St. Louis-Gateway Chapter Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting –Sept 23, 2020

The St Louis Chapter, USAFA AOG, quarterly board meeting was held on Zoom, Sept 23, 2020 at 730pm

**Members Present:** Kirk McDonald, Elizabeth Granier, Mike Ziemann, Todd Fletcher, Pat Ellis, Mike Brecht, Brian Lindsey, Reed Shafer, Bob Baker, Keith Heien and Matt Heien

**Members Absent:**

Members at large present: Tim Souhradad. James McQueen, terry Tienney (USMA), Matthew Roberts

**Financial Report:**  Brian Lindsey reported balance of $1,720.71. He also reported that the bank statements are fully reconciled.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Tax Exempt Status (Articles of Incorporation):** Brian Lindsey has updated a new Charter within the State of Missouri and will bring to the USNA vs USAFA watch party for signatures. Elizabeth Granier’s Address will be the base address for the group as she lives in St Louis MO. Elizabeth and Keith will sign paperwork to get new Charter within State of MO complete.

**Navy Game Watch Party:**  there was much discussion and it was decided to pursue the Syberg’s venue for the watch party over Ball Park Village. Mike Brecht made reservations and Keith Heien will call and confirm. Keith will send out a blast to our email list, Elizabeth/Mike/Mike will make a Facebook announcement and all board members will reach out to our contacts of grads in area about attendance. Keith will also contact the Parent’s Club. Elizabeth worked with Navy Reps Dave and Josh Rich and also posted on All Academy Women’s Facebook Group and USAFA Women’s Grad Facebook group. No squares will be run since Kirk is not able to attend game and has the board and tickets. Elizabeth did contact AOG along with Reed Shafer to get goodies for door prizes. Reed was sent by the AOG goodies to distribute at game and an Email blast from Karina Ross and AOG email was sent through their email distribution list.

**Army Watch Party:** With the early start time of 1030am, Syberg and Ball Park Villiage are not open so alternate venues are being looked at. Mike Brecht is our POC for this and will hopefully have an update on where to have this event with USMA Grads by Oct 14th meeting.

**Founder’s Day:** No discussion or planning is yet to take place on this annual event and with current COVID conditions.

**Memorial Day Service:** Bob Baker reported that the USNA reps did go and place a wreath with an informal ceremony and we will continue to attempt this event in May 2021.

**All Service Academy Golf:** Top Golf and per Terry Tienney’s request making this event a fund raiser for the All Academies Ball in Dec that Parent’s clubs put together was floated. A tentative date of Oct 18th in afternoon. However, with more discussion Top Golf requires $20-25 dollars for golf fees, mandatory $24 dollar meal purchase for anyone wishing to do this event. Also the USAFA Parent’s are looking to host a Top Golf event so this event is tabled to allow the Parent’s Club to host and then to try and encourage our Army and Navy AOG groups to join in to help raise money for the All Academy Ball. The AOG did put Reed in Contact with a Jessica from San Antonio TX who hosted another event with Top Golf and helped orchestrate with Top Golf so Reed has now worked and contacted the Parent’s Club group and we will continue to support and hopefully participate in whatever ends up happening. If the Parent’s Club event is a no-go we may look to try again in Jan/Feb.

**Parent’s Club Doolie Brunch:**  No report on this event.

**Current Board and Officer Roster:**

**Board of Directors:**

Bob Baker, Mike Ziemann 2018-2020

Mike Brecht, Todd Fletcher, 2019-2021

Reed Shafer, Pat Ellis 2020-2022

**Officers: Elected for the 2018-2019 year are the following:**

President: Keith Heien

Vice President: Kirk McDonald

Secretary: Elizabeth Granier

Treasurer: Brian Lindsey

**New Business:**

**Zoom Social Hour:**  Oct 14th meeting can serve also as networking opportunity, please invite graduates to join. Matthew Roberts joined this meeting after invitation from Todd Fletcher.

**Distinguished Chapter:**  Flag is back with Elizabeth with the new year added.

**President’s Conference:**  Email of recorded sessions from the Virtual Conference were sent out and are now available. Any quarterly meetings/calls where a representative is needed will hopefully be coordinated as needed by Keith Heien.

**Reunions:**  All Reunions appear to have been canceled for Fall 2020 and potentially Fall 2021 will be make-up reunions for this year along with the scheduled events for subsequent classes.

**Next Meeting: By Zoom Set Oct 14, 730pm with goal to confirm Army Game and to discuss more on Top Golf Event**

**Adjournment:** With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Fontenot Granier ‘00

Secretary

Post Meeting Announcement: New Grads that attended Navy Watch party:

1998 Graduate Caroline Jensen now working at Boeing. She has a son Finn who is currently looking to play baseball if anyone is aware of a baseball club or league running in/around the Olive/Ladue area. Caroline’s email with Boeing is caroline.a.jensen@boeing.com

2020 graduates new to Scott AFB joined our party:

 Lisa Steiner: lisa.steiner216@gmail.com

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