



**October 16, 2021 MEETING**  
**In Person/ ZOOM**  
**0900 – 1100 hours**

**Attendance**

**OBAA Board of Directors:**

*Present:* Michael Hoover, Kyle Popek, Pete Waskel, JC Fairvally, Greg Van Praag, Wade Voltz, John Bartizal, Dave Zirngibl, Cory Byrnes, Michael Dayton, Bill Sanders, Lucas Kraft, Lee Breitkopf, Nikki Cummings

*Absent:* Dave Hess, Mike Fillichio, Keith Pabich, Ted Roth, Roger Bailey, Sean Bornschlegl

**Staff, Alumni & Guests:**

Steve Matz, Bill & Susan Hummel, Joe Coglianse, Sean Lane, Michael Cerier, Juan Carlos, Doug Ledford, Craig P. Smith, Anita Kopaczewski, Dan Koniecko

**OBAA MEETING AGENDA**

**Opening Remarks:**

OBAA President Michael Hoover called the meeting to order at **0904 hours**. Made some brief remarks about the tenor of the meeting.

**0906 hours:** Michael Hoover asked for approval of past minutes from August 31, 2021 Zoom meeting. Lee Breitkopf motioned to accept the minutes; Greg Van Praag seconded the motion. Michael Hoover brought the motion for a vote with unanimous vote the motion passed.

**Guest Speaker:**

Maj Gen Paul Lima, President of the Academy

**0907 hours:** Gen. Lima provided an extensive analysis of the current state of the academy to include: enrollment, finances, status of the lease back agreement, goals of the academy, projects being worked on and entertained several questions from alumni and guests.

### **Financial Report:**

**1015 hours:** Treasurer David Zirngibl, gave a financial report on the current state of the OBAA finances. The SJNA account currently has \$4,303.98. with an estimated cost for the pig roast to be \$2300.

The OBAA opened the Wintrust account with seed money from the Spring TopGolf event of \$1,375.00 but has a balance of \$2,629.84.

The OBAA Trust has an estimated amount of \$75,933.00

Michael Hoover requested a motion to accept the financial report, Lee Breitkopf motioned to accept the financial report with Joe Coglianse seconded. The financial report was accepted unanimously.

### **Scholarships:**

**1025 hours:** It is estimated the OBAA can contribute \$5,500 to scholarships without withdrawing money from the general OBAA Fund. There are 23 legacy cadets on the scholarship list. It is proposed to give 1 scholarship of \$2,000 (Eva) and 2 scholarships of \$1500 each (Jerome and Diego). In addition, it is proposed that \$500 be set aside to give to midwinter ball hardships that need it. This allows us to not pull any further money from the general ledger.

Lee Breitkopf makes a motion to accept the proposal by the treasurer for scholarships, Gregory Van Praag seconded the motion, the motion passes by unanimous vote.

Nikki Cummings suggests that students at the academy use part of their tuition as an investment for use at a further date either for a scholarship for the Academy or College. The suggestion was made that Joe Sevens be asked about this idea.

### **New Business:**

**1045 hours:** Honorary Old Boy/Honored Old Boy list will be put together and discussed later. Michael Hoover suggests a member of the class of '72" be Honored Athlete.

January will be voting for recommendations

**1050 hours:** Kyle Popek discusses the new website and what it is used for, in addition to accepting donations directly through the website the OBAA asks that everyone update their information via the website. Ticket purchases will be completed via the website. Kyle asks that alumni spread the word about the website.

Michael Hoover explains further the purpose of the Website.

**1055 hours:** Greg Van Praag suggests everyone view the website specifically the final salute page, he is the main contact and Michael Hoover is the secondary contact. Northwestern alumni can also be honored with the final salute.

**1057 hours:** Discussion of Sean Lane being appointed to the OBAA until the election at graduation. A discussion was held about Sean Lane not being able to be active in Wisconsin, however his activity level in the Chicago Chapter is extensive.

Michael Hoover appreciates the input from the people at the meeting, he decides to appoint Sean Lane until May 2022, at which point Sean Lane will be either voted onto the OBAA or not.

Michael Hoover asks if anyone else at the meeting would like to be on the OBAA board, Dan Koniecko Requests to be added to the board, Michael Hoover asks Secretary Kyle Popek if he has met the criteria, Kyle Popek confirms he has. Dan Koniecko is appointed to the OBAA board of directors at which point he will be either voted onto the OBAA or not in May 2022.

**1059 hours:** Pig Roast, The OBAA is requesting help from the Alumni to help with serving, and cleaning tables.

**TopGolf Fall** event, John Bartizal says you can go to the website to donate or purchase tickets, we have 10 tickets sold so far. Michael Hoover asks the Alumni to support in any way they can.

**December Christmas Party** (Chicago Chapter) first Thursday in December 2021. Will be hosted at Maplewood brewery.

**Summer Golf** event will be discussed in the January/February meeting

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at the Back the Lancers event in January/February 2022, details will be forthcoming.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion for adjournment was made by Michael Hoover and seconded by Lee Breitkopf and Kyle Popek. The motion carried at 1110 hours.

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

Sincerely,

SJNMA Board of Directors

*Kyle F. Popek*

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Secretary, OBAA