

**Sequassen Alumni Association Spring 2020 Business Virtual Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2020**

**Attendees:** David Applegate (President), Mike Migliore (Secretary), Matt Balls (Treasurer), Ben Cruson (Ancient Advisor), Gail Balls, David Smith, Jennifer Jackson, Andrew Beetham, Ed Slusars, Aerielle Smith, David Nicol, Charles Casey, Dylan Hogan, Katie Unfried, Pat Maxam, Kenny Wright, Brian Ferrarotti, Andrew St. John, Tom Gordon (7:32 pm), John Zane (7:41),

**Opening:** Dave A called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Review of Fall Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Andrew Beetham, second by Jennifer Jackson. Vote 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Total: \$50,991, several accounts open for projects. See attached report. (Appendix A)

**Camperships:** None awarded.

**Camp Projects:** Report from Dave Applegate. STEM/Trades building complete. Ready for the program. Waterfront wall complete. Upcoming projects include the Bill Bunnell fund for Friendship and Farley Waterfront Project.

**Program:** No report.

**Historical:** No report.

**Plaques and Memorials:** No report.

**Membership:** 135 members in 2019 - 2020. A few down from last year. July 1 is the new year

**Quartermaster:** Report from Dave Applegate. Brought 20 more hats for the SAA Trading Post

Motion to close reports by Ed Slusars, second Jennifer. All in favor: unanimous. Motion passes.

**Old Business:**

**Patch Trade-O-Ree:** Re-scheduled for 2021.

**Waterfront Wall:** Dave Applegate discussed the project. All done. Grass is growing nicely.

**Farley Fund / Project:** Dave Applegate discussed the project. Still looking for funds to build the pavilion and classroom areas. The Farley family committed to getting the project done. Have about \$5500. Goal is \$25,000 - \$30,000. Matt Balls has a list of donors.

**2020 Gala Dinner:** Moved to September 2020. Still looking for table leaders.

**Other:** None.

Motion to close reports by Ed Slusars, second by Matt Balls. All in favor: unanimous. Motion passes.

## **New Business:**

**Sequassen Update:** Dave Applegate discussed updates. SEQ Resident Camp closed for 2020 by Governor Lamont executive order. Camp is hoping to open for day visits or Troop/Family level. No formal programs. Council is doing a remote camp called Camp Phoenix. Mike Migliore gave a brief report about the program.

**Larry Pisani Memorial:** Tom Gordon provided information about professionally restoring murals in the dining hall to honor his passing. Tom Gordon will reach out to professional restoration to get a quote.

**Written History of the organization for website / archives:** Dave Applegate discussed that there is no written history of the association. Would like to archive history on the website to give people an idea how the alumni form, what they have done, like similar organizations. Tom Gordon will look at the materials. Ben Cruson offered to help.

**By-Laws Revision:** Dave Applegate reviewed the revisions. Discussion: John Zane said the pages should be numbered. Helps facilitate discussion and viewing. Looks good. Nice job. Discussed noting the last revision date on the document. (Appendix B)

Motion to accept the By-Law revision as rewritten (attached to minutes) by Tom Gordon, second by Ben Cruson, Vote: Favor - 19, Opposed - 0, Abstention - 0. Motion passes.

## **For the good of the order:**

**Fall Elections:** Matt Balls mentioned Elections in the Fall. Discussion about Nominating Committee and nomination procedures discussed. All positions are up for re-election except for Ancient Advisor. Mike Migliore & Matt Balls volunteered for the Nominating Committee. They will reach out to others to form the committee.

A Moment of Silence for Larry Pisani and Al Schwartz was observed.

**Closing:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ed Slusars, second by Tom Gordon. All in favor unanimous. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by: Michael Migliore

Appendices added by: David Applegate



## Appendix B – Approved By-Law Revisions

Approved changes indicated in BLUE.

Location of changes indicated in RED

### Article 1, Section F:

Item 2. Full Membership: An applicant must be 1) at least twenty one (21) years of age;, and 2) have been a camper, scouter or staff member at Camp Sequassen; and 3) be a member in good standing with the Association. Full members are eligible to vote for By-Laws and Officers. Full members are also eligible to hold the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, ~~Treasurer~~ Treasurer or Ancient Advisor subject to eligibility requirements set out in Article II, Section A.

Item 4. Honorary Membership: This is extended at no charge and waiving all other eligibility guidelines to any individual holding the following positions:

- Camp Ranger and family
- Camp Director
- ~~Council Program Director~~

## Article 2, Section A:

Item 4. Terms of office for President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be for one term (2 years). Terms of office for Treasurer and Ancient Advisor shall be for ~~one term~~two terms (4 years).

Item 5. Officers can be re-elected to serve in the same position for two consecutive terms ~~only (a total of 4 years)~~. They may be re-elected to that office after a lapse of one term.

## Article 2:

### SECTION C – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Item 1. The President shall preside over all meetings. ~~The~~This exception is a meeting of the Audit Committee.

Item 4. The Secretary must keep accurate minutes of all meetings and be prepared to provide said minutes to the membership within 30 days of the next business meeting. The Treasurer must ~~also~~ keep accurate financial records and be prepared to present at meetings an accurate accounting of all expenditures and assets.

Item 5. The Secretary & Treasurer will ensure that the Articles of Incorporation, Declaration of Charitable Status, Tax Returns and other information that will serve to confirm that the purpose and mission of The Sequassen Alumni Association, Inc. is being met ~~and will post~~by posting this information on the website for the Association at sequassenalumni.org.

ADDED:

Item 7. The Vice President will be responsible for the overseeing events hosted by the Alumni. They will also be responsible for a Winter Banquet separate from all other events on the anniversaries ending with 0 & 5.

## Article III, Section A

Item 4. The ~~Executive Board~~Treasurer shall notify the membership, through publishing, of the assessment of dues before the start of the fiscal year, so that dues shall become payable on or before the fiscal year.

Item 5. The Treasurer upon written notice to a delinquent member (at least ~~6 months~~one year in arrears of dues) will revoke membership to that member if payment is not forthcoming within 90 days of such notice.

## SECTION B – FINANCES

Item 1. The property and assets of The Sequassen Alumni Association, Inc. is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Alumni shall ever inure to the benefit of any Advisor, Member or Officer of this corporation or to any private person. ~~The property and assets of The Sequassen Alumni Association, Inc. is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Alumni shall ever inure to the benefit of any Advisor, Member or Officer of this corporation or to any private person.~~

## ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

## Article VII, Section A:

Item 1. ~~Campership~~ ~~Camping Awards~~ Committee: This Committee shall be comprised of not less than two individuals who will be appointed by the President and who will operate under the supervision of the Executive Board. The purpose of the Campership Committee will be administration of the “Chief Bogan Scholarship” and the “Laurel Leaf Campership”.

The Chief Bogan Scholarship is a scholarship program that may provide at a ~~maximum~~~~minimum~~, an amount equal to the cost of sending a registered Scouting youth to Camp Sequassen, New Hartford CT for a period of one week each summer to participate in the summer resident camping program. The Laurel Leaf Campership is a need-based award that may provide at a ~~maximum~~~~minimum~~, an amount equal to the cost of sending a registered Scouting youth to Camp Sequassen, New Hartford CT for a period of one week each summer to participate in the summer resident camping program. The Committee will have the discretion of awarding additional scholarships in a single year with the approval of the Executive Board and President.

Item 3. Program Committee: an activities committee responsible for the planning and operation of the annual ~~gala~~~~winter banquet~~ and ~~fall~~-reunion weekend.

Item 6. Honor Committee (~~formerly Honor Tree Committee~~): This Committee will be comprised of at least 6 members, four of which will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The purpose of the Honor Committee shall be the review of recommendations including proposals from the Camp Projects Committee, and the approval of recommendations that may involve capital spending from the Honor Awards account (~~formerly Honor Tree Awards account~~). Spending from this account will be made solely to the benefit of Camp Sequassen. Final approval of these awards, dedications, memorials and any capital projects must come from the Executive Board prior to disbursement.