

APO Eagles Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2022

Present: Howie Barnes, Lee Peters, Dave Kerns, Michael Menefee, John Conover, Tim Belloff, William Highsmith, Craig Donals

Next meeting: TBD via Doodle, Zoom

1. Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

2. New Business

1) Declare the position of treasurer vacant

a. Previous treasurer relieved due to medical issues and dereliction of duties. Need to prepare/create an accountability procedure.

b. Motion to declare position vacant – Lee; second – Craig; passed unanimously'

2) Vote to appoint the following positions; Secretary - Dave Kerns; Treasurer - Michael Menefee; Fundraising Chair - John Conover; Membership Chair – Tim Belloff; Website – William Highsmith

a. Reminder – let the elected leadership team know if your time commitment changes and you are unable to fill your role

b. Motion to accept slate – Craig; second – Lee; passed unanimously

3. Finance

No report tonight

Patches – John leading this effort: 140 preorders/800+ patches (51 non-aa members) – bonus results: 3 individuals to become chapter advisors; 4 youth attending 2 different colleges interested in starting APO chapter on campus; 1 council liaison for AA; 6 new AA members

ACTION ITEM: Process/policy to be developed for ATM cards/financial accounts. Michael to develop draft policies with or without debit card use. Board to decide at future meeting in 2022.

4. Scholarship

Name could change over time due to similarity to future APO event name

2022 cycle has ended. 30 great candidates. Intent is for candidates to attend a 4 year undergraduate degree. This scholarship is for Eagle Scout non-brothers (brothers should apply for John Mack scholarship)

Goal is to provide financial assistance to Eagle Scouts. Secondary goals are to enhance relationships with APO chapters and the scouting community and encourage Eagle Scouts to join APO.

ACTION ITEM: Looking for feedback on 2022 scholarship process on what needs to tweak. Send comments to Lee Peters

5. NST Chairs Relationship Committee

BSA Regions have been eliminated in favor of National Service Territories.

Goal is to build out and maintain contacts in the councils in each territory. Each NST has 14-16 councils based on geographic proximity, media markets, and local culture

National Gathering of Alumni held at Philmont, June 12-18, 2022. SYS committee coordinated APO efforts. About 100 folks in attendance (¼ national, ¾ local scouting alumni) Alumni are referred to as affiliate groups. Alumni can be members of multiple affiliate groups. Affinity groups are career/industry based.

ACTION ITEM: Currently have 6 NST Chairs identified – looking for more

6. Membership

No report tonight

Consider adding honorary member category along with current membership categories. There is currently 280+ paid AA members, with 500+ on the Facebook group

7. Fundraising

Currently utilizing patch collecting as fundraising opportunities. Using numbered patch sets and labeling encourages collectors to purchase. Plan is to work through the 12 points of the scout law patch set.

Fundraising goal is \$50K. Currently have \$2990 donated with \$6500 pledged. Donations and record keeping to be done by the APO national office.

Giving benefactor levels have been created to encourage additional giving. More levels could be added in the future.

8. Awards and Recognitions

Let Richard know who in our group gets recognized at council (and higher) awards so they can be recognized in our group. In need of additional ideas for recognizing people.

9. Schedule & Communications

Assist president with staying on track with calendar events. Board meetings scheduled every other month, with general membership meetings quarterly. Input events/needs for local Eagle Scout award/presentations.

Upcoming BSA events include NOAC (July 25-30, 2022) and 2023 Jamboree (July 19-28, 2023). Not currently aware of any APO SYS official representation at NOAC. Need to start conversation with APO National about APO involvement at Jamboree. Also contact NESAs. Jamboree staff volunteers are still needed. Can do half Jamboree staff session.

Goal is third week of the odd numbered months for Board Meetings (virtual). Doodle schedule to be sent out week prior.

Each committee should have something for the quarterly newsletter.

Looking into WordPress upgrade for website (like a store) and get 501c3 for Paypal. Also looking into a Google upgrade for email aliases. Current setup is a commerce account.

Motion to spend \$100 to WordPress upgrade; motion – John; seconded; passed by acclamation