January 21, 2017 USNA PAMN Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Melissa Gregory, Edmundo Villalava Lijo, John & Sarah Mickelson, Andy & Julie Julius, Tom Geoffroy, Jason & Helen Dohm, Brad Gawboy

3/C V/P Parents Needed (Melissa) Kevin & Jeanne Stangel are interested but need to team with another set of parents in metro before committing. Board will continue to seek a second set of parents for the Stangels to team with.

Candy Delivery & Card Making: (Melissa) Halloween candy delivery completed by Mary Claire Wohletz, but learned that getting it out earlier (two weeks before Halloween) should allow plebes to use it for upperclassmen bags. Card making event at the Westlunds was well-attended and fun. The Westlunds did a wonderful job hosting.

All Academy Ball: (Melissa & Jason) Well attended and lots of fun according to Gregorys and Dohms. No Congressmen attended this year. Colonel Eddie Frizell was the President of the Mess and guest speaker.

Class of 2021 Update: (Brad) To date: 52 have completed applications out of 170 that started, 9 Kids have been offered appointments, 2 have accepted. A number of recruited athletes. As happens, the congressional districts have shifted such that some have gotten been much more competitive while others have few applicants.

Treasurer Report: (Edmundo) Collected $1,675 in dues since 5/1, $195 income for candy, etc. We have a net operating loss of $1,233 as of 1/21/16 for the fiscal year 6/1/16-5/31/17. There is a current balance of $3,078 of which $1,106 are allocated to Financial Assistance Funds. According to Brad, The Alumni Association of the Upper Midwest has a mission to help support local state chapters; Melissa to request donations for specific events (i.e., the Welcome Aboard Picnic and All-Academy Ball). Two new gift cards for newly discovered mids in roster (Smith & McShane) are ready to mail. Edmundo to contact David & Candy Westlund to arrange.

Webmaster: (Jason) Website has been updated. Jason had a question about mid pictures on the website; do we need to take off to minimize the on-line exposure of mids post-graduation. Andy to check with Elizabeth Beedenbender (Nationwide parent org representative) to determine on USNA guidelines for photos).

Andy Julius has a contact from CA he met at 2nd class parent’s meeting who has established a template for a state chapter website. Check with Elizabeth Beedenbender for more info. USNA.org?

Bunco: Joe & Carolyn Baldus are hosting Bunco night.

Park Tavern: The Julius’ are reserving the bowling at Park Tavern. 3/25 Topic will be Service Selection. Have had great speakers in the past. Brad suggested we reach out to Alumni Association for speakers, Melissa & Brad to arrange.

Status of Event for Mids

a. Pizza in the Dark Ages: Benevolent Firstie gets funds to go and host pizza for every USNA Minnesotan. Melissa will work with Liam to arrange.

b. Cookie order for January placed by secretary (Tom is recently aware and on it)

Other Items:

Brad recommended that parents attend Croquet Event in April at St. Johns for a great experience in Youngster/2nd Class Year – but can go any year. (A Top 10 Event, according to Brad Gawboy)

**CALENDAR**

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| Date | Topic/Event | Host | Address |
| Saturday 1/21/17 | Summer Training | Jason & Helen Dohm | 6423 Queensland Ln N, Maple Grove |
| Saturday 2/25/17 | Bunco Social | Joe & Carolyn Baldus | 4681 153rd Ln NW  Ramsey, MN |
| Saturday 3/25/17 | Service Selection/Bowling | Park Tavern | 3401 Louisiana Ave S  St. Louis Park |
| Saturday 4/29/17 | WAP Planning | John & Sarah Mickelson | 21031 Itami Trail  Lakeville, MN |
| Saturday 6/3/17 | Welcome Aboard Picnic | Chanhassen Rec Center | 2310 Coulter Blvd Chanhassen |