



## February 5, 2022 MEETING In Person/ ZOOM 4:30 PM

### Attendance

#### OBAA Board of Directors:

*Present:* Michael Hoover, Kyle Popek, Pete Waskel, Greg Van Praag, Wade Voltz, John Bartizal, Dave Zirngibl, Cory Byrnes, Michael Dayton, Bill Sanders, Nikki Cummings, Dan Koniecko, Sean Lane

*Absent:* Dave Hess, Mike Fillichio, Keith Pabich, Ted Roth, Roger Bailey, Sean Bornschlegl, Lucas Kraft, J.C. Fairvalley

#### Staff, Alumni & Guests:

Anita Kopaczewski, Jimmy Hoover, Chuck Krametbauer, Lee Breitkopf, Michael Cerier, Wally Hankawitz, Doug Ledford, Craig Smith, Frank Rant, Eric Hogue, Robert Green, Steve Matz

### OBAA MEETING AGENDA

#### **Opening Remarks:**

OBAA President Michael Hoover called the meeting to order at **1651 hours**. Made some brief remarks about the tenor of the meeting.

**1651 hours:** Michael Hoover asked for approval of past minutes from October 16, 2021 meetin. Lee Breitkopf motioned to accept the minutes Dan Koniecko and David Zirngibl second the motion. Michael Hoover brought the motion for a vote with unanimous vote the motion passed.

**1660 hours:** Treasurer David Zirngibl, gave a brief financial report on the current state of the OBAA finances. The SJNA (general account) currently has \$9,827.00, waiting on confirmation due to discrepancies, second account (Wintrust) currently has \$9,800.00 from fundraisers



(TopGolf) and online donations. Thank you to all who have donated, monthly and sponsorships, \$9,800.00 came in over less than a year.

Upcoming expenses:

Midwinter Ball hardship fee \$500-\$1,000 (we can sponsor this \$500)

Midwinter Ball DJ/Photo Booth \$1,250 (we can sponsor this \$1,000)

\*\*Midwinter Ball has been moved back to the Gym from off campus venue

Excalibur: Fund a need \$500-\$1,000 (we can sponsor at \$1,000)

Grad/Reunion weekend:

Senior Steak night \$2,000 (we can sponsor this at \$1,000)

OBAA Pins \$500

Plaques \$400

Dinner/hor-d'oeuvre \$2,000

General discussion was had to discuss how the money will be spent throughout the events, the amounts shown above is what has been agreed to by the OBAA board and all members in attendance.

Jimmy Hoover makes a motion to allocate \$6,500 for the following: Midwinter Ball hardship fee, Midwinter Ball photo booth, Excalibur Fund a need, Senior steak night, OBAA pins, OBAA plaques and OBAA dinner/cocktail reception. The OBAA executive board will determine how that money is to be spent between these events.

David Zirngibl second the motion.

**1690 hours** Greg Van Praag asks for a motion to approve the brief financial report and the allocation of funds for the events listed above. Michael Hoover states there is no need for the financial report to be approved by the board because it's not a full report. Michael Hoover asks for a vote to fund the events listed above and allow the executive board to decide how the \$6,500 be spent for these events. Greg Van Praag motions and Michael Hoover states the motion has passed.

Scholarship fund:

**1710 hours** Michael Hoover states: we plan to double up for scholarships this year meaning we are allocating money from this year for next school year 2022-2023. Michael Hoover asks David Zirngibl how much we can allocate for the scholarship fund. There are 23 legacies currently enrolled at the academy, David Zirngibl suggests we can give up to \$6,000 for next year.



Jimmy Hoover motions to approve the \$6,000 in scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year, John Bartizal seconds the motion, the motion has passed by unanimous voice vote.

Website update:

**1720 hours** Survey: General discussion was had about the lack of participation in the survey the OBAA posted on our website. Admins of other SJN Facebook groups run by alumni refuse to allow the survey to be posted on those pages. David Zirngibl asks all members of the OBAA to go to the website and take the survey, Cory Byrnes confirms other Facebook groups do not allow us to post the survey to their groups.

Kyle Popek gives an update on the survey with 14 participants in 1 month, all results are anonymous. We ask people to go to our website and fill out the survey and update their information. Traffic on the website is low, more content will be uploaded soon.

**1730 hours** Michael Hoover suggests the Alumni make a bigger push to engage with Cadets/Students and welcome them into the OBAA. Also, to educate alumni on who we are and what we do and how much we support not only the academy but also the cadets/students of the academy. We want to increase scholarships to help retain students at the academy. Push the survey to alumni and spread the word.

**1740 hours** Michael Hoover states the OBAA awards will be presented at Commencement/Reunion weekend, the executive board suggested Stan Hooker S'62 for Honored Old Boy. Jimmy Hoover asks that all names be presented to the board, Michael Hoover states the executive board did that. Honorary Old Boy's Tim Vice (26 yrs) and Charles Miller (29 yrs) (faculty). Honored Athlete Randy Stoth S'72, Distinguished Service Awards for Ari and Paul Megalis (Maplewood Brewery).

Jimmy Hoover makes a motion to accept, Greg Van Praag and David Zirngibl second the motion. Michael Hoover asks for a vote; the motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

Kyle Popek points out that the bylaws state an awards committee is supposed to be formed to nominate the recipients. Jimmy Hoover states he will be on the committee, and the OBAA agrees to go through the process next year.

**1750 hours** Michael Hoover states the Academy will not participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade due to covid restrictions placed on all participant by Cook County, IL. Michael Hoover states the academy is looking at Academy participation in the Milwaukee parade.



**1755 hours** Michael Hoover asks Kyle Popek if there are members that will be coming off as directors at the next meeting? Kyle Popek states there are members that will be notified of their inactivity which will result of removal from the OBAA Board of directors. Michael Hoover states there will be a vote to add members onto the OBAA board of directors at commencement/reunion weekend.

**Questions and Answers:**

**1760 hours** Michael Hoover asks if there are any questions from the alumni who are present or on zoom?

\*Greg Van Praag states we are still conducting final salutes for both St. John's and Northwestern Graduates so all will be honored. Please let Greg Van Praag know of the passing of Alumni so their family can be contacted for a final salute.

\*Michael Hoover discusses a regular golf outing vs a TopGolf outing, states that the board is leaning toward a TopGolf event vs a golf outing.

\*Satch states we can move to a golf course near the academy to do a golf outing with private room. Cory Byrnes states we should see if we can get the numbers to do this.

\*Michael Hoover states the OBAA would like to do another TopGolf event and possibly some events in the Arizona area, Florida area.

\*Wally Hankawitz would like to add a poll on the OBAA page for golf outings

\*David Zirngibl asks when the SJNA golf course will be re-developed, possible golf outing at home coming or commencement.

\*Michael Hoover states there is no one running the SJNA Golf Course

Kyle Popek makes a motion to hold a golf outing at Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> Commencement/Reunion weekend, Jimmy Hoover and Michael Hoover second. Michael Hoover asks for a vote, Gregory Van Praag objects to the motions, but the motion passes.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at Commencement/Reunion weekend Friday 4pm, check the website for updates.

If you are a member of the OBAA board of directors and cannot attend in person you must contact Michael Hoover.

**Adjournment:**

Motion for adjournment was made by Jimmy Hoover and seconded by Satch and Greg Van Praag. The motion carried at 1770 hours.

This report prepared and submitted by Kyle F. Popek, OBAA Secretary, for & on behalf of the OBAA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

OBAA of SJNA Board of Directors

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