**September 30, 2017 USNA PAMN Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Attendees: Andy & Julie Julius, Jason & Helen Dohm, Tom & Shelly Geoffroy, Jeff & Renee Agan, Edmundo & Lydia Villalva Lijo

New Officers:

3/C Reps: Jason & Helen Dohm, Tom & Shelly Geoffroy

Secretary: Carolyn & Joe Baldus

Treasurer: Renee & Jeff Agan

WebMaster: Open

New Website (Jason):

* Totally Revamped and much easier to navigate
* Has links to USNA Home pages
* Andy is hoping we can move from google mail to another way of communicating to the board and from the board officers
* Jason suggest shutting down SquareSpace has a couple of consequences (1) Stored files and minutes (2) Current google searches get to the old site. Conclusion: Keep for one year (already paid thru 9/18, $100/year)
* Jason to contact Elizabeth Beedenbender to learn how to update links and google searches
* Renee suggested putting a DONATE button on the website to help people pay dues or to give extra. Jason will also look into PAYPAL setup.

Sharing Information (Andy):

* Revised PAMN Sign-In From may give permission. Edmundo will check
* Jason to check if a password protected way for members only can be created
* Andy will give out a list with the current class

Treasurer (Edmundo):

* Net loss of 871.93 for year ending 5/31/17
* YTD thru 9/29/17: Net income $615.44
* Income about 50% of customary income; discussed ways of getting more revenue.
* Letter is already sent detailing all the things that are done to support the mids when asking people to make annual payment.
* Suggested a savings account that banks the $ paid ahead (i.e. payments for all 4 years) and transfer it into active funds year by year
* Suggested getting QB Online for $150 annually and transferring the books to make it simpler. Edmundo to investigate and determine what is best method. Tom suggested Wave as a free alternative, although he uses QB in his own business.
* Fund-raising: (1) Cup/Other sales based on USAFA model—Edmundo investigating; other options discussed by Helen (2) Alumni Association sponsors bowling event for Service Selection. Moving out of St. Louis Park because we have outgrown the meeting room. Oher venues suggested are Pin Stripes in Edina or Eden Prairie Bowling Center. ‘

Other events:

1. All Academy Ball (Helen) Have found a President for the Ball. Approved a $500 donation from PAMN. Invite list should include past alumni.
2. Halloween Candy: For Plebes—Geoffroys will coordinate with daughter Tera 10/14.
3. Card Making: Renee proposed and all agreed to Chipotle $10 gift cards, Andy to look into discounts within next 10 days. Meeting will occur at East Bethel (address below).
4. Dark Ages Pizza: Nobody wants to go according to Drew Julius. Agreed to kill it. Will continue with cookies.

Commissioning Week Tips:

1. Maryland Parent’s Association has a Commissioning Week document you can download.
2. Typically park outside the Yard and walk. Can park at the stadium and get shuttle.
3. Blue Angels practice on Tuesday and is as widely attended as the show. Wednesday is the show. It’s the best Blue Angels show—they are cleared to fly lower than any other demonstration. Rent a house NE of Severn river for best spot to see them. Be early to show/practice or you’re late. Hospital point is also a great place to watch them.
4. House rentals: Within 1 mile to Stadium means you can walk to stadium for commissioning
5. Don’t try to match other families. Do what you are comfortable with. Remember, it is YOUR week; don’t spend precious time doing things for guests that they can do themselves.
6. Get to commissioning early. Mids get 6 tickets for immediate family; can request additional tickets—mids are responsible to get extra tickets. Need passport to get into stadium. Expect additional security measures. Will be at stadium Friday, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Hats/Suntan/Sweaters/Umbrellas all recommended.
7. Leaving times varied from Saturday to Monday, depending on other commitments.
8. Enterprise Annapolis should be avoided.
9. The graduating mids leave Bancroft the week before commissioning. They can stay with you, but be aware they have 6 AM responsibilities commissioning week.
10. Tuesday has a glee club and other concerts that are highly regarded.
11. Every company goes to Superintendant’s reception a different night of the week. One you really want to make.
12. Renting farther away can work.

Next Meeting: Card-Making 10/27/2017 at the Agans: Village Bank, 18770 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel MN 55011

**CALENDAR**

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| Date | Topic/Event | Host | Address |
| Saturday, 9/30/17 | Commissioning/PPW Decompress | Michael and Catherine Schrock | 2004 Sugarwood Dr.  Orono MN |
| Friday, 10/27/17 | Card Making (Candy $ Donation) | Renee & Jeff Agan | Village Bank, 18770 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel MN 55011 |
| Saturday, 12/30/17 | All Academy Ball (Helen Dohm & Carolyn Baldus) | Wayzata Country Club | 200 Wayzata Blvd  Wayzata, MN |
| Saturday, 1/20/18 | Summer Training | Jason & Helen Dohm | 6423 Queensland Ln N  Maple Grove, MN |
| Saturday, 2/24/18 | Bunco | Joe & Caroyn Baldus | 4681 153rd Ln NW  Ramsey, MN |
| Saturday, 3/24/18 | Service Selection/Bowling | Location TBD | TBD |
| Saturday, 4/14/18 | Beyond Commissioning | TBD | TBD |
| Saturday, 4/28/18 | WAP Planning | Stangels or Tolins | TBD |
| Saturday, 6/2/18 | Welcome Aboard Picnic | Chanhassen Rec Center | 2310 Coulter Blvd Chanhassen |