

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

**RICHLAND RED LION**  
**APRIL 23, 2016**  
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A Board Meeting of Club 40 was held April 23, 2016, at the Richland Red Lion. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Marilyn Highstreet. Officers and Board Members in attendance are listed on Page 5 of these minutes.

Former Treasurer and Data Base Manager, Ann Thompson, thanked Club 40 Members for the Desk Clock she received from us. She is continuing as Editor of the Dust Storm.

**Meeting Minutes**

Secretary Karol Smith read the minutes from our October 24, 2015, meeting. A question was raised concerning the amount of money specified in the minutes that the Richland High ASB Association was willing to contribute toward a proposed Alumni Building. A review of previous meeting minutes confirms the amount they were willing to contribute as of September 24, 2014, was \$100,000. The meeting minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kathy Conrad furnished copies of our checking account activity for 2015. As of December, the balance was as follows:

Checking Account:	\$ 23,627.84
In addition, the Scholarship Fund shows:	
12 Month Certificate:	32,963.03
24 Month Certificate:	33,535.39
Total:	66,498.42

President Highstreet announced that Club 40 has a newly created position, which is Account Manager. This has been filled by Tax Accountant Darlene Huntington of Kirkland. Since our previous financial records had been shredded, she has been doing considerable work on our behalf already, and has filed our taxes for 2015. Her report shows our net income for 2015 was \$2,085.19.

**Dust Storm**

Editor Ann Thompson announced the deadline for submitting information to be included in the spring edition of the Dust Storm is Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Club members and Board Members are encouraged to submit articles to Ann for publication.

**2016 Annual Meeting**

Registration forms for the September 9 and 10, 2016 Reunion will be mailed with the Spring Dust Storm. Deadline for sending in registration forms is Friday, August 26.

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### **2016 Annual Meeting Continued**

All registrations must be postmarked by August 25, 2016. The Board reaffirmed our policy of no "walk-ins". The names of those registering will be published on the Bomber Website.

### **Food Report**

Marilynn Highstreet reported the Richland Red Lion has a new menu. The food committee has decided on a Pasta Bar for Friday evening. The cost, not including tax or gratuity, is \$29 per person. The Board agreed the amount per person would be \$35 for Friday Evening.

On Saturday evening, there will be a choice of entrees for the "sit down" dinner. The cost, not including tax or gratuity is \$33 per person, and the Board agreed to \$40 per person.

It was suggested that the costs for both nights be explained in an article for the upcoming Dust Storm.

### **Membership Report**

Chairman Ron Holeman reported the focus has been on the classes of '66, '71, and '76, as these are the years holding class reunions in 2016. He has been in contact with their class representatives to request copies of the information they send out. Ron has prepared a letter highlighting the origin, purpose and basic information about Club 40. Either Ron or another representative will be at the registration table at their reunions. This letter will be given out to introduce Club 40 to their class members and answer questions.

### **Nominating Committee**

President Highstreet said that Dan Haggard has agreed to serve on the nominating committee, but a chairman and other committee members are needed. Marilynn also said she will not run for another term as president.

### **Publicity**

A Publicity Chairman and Committee Members are needed. Their primary purpose will be to prepare and submit information about Club 40 to the Tri-City Herald. We have over 600 members, and they need to be informed also.

### **Raffle**

In the absence of Chairman Marsha Hathcox, Leslie Holeman reported last year's raffle was a success. The Committee will welcome donations from our members to add to the items already being collected.

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### **Scholarship**

Chairman Duke Mitchell announced the Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Richland High School Auditorium. Duke will present four \$1,000 scholarships on behalf of Club 40. Dan Haggard will be the official photographer. Duke also reported we have received letters of thanks from each of the four recipients of last years awards. Copies of their letters are available to members.

### **Old Business**

President Highstreet said that in response to suggestions from Dick McCoy, she prepared a questionnaire which was published in the Fall Dust Storm. Club 40 members were asked to express their opinions about our Annual Meeting, such as when, location, type of entertainment, how many days, etc. The majority of those responding preferred to have the reunion remain the same, held two evenings on a weekend in September, and have visiting on Friday and a dance band on Saturday.

### **Proposed Alumni Building**

There are no new developments. Jim Qualheim, Richland High Athletic Director has suggested we table the matter.

### **New Business : By-Laws**

Ron Holeman reported the most recent revision to our By-Laws was in October, 2013. He has been reviewing the history of Club 40, which was modeled on a similar organization from Lincoln High School in Seattle. Since Ron has been working on membership, it has become apparent that younger classes are concerned with privacy, and several classes have refused to provide us with access to their data bases so we could contact their classmates. He noted that Lincoln's By-Laws address the privacy issue, but ours do not. Their By-Laws are 23 pages, whereas ours are 8 pages, and perhaps there are other subjects we should address. Ron suggested we form a committee to determine whether there is a value in reviewing our By-Laws. If so, we must be aware of the time frame for voting and approving any amendments to the By-Laws.

Ron asked the Board whether we should form a By-Laws committee. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so. Ron will serve as Chairman, with Duke Mitchell and Karol Smith as committee members. At some point, we will seek legal counsel from a Club 40 member who is an attorney.

### **Membership Dues**

It was agreed that dues must be paid for 2016 in order to receive the Dust Storm.

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**Fall Board Meeting**

President Highstreet stated that our next Board Meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at which time we will be electing officers for the 2016-2017 term.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karol Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Karol Smith, Secretary

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class Year</u></b>
Ann Thompson	1949, Dust Storm Editor
Jim Chubb	1950
Betty Bell Norton	1951
Norma Boswell	1953
Dona Belt	1954, Vice President
Marilynn Highstreet	1954, President
Jim Mefford	1954
Billie Neth	1955
Ron Holeman	1956
Karol Smith	1956, Secretary
Dan Haggard	1957
Roberta Lattin	1958
Ann Williams	1958
Leslie Swanson Holeman	1959
Marjorie Haggard	1960
Connie O'Neil	1960, Assistant to the Board
Jack Gardiner	1961
Marie Hartman	1963
Kathy Conrad	1964, Treasurer
Betti Avant	1969
Duke Mitchell	1969, Scholarship Chairman