

Minutes of the BSSAA General Membership Meeting - 2003 06 25

In attendance: Jeanette Wilson, Executive Secretary
Gord Macfarlane, Registrar
Teresa Kobos, Director of Sponsorship
Peter Weldon, Chair, 40th Reunion Committee
John Halls

Michael Robinson, Executive Director
Gord Nichol, Director of Events
Judy Adamczyk, Vice President
Sylvia Winski
Jane Marshall

Start time: 7:45 p.m.

End time: 9:35 p.m.

Call to order: Michael Robinson, seconded: Dan Nichol

Old Business:

Discussed: Gala event - new ticket price. After negotiating with the Regal Constellation, after the SARS crisis hitting Toronto area industry, a new price of \$60/ticket has been drafted. Those people who bought their tickets for the \$75 price before the earlybird deadline of June 15, 2003 will receive a \$25 rebate at the event. The meal is a grain fed half-chicken with parisienne potatoes and a medley of vegetables, which includes soup, salad and dessert. It will cost \$36 inclusive of all taxes, gratuities and late night coffee. If anyone has any special dietary requirements, they are to call the Regal Constellation directly. We are currently negotiating a lower parking fee of \$4, rather than \$8. The rest of the \$60 price is for decorations, table centrepieces, security, alumni memento, etc. Full payment to the Regal for all costs is due 2 weeks prior to the event if paying by cheque, or 1 week prior if paying by cash or certified cheque.

Discussed: Digitized yearbooks - can be done. BSS alumnus Wayne Wicks, manager of Oscar's Roadhouse Restaurant, is taking a leave of absence and has offered to digitize all BSS yearbooks (except the past 5 years for security reasons). He will make one copy, then we can mass produce on 3 CD's. We may provide this to gala event participants as an alumni memento, selling others to alumni who don't attend the gala event.

Discussed: Photographer - at gala event. Michael Robinson knows a photographer who will take digital pictures on demand at the Regal Constellation (perhaps in a mini-studio), and possibly at BSS on Friday night and Saturday during the day. The cost for alumni will be \$20 for an 8X10 photograph, or \$15 for a 5X7 photograph. BSSAA will get a complete set on CD to document the event.

Discussed: Charitable Trust - set up at Peel District School Board. Barry Oliver (PDSB legal advisor) wants to set up a meeting with BSSAA members to go over the legalities of the Charitable Trust. We should get a charitable registration number to provide to breweries if they will sponsor the beer garden. The same applies to wineries if sponsoring the wine and cheese.

Discussed: Kids Soccer Challenge - support. We have the support of the Brampton United Girls and Brampton East Youth Soccer Clubs to distribute flyers about our Top Gun Kids Soccer Challenge on Friday, August 22, 2003.

Discussed: Golf tournament - Banty's Roost. Doug Hancock, manager at Banty's Roost golf club, is a BSS alumnus and has offered the best deal for our golf tournament on Wednesday, August 20, 2003. It will be a shot-gun start at 1:30 p.m. for \$60/person including a cart for every 2 golfers. If we get 136 players or more, we make \$5/person. If we don't get enough golfers, it reverts to \$60/person with no shot-gun start. Banty's Roost requires a \$500 deposit ASAP to hold the course for us.

Motion to pay Banty's Roost \$500 for golf tournament deposit, moved by Michael Robinson, seconded by Dan Nichol. Vote carried 10 yays, 0 nays.

Discussed: Bands for reunion - beer garden and gala event. Former BSS teacher Ray Nowak's band Bad Dog is booked for the beer garden at BSS on Friday, August 22nd. Negotiations are still under way with Nancy Be, a band managed by BSS alumnus Jay McAleese, to play the gala event. Michael Robinson has heard of another band, Second Avenue, with former BSS music teacher Alan Shoemsmith, who play only reunions. At this point in time, due to our commitment to the negotiations with band Nancy Be, we will not entertain other bands.

Discussed: St. John Ambulance - ambulatory care at reunion. The cost to have 2 attendants at the school in case of accidental injury is \$100. We will likely need attendants on Friday evening due to the beer garden/wine and cheese. We may also need attendants Friday during the day (kids soccer challenge) and Saturday during the day (alumni sports events).

Discussed: Security - off duty police officers versus security firm. John Halls will look into the cost of various security firms to provide 2 guards for the gala event at the Regal Constellation from 6:00 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 23rd. We will likely also need 2 guards at BSS on Friday, August 22nd from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. Off duty police officers cost approximately twice as much as security guards.

New Business:

Discussed: Website domain name - renewal. We must renew the website domain name (bssalumni.com) within 60 days to keep the name. The cost is \$8.99 (U.S.) per year and we can renew for up to 5 years.

Motion to get a U.S. money order to renew the website domain name for 5 years, moved by Jeanette Wilson, seconded by Gord Macfarlane. Vote carried 10 yays, 0 nays.

Discussed: Wall of Fame - biographies of successful alumni. BSSAA founding members are asked to write their biographies (in the third person) and submit them to the website. The last portion should be why we are involved in BSSAA. The biographies are to inspire BSS students to become successful.

Discussed: Class of 1976 reunion - Oscar's Roadhouse. Approximately 20-25 people attended this event on Saturday, June 21st for graduates of 1975-77. Two tickets were sold for the gala event, with much interest expressed in the beer garden/wine and cheese event. An alumna, Janice Sheard, spoke to a small group where, apparently 25 people said they'd go to the gala event.

Discussed: Brampton Guardian - meeting on Monday, June 23rd. Ken Nugent, publisher of the Brampton Guardian, wants to be part of our community celebration. He will allow BSSAA to advertise up to 4 times for both the reunion and the kids soccer challenge. The Guardian may want to interview BSSAA members for an extensive article. They will also likely cover the events at the reunion in August.

Discussed: Reunion events - clarification. Events are as follows:

Wednesday, August 20th - golf tournament - starting at 1:30 (until approximately 7:30 p.m.) - \$60/person
- staff wine and cheese - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$5 donation

Thursday, August 21st - Jake's Boathouse (no time, no cost)

Friday, August 22nd - Top Gun Kids Soccer Challenge - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - \$5 donation

- Open House at BSS - 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- Opening Ceremonies at BSS - 7:30 p.m.

- POSSIBLY Safety Village Road Show - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Beer Garden/Wine and Cheese at BSS - 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - \$5/combo ticket

Saturday, August 23rd - Open House at BSS - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Alumni sports events (flag football, volleyball, basketball) - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Community BBQ - 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - price TBA

- POSSIBLY Safety Village Road Show - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Gala Event at Regal Constellation - 6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - \$60/ticket

Sunday, August 24th - Wild Water Kingdom Family Day - \$20/ticket or 4 tickets for \$70 - can be used any day

Motion to adjourn: Teresa Kobos, seconded: Jeanette Wilson