

## RICHLAND CLUB 40 MEETING MINUTES

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A Board of Directors Meeting was held Saturday, October 20, 2012, in the Vernita Room at the Richland Red Lion Hanford House. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President John Zimmer. Individual Award Certificates were presented to 2011-2012 Class Representatives by President Zimmer.

Minutes from the April 21 and Sept. 8, 2012, Board Meetings were distributed to all present. After allowing time for the minutes to be read, they were approved as written.

Also distributed were copies of the current list of Officers and Directors and the Agenda for this meeting.

### **Announcements**

President Zimmer made the following announcements:

- \*Effective with the Spring, 2013 Dust Storm, Ann Thompson will be the new Editor. Marsha Hathcox was thanked for her past service. Marsha said the **final date for submission of articles for the Fall Dust Storm is November 1.**
- \*Urged Class Representatives to have Class Photo Boards created. The Boards would include the Senior Class Pictures for their class. Photos from their Year Book should be enlarged and put on Project Presentation Boards. To date, only the classes of 1955 and 1960 have these for display at the annual reunion.
- \*Declared Friday nights of the reunion to be "Green & Gold Night", encouraging all who attend to wear green and gold. Notice of this will be published in the DustStorm.
- \*Dick McCoy has agreed to continue serving as a Class Representative, representing the classes of 1942 - 1946.
- \*President Zimmer noted our By-Laws specify a Board Meeting to elect Club Officers for the next year is to be held on Saturday of our Annual Meeting. He requested volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of candidates to serve as Club 40 Officers for 2013-2014. Committee members are Dan Haggard '57; Ron Holeman '56; and Betty Bell Norton '51. They will announce the slate of candidates at the **Spring Board of Directors Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013.** Betty Bell Norton will put a notice about this in the Fall Dust Storm. It was noted that a candidate does not need to be a member of the Board of Directors, but must be a member in good standing of Club 40.
- \*Vice President Pete Overdahl announced the recent passing of two distinguished Richland Bombers, Rod Ostboe, who attended Richland schools and then taught and coached at Richland schools, and Curt Ludwig, '47, who served as Benton County Prosecutor, Washington State Representative and State Senator.

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### **Scholarship Report**

Committee Chairman Duke Mitchell reported we have a new contact at Richland High School, Margaret Novy. Committee Member Norma Boswell is preparing a new Task List itemizing what needs to be done and when it needs to be accomplished. Pete Overdahl asked if we have information about much money was taken in at the recent raffle to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Our CPA, Bob Bowls, had furnished financial information listing a total of \$6,526.18 in scholarship revenue, including donations, interest and sales, but it did not specify how much for each category.

### **Financial Information**

The total amount currently in the Scholarship Fund is \$64,881.96. Of that amount, \$52,291.58 is in CDs, with the balance of \$12,590.38 in the checking account. Our CPA, Bob Bowls, recommended that another CD be purchased for \$10,000, and that all CDs be tracked for maturity dates. A final financial report will be furnished to the Board.

Board Members questioned why we don't increase the amount of the two scholarships we award. The reason is to make them self-sustaining, so continued fund raising won't be required. Also, in the event Club 40 should be dissolved in the future, the By-Laws state any funds remaining in the treasury will be given to Richland High School to benefit the scholarship fund, and if our fund is self-sustaining at that point, our scholarships would continue indefinitely. Projected dates for the two current scholarships to become self-sustaining will be reviewed and reported by Chairman Duke Mitchell at the April 20 Board Meeting.

### **Membership Dues**

President Zimmer stated that our By-Laws provide that members who have had their 60th Reunion are exempt from paying dues. Therefore, the vote taken at the April 21, 2012, to rescind this provision is not allowed, and unless board members vote to revise the By-Laws, the exemption stands.

There was much discussion about another proposal voted on and passed at the April Board Meeting, which was to increase dues from \$5 to \$10 per Bomber, and to make it apply to both spouses if both are Bombers. Our By-Laws state that all members must pay. The reason for only charging one spouse in the past was because only one Dust Storm was sent to each couple. However, it was pointed out that by increasing the dues, and also having them apply to each Bomber, it effectively quadrupled the amount those couples pay. In addition, we seem to have an ample amount in the treasury to cover all expenses. More information is needed to make a determination about this, so Dan Haggard made a motion that the subject be tabled to continue at the next Board Meeting to be held April 20, 2013. John will check to see that a copy of our By-Laws is posted on the Bomber Website.

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### **New Business**

President Zimmer introduced a guest, Karen Sullivan Schwebke, a 1973 graduate of Richland High, who will be joining Club 40 after her class has their 40th Reunion next year.

Her class has reserved the deck and hospitality room at the Shiloh at the same time we are holding our Annual Reunion. Karen proposed that it would be beneficial to both Club 40 and her class to have a short ceremony to introduce and welcome the class of '73 to Club 40 on Friday night, which could be done for each newly eligible class. She is actively recruiting members from her class as well as the classes of '71 and '72 to join Club 40. She will attend our April 20 Board Meeting and will continue to work with us.

A question about where we will find a facility to accommodate many more people at the annual reunions was raised. That will definitely need to be addressed in the not too distant future.

### **Bomber Legacy**

Dale Gier '48, discussed the need for perpetuating the unique Bomber legacy, and the need for a place to consolidate and display all the Bomber memorabilia. He has been meeting with Jim Qualheim, Activities Director from Richland High School, who has acquired land for just such a purpose. Dale suggests this is a project that warrants our support and involvement, and recommends we invite Jim Qualheim to our April 20 Board Meeting to discuss this further. This was enthusiastically accepted by the Board, and Connie O'Neil was asked to secure a meeting place.

### **2012 Silver Jubilee**

Overall consensus was that despite an unsatisfactory set up for the buffet table on Friday night; a few party crashers; and a program that was rather lengthy; the 25th Celebration was a resounding success. President Zimmer reported the buffet set up was not what we had ordered, but by the time it was discovered it was too late to change. He noted that if any class representative becomes aware of someone who does not have the correct badge, they should ask the person to leave or notify him or Vice President Pete Overdahl. The program was special to commemorate the 25th year since Club 40 was founded, which accounted for its length. There was also a request to have one large plate rather than several smaller ones, as a matter of convenience.

Marilynn Highstreet asked why there was an added line on the registration form for the 2012 Annual Reunion for donations for the Silver Jubilee celebration. President Zimmer reported the decision to include the line for donations had to be made before we knew what our expenses would be. A full accounting of expenses and income will be furnished at the April 20 Board Meeting.

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Pete Overdahl thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the 25th Silver Jubilee a success and also thanked everyone who contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

It was announced that a number of the special T-shirts ordered for the Reunion are still available, and can be ordered by contacting Kathy Conrad at 946-6318.

The band we used for Saturday night, the Java Tones, was very well received. Discussion followed about whether we would want to have them both nights next year. A vote taken was in favor of retaining Friday night for socializing and having a band only on Saturday.

**2013 Annual Reunion**

President Zimmer reiterated that our 2013 Reunion will be held at the Shiloh Hotel. Connie O'Neil has confirmed arrangements with the Shiloh for the banquet room in addition to guest room rates. The hotel has assured us they are freshening up the rooms.

Marilynn Highstreet reported she has contacted their catering manager about the menu, and was asked to meet with the manager after the first of the year. John Zimmer said he has had a number of requests to serve hotdogs and hamburgers on Friday.

This concluded business, and the meeting was adjourned by President Zimmer.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karol Smith".

Karol Smith, Secretary