



CAMP SEQUASSEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter – Sequassen Alumni Association

Greetings all, I hope this letter finds you all well given the current circumstances. As this letter is being written, since Scouts will ever “Be Prepared,” work is occurring to offer summer program at Sequassen. Ranger Dave has been hard at work to ensure the camp remains in pristine condition and safe for all the campers. The new trades building is completed and is ready to provide a quality program to our campers this summer. With the completion of the waterfront wall project, scouts will be able to enjoy Bogan Waterfront with a much cleaner and safer water wall that really improves an already beautiful location with the crystal-clear waters of West Hill Pond.

Unfortunately, there is some sad news to pass along to everyone, late last month, Larry Pisani passed away. Larry has had a tremendous impact on the history and traditions of Sequassen in his tenure on staff especially in his role as “Chief Scout” and he will be sorely missed. His Hermit pilgrimages and speeches at the open and closing banquets so eloquently bring together all of the facets of camp. Although he is no longer walking the woods of Sequassen, Larry's spirit will forever be in Sequassen for “it is the place all good Scouts belong.”

As far as the 2020 Gala Dinner scheduled for June 13th, as is the case with many events this spring and early summer, we have decided it would not be prudent to try and hold the event as initially scheduled. In an effort to keep this as an annual event, we are postponing the event until September 19th, 2020 in the hope that we will have returned to a point where normal operations are resumed. This will also hopefully give us the opportunity to promote the event during summer camp and sell tickets for an event that is much closer in time to the personal interactions we have with the leaders. Our spring meeting had also been scheduled for right before this event and since we are again uncertain what the situation is going to be, we are going to be holding the spring meeting this year as a virtual meeting using Zoom. An additional benefit of this method of meeting would be the ability for those members who are out-of-state or unable to make it to camp for whatever reason, there is now an opportunity for them to make

the meeting. More details including the meeting link will be forthcoming. The Trade-o-Ree committee in consultation with the Executive board has also decided that with the postponement of the Gala to the fall, trying to host two major events within a month of each other would be taxing on those involved and as such have decided that holding off on the Trade-o-Ree until 2021 was a better option and see what the event landscape looks like then.

The Executive Board has also examined the by-laws and has a few recommendations for changes. Most of the changes are grammatical in nature or formatting corrections, however there are a couple of notable changes. It was identified that there was no clearly defined role for the Vice President of the organization in the by-laws. As such, a new description is being proposed that would identify the purpose of the Vice President. Additionally, there was some ambiguity in the wording of terms for the various offices which has also been addressed in the proposed changes to hopefully be clearer. Please see the attached file that indicates the proposed changes to the by-laws.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to promote the Alumni and spread the word about the great things that we do to help preserve the traditions of camp while working to continue to improve the facilities and program for the scouts and scouters. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to sequassenalumni@gmail.com. Stay safe and well until we are able to meet again.

Yours in Sequassen,

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