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Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held at the NROTC Unit, February, 15, 1997

Those in attendance:

Steve Fish (President)
Vicki Stephens (Newsletter/Secretary)
Will Stubbs (Treasurer)
Mike Vogel (Officer in Charge)

Brant Burgiss
David Fish
Laird Lewis
Rob Gionfriddo
Sam Gorham
Eric Schneider
Rob Stelling

10:48

Board was called to order.

Historical Books

Midshipman Scott Mitchell presented a brief on the progress of the historical book. 50% of the costs are for supplies and 50% are for producing the color copying. Deadline for completion of the project is April 17th. The final product will be 285 pages copied onto acid free paper, pasted onto heavy paper, inserted into anti-static sleeves, and encapsulated into a D ring binder. Originals will be donated to the Wilson library

11:00

Minutes

8 of 14 members were presented the start of the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Steve Fish made a motion to approve the minutes. Vicki Stephens seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes. Vicki Stephens agreed to mail out copies of the minutes before the next meeting.

11:04 David Fish arrived.

11:06

Treasurer Award

Will Stubbs presented the Treasurer's report.

- The Articles of the Association were distributed.
- In 1996, the Association had 205 participating members as of December 31, 1996.

In January of 1997 (after invoices were sent out), the Association had 129 members who had paid their annual dues and life membership grew from 52 to 84 members growing membership to 213. - Mailing the newsletter to everyone is too expensive. The Association will only mail a newsletter to members who have paid their dues at the beginning of the year. An invoice will be sent out to all members at the beginning of each year.

- Discussed the Midshipmen emergency relief fund contribution from Association member, Mr. Joseph Fluet. (\$100.00).

11:15 Rob Gionfriddo arrived.

11:38

Budget

Will Stubbs proposed operating flexible budget for 1997. 25% of the budget will go toward the midshipmen battalion. "Education" will be the framework in order to pass the "sniff" test for 501 3(c) of the IRS. A paperwork trail for all expenses is a must and controls will be from both the OIC and the Board.

11:57 Laird Lewis made a motion to approve the budget. Dave Fish seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Connor Award

Will Stubbs discussed the Connor award. Association needs to raise \$10,800 in 3 years in order that the award be self-sustaining. Current contributions total \$9,000. Both sustaining and non-sustaining contributors will be published in the next newsletter.

12:10

The Dawson Fund

Mr & Mrs. Dawson made a \$10,000 donation. Also, Frank Luster, a colleague of Dave Dawson, has contributed.

12:15

Attorney Services

Mark Fava found a Raleigh attorney who is willing to help the organization pro bono with the agreement that his name will not be published - Curtis Twitty '66. He will help the organization become incorporated. This will also provide protection against potential suits brought against individual board members.

Banking

Funds currently used for operating expenses are kept at Triangle Bank. Restricted money (life dues, Connor Fund, Dawson Fund) are in USAA's Treasury Money Market Trusts earning 4.9 - 5 % annual interest.

Finance Committee

The finance committee meeting will take place after this meeting. Committee will consist of

Steve Fish, Ed Baucom, and Dave Fish. Will Stubbs will be at the meeting but will not be a voting member.

Credit Card Payments

Arrangements are being made with Triangle Bank so that members may make credit card payments. The charge will be 2 - 4% depending on volume. An application has been sent in.

Next Meeting

During the next meeting, we will discuss professional management of the association. Also, we will discuss 2 awards: Distinguished Alumni Award (military or civilian) and Distinguished Service Award (to organization).

12:31

Will Stubbs

The Board recognized Will Stubbs for the tremendous effort in preparing the budget report and noted the great strides in fiscal responsibility.

1240

The board adjourned briefly for a break.

13:00

The board was called to order.

Awards Day

Mike Vogel reports that the service selection for graduating midshipmen will be out March 14th. We'll know then if we have any potential recipients for the Connor Award. (Last year the award went to a graduate of the December class and there was no award for the Spring graduating class). We will purchase the watch as soon as we know there is a potential candidate. The Award's Day is going to be April 13th at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Steve Fish proposed to present the Connor Award during Commissioning as opposed to Award's Day. No objections were voiced. The commissioning Ceremony will be 10 May.

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Dawson Fund

Will Stubbs stated that the Dawson family has suggested that the Association purchase banister style bookcases to house Dave's collection of books as well as the CNO's suggested reading list. In addition, there would be a subscription to *Foreign Affairs Magazine*. We have Dave's book and all the CNO's reading list books that are in print. Some are not in print which we may want to advertize to the alumni. We have enough money to buy all the bookcases we'll need to house everything we have and the books we anticipate to acquire. The Association would like to have a formal presentation in which the Dawson's would be invited, possibly the fall meeting.

Rob Gionfriddo discussed the options for a suitable display. To copy an existing photograph would cost between \$250 - \$300. Another option is an oil portrait - possibly as much as

\$2500. (\$1800 for a 16 x 20 not framed). One artist he has contacted in Manassas can paint the uniform of choice on whatever photograph given. The family has chosen the best picture to use for the face but has no preference as to the uniform chosen.

Will noted that with only the \$10,000 we have enough money to cover the bookshelves, subscriptions, and books both in and not in print. With about \$2,000 left over, he suggests we go ahead and commission an oil portrait.

Newsletter

The next newsletters will go to paid members only. The deadline for inputs to the next newsletter will be 15 March. Lincoln Bonds will be doing the next newsletter. The fall newsletter will have homecoming information as well as a place for charitable contributions. Members will have already have paid their dues.

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Fall Meeting

The midshipmen must coordinate the football tickets and pig-picking in order for the Association to remain in a tax-exempt status; however, the Association can provide seed money to the Quarterdeck Society as a loan. Eric Schneider will work on details for homecoming.

Elections

Ed Baucom is the only person not eligible for re-election. Laird Lewis, David Fish, Vicki Stephens, Mark Fava and Will Stubbs are eligible for re-election. Therefore, the person who is on the nominating committee should not be one of the above.

Board size will be 13. Nominating committee will be asked to fill 5 places. We can review it during the summer meeting. Proposals for board membership will be published in the summer newsletter. Rob Gionfriddo volunteered to head up the nominating committee.

Website

Brant Burgiss will give Website presentation during the June meeting.

1430

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki Stephens

Secretary