

**RICHLAND CLUB 40 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

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A Board Meeting of Club 40 was held Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the Richland Red Lion/Hanford House. President Marilyn Highstreet called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Officers and Board Members in attendance are listed on Page 2 of these minutes.

New Board Members

Marilynn Hightower introduced Betti Avant, Class of 1969, who is filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Irene Russell. Also introduced was Chris Neyens Coburn, for the Class of 1970. In addition, Shannon Craig Hightower was unable to attend the meeting, but will represent the Class of 1950. We welcome these new Class Representatives.

Election of Officers for 1915-1916

Ron Holeman, Election Committee Chairman announced that all current officers were willing to serve another term, and are listed on the ballot. He noted that space was provided for write-in candidates for each office. Ballots were distributed to all officers and representatives in attendance. After ballots were counted, Ron Holeman reported that all current officers were unanimously reelected: President-Marilynn Hightower; Vice President-Dona Belt; Secretary-Karol Smith; Treasurer-Kathy Conrad.

Letter from Dick McCoy

Club Founder Dick McCoy distributed copies of a letter he wrote to the Board. Dick explained he wanted the Board to have time to consider the suggestions in his letter so it can be discussed at the Fall Board Meeting in October. He asked that all Board Members review the ideas and suggestions listed in his letter.

Military Boards

Treasurer Kathy Conrad asked that she be notified of the name of any eligible person not listed on the Military Boards we display at our annual reunion.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Hightower.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karol Smith, Secretary

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<u>ClassYear</u>	<u>Name</u>
1945	Dick McCoy
1948	Dale Gier
1952	Terry De Vine Liana Portch
1953	Norma Boswell
1954	Dona Belt, Vice President Marilynn Highstreet, President Jim Mefford
1956	Ron Holeman Karol Smith, Secretary
1959	Leslie Holeman
1964	Kathy Conrad, Treasurer
1966	John Zimmer
1969	Betti Avant Duke Mitchell, Scholarship Chairman
1970	Chris Coburn

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, (REPRESENTATIVES) CLUB 40
FROM: DICK MCCOY REP 1945 PAST PRESEIDENT 1987-1997
RE: DISCUSION OF RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE CLUB AND THE ANNUAL PARTY

I have, ,for some time, felt that the Club as gotten too large and has wandered off its original purposes i.e., to provide for a continuum between Class reunions and to allow for a reunion with all your schoolmates from other years. In those early years, a large percentage of each Class would attend. Maybe 25 to 50 % of each class, which was possible as to the smaller class sizes of the Forties, an average of around 150. Today, how many of the Class of '73 can we accommodate The Club has become tired.

I have some thoughts for all to consider for the fall meeting.

1. A change of time. Do we have to have it in the fall? I'm tired of missing a full weekend of football. How about early summer? Early on we started after the 4th of July , but too hot. So we moved it. But it' petty hot in Sept, as well. Do we have to have it on a weekend? First week after Mem Day Weekdays provide cheaper and more available venues and rooms.

2. Do we really need two days of full party? Just one, please. Another day for meetings, individual Class reunions, maybe at more than one venue. Let the attendees do their own thing. Friday has always been an orphan from the beginnings. Sliders? Tacos?

3. The biggest change, cutback the membership; beginning in 2070 restrict to 50 years. Do anything to get more exclusivity. It might renew anticipation.

4. Change the venue. The Lion is too cooped up, we need to have some outside areas. On the other hand maybe we need more than one venue

5. Dress up the format. Get a combo If we are to have a lottery get some good stuff to perk interest . Keep it short. Maybe a little entertainment.. We have some pretty good acts right here in the Club.

6. Think think. What else? Think outside our box. You gal officers are good at this sort of thing.

Repeat: Many of the above suggestions would work better if on a weekday.