



**January 27, 2024 MEETING**  
**In Person/ ZOOM**  
**10:00 AM**

**Attendance**

OBAA Board of Directors:

*Present:* Michael Hoover, Kyle Popek, Dan Koniecko, Lucas Kraft, Dave Zirngibl, Greg Van Praag, Jeff McGlynn, Wally Hankwitz, Mike York, Sean Lane, Nikki Cummings, Matt Bergstad, Sean Bornschlegl, Bill Sanders.

*Absent:* Pete Waskel, Ted Roth, J.C. Fairvalley, John Bartizal, Robert Green, Michael Dayton.

Staff, Alumni & Guests:

Anita Kopaczewski, Bard, Bond, Cory Byrnes, Nick Jasmin, Jimmy Hoover, Marco Cabello, Ricky Tan, Juan Ibarra, Armando de La Fuente, Andrew Brandt, Chad Bruss, Patrick Roob, Bob Fine.

**OBAA MEETING AGENDA**

**Opening Remarks:**

OBAA President Michael Hoover called the meeting to order at **9:02AM**. Made some brief remarks about the tenor of the meeting.

**9:03 AM: Michael Hoover asked for approval of past minutes from October 7, 2023 meeting.** Greg Van Praag motioned to accept the minutes Dan Koniecko second the motion, the motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

**9:04 AM: SJNA President Bob Fine gives an overview of the status of the Academy.**

- Enrollment is around 200 students.
- 138 last year at this time.
- Several more students coming in the next few weeks.



- Goal for next year is to start the year with 225 students.
- Working on structure and clearing up the financial books for the last few years, this should be finished before the end of the school year.
- The business office has made great strides in the last few months.
- Financials were 4 years behind with audits and bank records.
- There are now several different structures within the school.
- Re-enrollment is launching next week, our goal is 80% retention.
- Remodeled the remaining marketing initiatives, there has been a spike in inquiries, which should lead to more applications and enrollment.
- DME was a seamless transition.
- Prefect still needs work.
- Military side of enrollment dominates the Academy.
- New Senior ROTC instructor is coming on board. Taking over for Jim Kebisek.
- Prefect will have a director, this will be solely responsible for prefect and helping with accountability.
- Military, new Col K will be in charge of the military, who is in charge? It will be the Col K one point of contact and what happens on campus, classes and dorms.
- 3 students seeking appointments to service academies, all have nominations. 1 has received an appointment to west point.
- 2 others have accepted ROTC Scholarships
- \$3.5 in scholarships for college
- New programs are growing and expanded in upcoming years.
- 34 days of giving thank you, matched over, Goal was 500k brought in about 560-570 total exceeding our goal.
- Restricted gift \$500k for organ in chapel.
- President's house is breaking ground in the next few weeks.
- Corner stone campaign raised about \$250k
- Million-dollar donations in the month of December.
- Expecting about 250 kids by the end of 2025.
- at 260-270 we would run in the black without donations.
- not out of the woods yet, working capital is the biggest issue we have.

**9:15 AM:** Michael Hoover brings up some points regarding Bob Fines topics of conversation.

- Reiterate what Bob Said, if it wasn't for donors of the academy we would have been in a lot of trouble, Alumni are about 70% of donating group right now. Time, Talent, and Treasure.
- There has been a huge increase in new faces in zoom meetings and on campus, future is with the new generation as the 70's and 80's step back and 90's and 00's step up to take the reins.



**9:19 AM: Michael Hoover asks for the Secretaries report.**

-Kyle Popek reports that we still have 5 vacancies on the OBAA Board.

**9:21 AM: Michael Hoover asks for the Treasurers report from David Zirngibl.**

- \$23,000 and change on hand.
- \$8,300 in School account adjustments and working through it with SJN.
- 15,000 in Wintrust account, we broke down what was happening.
- Pig Roast we added \$3,715.51, Low turnout from OBAA but profitable from Parents.
- We have over \$825 sponsorships.
- Different avenues is helping the donations., one time donations and monthly are helping greatly.
- Service has been better with school
- Cubs/Sox Game – Net Profit was \$1,958.34
- This year it will be better with more people
- Trust = \$69,574.83
- Questions regarding the new trust and where it was, after investigation the new trust will be added back to reporting in the future, until that happens we only report on old trust and \$3000 a year will funnel into scholarships.
- Tammy found us the new trust that we could not find for years, more to come with getting that money. Making strides...
- Total we have about \$20,000 in cash that we can use for scholarships and upcoming events.
- Does the trust accept stock transfers or just cash donations? Unknown and we have put nothing into it and it grows off market fluctuations.
- Who controls the old trust? – Old Trust is controlled by

**Bob Fine adds info on the situation.**

- The OBAA has two funds within the corporation, trusts are in the corporation. Nothing has been moved, still intact in the \$1.7 ledger for the corporation.*
- The school cannot do anything with the funds as they are restricted by the OBAA. The OBAA must determine what they are for.*
- as long as the OBAA did not sign a release the money is not gone.*
- Both trusts are set up differently, but we always get our withdrawal from the school.*
- We will be moving from 5/3 to PNC, PNC has done a presentation, and we think 5/3 wasn't helping us.*
- David will be getting a copy of the foundation and how the funds are allocated.*
- School will leverage trust for Line of credit for PNC and renegotiate terms for school.*

**David Zirngibl continues.**

- there is more transparency
- Restrictions on trust are for scholarships.
- Right team in place, and we are getting back to basics.



- Are there penalties on the trust every year? Not to our knowledge.
- We have not gotten info previously but are now getting info from the school.
- Will table the stock donations and bring it back to the board in May and determine what we can and cannot do.

**9:49 AM:** Michael Hoover asks for a motion to approve the financial report. Gregory Van Praag makes a motion to approve with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dan Koniecko. Motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

**9:50 AM: Michael Hoover asks Nominations board chair, Lucas Kraft to describe the voting for the awards.** Lucas Kraft gives brief remarks. Voting takes place both in person and via ZOOM. The following are the results:

Honored Old Boy

- First choice - Stan Hooker – 3 Nominations – Yay = 13
- Alternate Ted Roth – 2 nominations Yay = 13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Tony Zalinski S’ 79- Yay = 13

Distinguished service

- Nate Meyers – Yay = 5
- Lee Breitkopf - Yay = 8

Michael Hoover asks for approval, Bill Sanders motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike York. Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.

Honorary Old Boy

- Kehl Arnsen – Yay= 9
- Jim Blackburn – Yay= 3
- Mike Trione – Yay= 6
- Duane Ruthford -Yay= 3

Michael Hoover asks for approval, Bill Sanders motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Koniecko and Lucas Kraft. Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.

Honored Athlete

- Dave Hallenbach Yay = 4
- Randall Peters – Yay = 9

Michael Hoover asks for approval, Dan Kokiecko motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sanders. Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.



**10:14 AM: Michael Hoover Moves to Legacy Scholarship fund.**

- Suggest we only (5) \$1000 legacies with the option of adding more in may pending completion of audit.
- additional \$3000 later on or \$5000 depending on what we bring in.

Motion to agree on \$10,000.00?

-general discussion

Motion to top 5 for \$2000 each

Michael Hoover asks for approval, Dave Zirngibl motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Bornschlegl.  
Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.

**10:34 AM: Michael Hoover discusses Excalibur which will be held on April 27, 2024.**

Michael Hoover suggests a \$2,000.00 donation to fund a need.

Michael Hoover asks for approval, Dan Koniecko motions to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sanders.  
Motion passes with Unanimous voice vote.

**10:37 AM: St. Patrick's day Parade**

- Alumni can march behind cadets/students.
- Take bus and drive down, meet at plumber's hall
- Will drive down to where the corps is and not the viewing area.
- Guidons will be there.
- Alumni must behave and dress in proper fashion.

**10:42 AM: Commencement**

- Alumni cocktail reception same time this year.
- Food will be monitored better this year.
- Cost \$25 each possible child ticket.

**10:43 AM: Mexico Alumni event**

- over 80 alumni will be assembling
- Bob Fine and Jon Bennet & Mike Hoover will be in attendance
- Alumni have donated for Michael Hoover to go down there.
- Purpose for OBAA is to get the Mexico alumni can get involved with OBAA, possible international directors in the future.
- Jon Bennet has made great strides in helping this get done.



**10:49 AM: Sox/Cubs Game Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Section 109, 7:00pm**

- 78.40 for ticket
- Tail gate will be \$1,000.
- 60 tickets backing of academy and parents club all proceeds go to OBAA
- Tail gating at 4:00 pm
- Parking passes will allow you park closer (25) of them.
- Donations and bundle things together as packages similar to last year.
- Ticket prices will be \$150 each.
- Sponsorships will be set up differently.
- Parking Lot E, Tail gate pad A, 100 ft to gate, 200 feet to seat.

**10:52 AM: New Business**

- Greg Van Praag asks if anyone has names and information of Alumni looking to participate in the Final Salutes, please contact Greg Van Praag.
- General Discussion on Final Salute.
- Next Meeting in May, in TLC during reunion weekend on Friday.

**10:56 AM: Michael Hoover asks if we have a motion to adjourn?**

Bill Sanders makes a motion to adjourn, Greg Van Praag 2nds the motion to adjourn. The motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

This report was 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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