioning photos and updates. As far as Post Sponsors, she'd received three updates on current sponsor moves that will be published in the next newsletter.

5. Department Updates:

- a. Upcoming Events: Tony thinks the spring semester will be similar to the fall semester, with a mix of online and in-person classes. All classes went to online after Thanksgiving. The university delayed the start of the semester by one week (to 25 January) and cancelled spring break [in an attempt to prevent a post-spring break COVID-19 spike].
- b. Staff Updates: See above.

6. Old Business:

- a. ROTC Building: (Stu WALLACE and Scott AYRES) Stu stated he plans to travel to Iowa City next week and meet with the Provost and the 'planner'. He also has an upcoming phone call with President Harold.
- b. President Transition Notes: (Katie HANNA)

- i. Tax Filings. Katie said Rob HEDGEPEETH indicated he'd continue to file the MHBAA taxes this year and then transfer responsibility to Joe.
- ii. Historical Records. Katie stated that there is lots of old MHBAA data on the website (located at [www.MHBAA.com](http://www.MHBAA.com)).
- iii. Website. Katie said Rob had posted the meeting minutes from December to the website.
- iv. Conference Calls.
  - a) Katie said Rob let us use his company's Zoom account tonight, but that this is not sustainable for future meetings. No one else on the call had access to web conferencing through their workplace that we could use in the future. We discussed free Zoom accounts, but believed they are limited to a maximum 30-minute meeting duration. Otherwise, Katie said she researched and a Zoom Pro account would cost \$14.99 per month. Katie will research the options before next month's meeting, but requested a motion to approve her spending money on an account.
  - b) Tony stated we're not officially affiliated with the university, so we can't use theirs. He also said he'd check with LTC SALGE tomorrow, but the department use Microsoft Teams.
  - c) Scott suggested that the department might ask the university's IT department for any options.
  - d) The board voted to **APPROVE** Katie to spend up to \$200 for the year for web conferencing access with motion to approve by Walter PRENTICE and seconded by Dave PINTER.

7. New Business:

- a. New Committee Lead Needed (for Promote Our Organization Sub-committee): NOTE - We already discussed during the committee reports.
- b. COVID Support to Cadets:
  - i. Katie stated that one of the MHBAA's intentions is to connect with cadets and asked how we can do this. [in the current COVID environment].
  - ii. Dave asked how we could participate in the commissioning ceremony. He suggested we start thinking about a 'welcome package' to the U.S. Army Officer Corps and to the MHBAA; possibly including: shoulder boards, gold bars, or something with the MHBAA insignia. Also, possibly a copy of the Army Officer's Guide.
  - iii. Tony stated that Cadet Command no longer presents a copy the officers guide to cadets, so it's something we could consider.
  - iv. Katie stated she liked Dave's ideas and planned to revisit the topic at next month's meeting.

8. Next Scheduled Meetings:

- a. 2 February.
- b. 2 March.
- c. 6 April.

9. The board voted to **APPROVE** adjourning with motion to approve by Ken MADDEN and seconded by Scott SANBORN.

/////Signed/////

Bradley J. Cook  
Secretary  
Mighty Hawkeye Battalion Alumni Association (MHBAA)