

**AMA Foundation  
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting  
27 April 2019, Fort Defiance, VA 24437**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Trustees Meeting convened at 2:30PM on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the AMA Museum Conference Room.

**In Attendance:**

Ed Rogerville '76, Chairman  
B.J. D'Orsay '70, Secretary  
Gordon Metz '68 (GM)  
Gary Cripps '71  
John Arthur '75

Doug Pennock '72, Vice-Chairman  
Ed Click '50  
Steve Trent '70, AMAAA President  
Brett Thompson '75

- 1) **Call to Order:** Ed Rogerville called the meeting to order at 2:30PM and welcomed everyone in attendance. He personally thanked everyone's support, for the successful Reunion 2019 activities, thru that time.
  
- 2) **Nomination and Election of Officers**
  - a. Gary Cripps '71 nominated for Treasurer-BT; seconded-DP: **Unanimous Approval**
  - b. John Arthur '75 nominated for Secretary-DP; seconded-BT: **Unanimous Aprv.**
  - c. Doug Pennock '72 nominated for Vice-Chairman-BT; seconded-BJ: **Unanimous Aprv.**
  - d. Ed Rogerville '76 nominated for Chairman-DP; seconded-BT: **Unanimous Aprv.**
  
- 3) **Chairman Remarks / Current Topics**
  - a. AMA will be hosting an awards breakfast for the Greater Augusta County Chamber of Commerce, tentatively planned for 20 August. The event is "Honoring Our Heroes". Local police, EMT's and Emergency Responders will be recognized for their outstanding service to the community. Ed R requested support by the BOT's and requesting support circulating info to get Alumni to attend.
  - b. Ed R described an email received from John Plashal regarding (asking) using AMA in his abandoned historic properties video and photo shoots. John has done similar to many properties in VA (Williamsburg President Park). This would require access to the property, and desires are to use the AMA archway, the Museum, and 10-15 minutes inside barracks.
    - BJ Comment: Additionally, there could be potential increased number of building, thus potential crowd control activities during the filming, so the PX would need to be open.

- Steve T: Text to read and need more information.
- Open discussion amongst the BOT members, and general consensus was supporting, but more details required. Several expressed safety concerns.
- c. He has a Facebook site, and Ed will forward the information for the BOT.
- d. Upon BJ's request, Ed led discussions regarding Mrs. Harmon and her request to spread Hugh Harmon's '58 ashes, on the football field. General discussion, but highlighted Gordon M's support, and Doug P phone call. All issues worked thru, with Ed R and BJ communicating with her, and the AMA team.

#### 4) Proposed Next Meeting Topics

- a. Gordon: Would like to see a policy letter developed concerning donations to, and recognition within the *Roller Society*. Several BOT members highlighted "gaps" in verifying donation and also in formal thanks/recognition.
  - Steve T stated the data file is not well maintained.
  - Open discussion by several members
  - Ed R will add that to topic items for the next meeting
- b. Doug P would like to add two topics to next meeting:
  - Discussion about accelerated alumni passing and the affect on future gatherings/reunions.
  - Discussion on reunion scope and frequencies: annual, bi-annual?
  - At some point, it will necessitate changes to our current approach. Ed will add that to topic items for the next meeting
- c. Gordon: next meeting? Primary and alternate dates.
  - 9 June was ID'd as one date, with 22 Jun as an alternate.
  - Location will be in Fort Defiance
  - Please provide availability.
- d. By-law review:
  - Gary took John's and Tom's updates, and incorporated into a current version.
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- e. Museum Personnel:
  - Museum has doubled the number of visitors, since the sign was installed. Up 30%, and discussion regarding 3+ employees.
  - Discussion regarding training and capabilities, highlighting some of Christa's training for historical reference.
  - Having a better trained staff, will ensure efficiency and success.
  - Brett talked about QuickBooks On-line, and possible IT courses
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- f. Ed Click asked to consider a formal procedure to capture topic discussion, in advance of meetings.
  - Ed R stated that he would do so.

## 5) **Current Business**

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- c. Expanded discussions regarding current reunion.
  - Doug stated that all have worked very hard enabling success, and we need to capture lessons learned and request feedback from participants.
  - John commented about making informed discussions, if scope and frequency changes are being considered.
  - Doug highlighted shrinking alumni base and shrinking attendance.
  - BJ highlighted 69 alumni had registered, but we had several show who hadn't!
  - Gordon gave a general historical background overview.
  - Gary commented we are not doing anything wrong, but we need to encourage our friends to come and participate.

## 6) **New Business: NONE**

## 7) **General Closing Comments**

- a. BJ highlighted his intent to stay on as the Bayonet Editor, and all concurred that he won't be "volunteered" for any other efforts!!!
- b. Doug thanked Ed for his continued support and leadership.

- 8) **Meeting Adjournment:** Ed R closed the meeting at 3:21PM. He thanked everyone for participating, and continued support.