

R.A. Long High School Alumni Association

Annual Meeting #1 October 28, 2003

R.A. Long High School, Room 113

Officers & Board Members Present: Doug O'Connor, President; Bert Karnofski, Vice President; Mike Chess, Vice President; Helene Kerbaugh Watson, Secretary; Darcie Chess, Treasurer; Mike Jackmond, Board member; Kim Walters, Board member, Maureen Nelson Young, Board member.

Others in Attendance: Bob Huffines (1961) Don Ward (1962) Diana Gragg (1980) Darren Dolemore (Liaison) Jerry Whyte (1951) Dee Whyte (1960) Gayl Inman (1960) Frank Buck (1955) Gary Earnest (1953) Marilyn Reisner (1963) Ruth West (1934) Nancy Huffman Rarcy (1963)

Officers Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10pm by President Doug O'Connor

Secretary's Minutes: None, this is the first annual meeting

First New Business: Proposal made by Doug O'Connor to change order of business, motion to approved by Gary Earnest, 2nd by Mike Jackmond. Proposal made by Doug O'Connor to add Bylaw #9 to have R.A. Long High School administration appoint a liaison to help with information and cooperation between the school and alumni association. Motion by Mike Jackmond not to accept this proposal, 2nd by Diana Gragg, Doug O'Connor called for discussion. Mike Jackmond stated his reasons for not approving this proposal, followed by discussion from many of those present. Doug called for vote on Mike Jackmond's motion, unanimous vote not to approve Mike's motion. Motion to accept proposal made by Diana Gragg, 2nd by Helene Watson, Doug called for discussion. After vigorous discussion by those in attendance, Marilyn Reisner moved we close discussions, 2nd by Maureen Young, Doug called for the vote, and there was a unanimous vote to approve adding new Bylaw #9. Doug returned to the previous order of business.

Officers & Board Members Reports: Doug O'Connor, President; Went over this past year's happenings, writing and approval of the Bylaws with the help of attorney Sam Wardle. Investigated 501c classification, have retained Scott Smerdon CPA to work on helping us with this tax-exempt classification. Board members have attended reunions in order get the word out about the association, a bench was purchased and placed next to the sidewalk near the front entrance of the high school. We had a spaghetti feed in the high school cafeteria as a means to promote new members, in conjunction with the spaghetti feed we had memorabilia donated for display and were able to have some of the memorabilia restored. This memorabilia included the recovery of the 14 foot axe that disappeared in 1970. Our membership list became computerized.

Mike Chess, Vice President; Proud that we have been functioning as an association for 10 months, this was the brain child of Ty Morris the R.A. Long athletic director. We have almost 200 members and 5 lifetime members.

Bert Karnofski, Vice President; Worked with Ty Morris to get the idea of an alumni association off the ground and am excited about where we are now.

Darcie Chess, Treasurer; Total revenue for the year \$8,166.45, total expenditures for the year so far \$4,579.61, account balance as of this date is \$3,586.84. Picks up the mail from the post office box processes the membership requests including sending the membership cards along with a welcome letter.

Helene Watson, Secretary; Has kept the minutes of meetings when present and have had the assistance of Maureen Young to fill in when unable to attend. Opened up the post office box for the association, was able to get a local printer Coprintco, to help with the design of the membership cards and then print them in return for 2 lifetime memberships. Coprintco also did the flyers for the spaghetti feed as a donation.

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Officers & Board Members Reports (cont.): Mike Jackmond, Board member; Headed up the committee for the spaghetti feed and had an attendance of 105, received a lot of memorabilia to put on display. Appreciated the hard work by Maureen Young and others to help make the spaghetti feed a success.

Maureen Nelson Young, Board member; This year has been a learning experience and a success due to all the hard work by every board member. Wrote thank you notes for the help and donations received for the spaghetti feed by those not on the board.

Kim Walters, Board Member; We have done mass mailings to 13 classes and need more class mailing lists.

Gayl Inman, Member; Had a banner made for the association.

Old Business: Darcie Chess reported that she has received correspondence via 2 e-mails and a letter from Ross Fowler class of 1939, who indicates that he will leave the association in the hands of the 'young people' to handle. The two senior ladies who were former classmates from classes in the 1930's who attended the spaghetti feed and had the privilege of riding around the football field in a Mustang convertible, donated by Columbia Ford and driven by Whitey Nelmark (1955), wrote a thank you in the newspaper. The Daily News has written some very nice articles about the alumni association. There was a letter written by Scott Smerden, read by Doug O'Connor in regards to 501c rules governing conflict of interest by officers and/or board members. After discussion regarding the letter it was decided that none of the officers or board members presented a risk for conflict of interest. Mike Jackmond suggested putting a committee together to investigate option to have fundraiser next year. Mike Jackmond and Maureen Young volunteered to head the committee. Diana Gragg suggested doing something the night of the homecoming football game and also looking at having a float in one or more of the parades in the next year. Darren Dolemore, the liaison will check on the football schedule for us.

2nd New Business: Doug O'Connor began discussion of establishing a Hall of Fame for former classmates, another suggestion from the floor was to have a plaque honoring former classmates who died in the line of service to their country. Doug called on Gary Earnest to talk about how they handled the Hall of Fame at Lower Columbia College. He suggested there could be more than one category, athletic and other accomplishments, we need to form a committee with representation from different eras. There was discussion to have an Archives committee, to investigate the availability of a display room, Darren, the liaison, will check with the head librarian about a small room off the library. We still owe the school for the football game tickets and no one knows exactly how much we owe because there was a snafu with the ticket takers and they did not collect all of the tickets from the spaghetti feed attendees. It was decided that we would donate \$75.00 to the R.A. Long ASB to cover the tickets.

Nomination of Officers: There was a motion made by Maureen Young to retain the current slate of officers for the next year, 2nd by Dee Whyte. Doug asked for the officers to individually indicate whether they were willing to do this and all indicated they were. The following people volunteered to be board members; Mike Jackmond, Maureen Young, Kim Walters, Diana Gregg, Dee Whyte and Frank Buck.

Election of Officers: Motion was made by Helene Watson to accept the above slate for the coming year, 2nd by Bert Karnofski. Doug called for the vote and the vote was unanimous to accept.

Adjournment: 8:35pm Next meeting on November 25th, 2003 will be a board meeting only to be held at R.A. Long High School.

Respectfully submitted by,
M. Helene Watson,
Secretary
R.A. Long Alumni Association