

BMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION
COMMITTEE MEETING – OCTOBER 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by our new reunion chairman for 2011, Bob Downs '61. The following were in attendance:

Dick Luebben '41
Al Owings '44 and Marge
Arnie Kachok '49
Anton Felando '50
Harry Heffner '50 and Marie
Ron Schloss '50JC and Dotti
Roy Zukerman '50
Howard Nelson '55 and Margaret
Bob Downs '61, Chairman
Bart Hilliard '61
Gary Moore '63
Richard Parker '64 and Judy

Those unable to attend the meeting but who noted they wish to serve on the committee are as follows:

Kathleen Judy (Ken '43), Earl Welliver '53, Bob Ault '56 and Lily, and John Barnett '56 and Sue

The meeting was called to order by Bob Downs and a blessing on the food was given by Dick Luebben. It was noted we were glad to have Dick with us after a long absence as well as Al and Marge Owings, Al having had a good recovery following a stroke. Roy Zukerman noted he was the newest grandfather-in-law. His grandson is currently serving in Iraq.

Bob officially declared the 2011 Reunion will honor the 60th Class Reunion for the classes of 1950-51-52 and the 50th Class Reunion for the classes of 1960-61-62. We will concentrate on increasing attendees from these years.

Bob then called on Howard Nelson who reported on the 2009 Reunion which was well received and enjoyed by all. He did note attendance only increased by a few people over the 2007 Reunion. It is believed much

has to do with the cost due to the economy. Howard also thanked Gary Moore for holding down the welcome table for much of the event. He further noted that Art Ruiz thanked us for the Charity Event we held which produced \$700 for the Riverside VETS. Costs of the auction were covered by Frank "Skip" and Penny Brown '64 and Judy Parker held the auction. We had new attendees at the reunion and Howard noted they "want to come back". Howard thanked the Parkers and Mitch and Janice Lewis '66 for their assistance with the reunion, and Mitch providing the bagpipe music.

Bob Downs then noted that Don Glennie had attended the 2007 Reunion for the first time and passed away two weeks later. Don's wife told Bob that he couldn't talk about anything else following the reunion. We may obtain some of his memorabilia. Bob will also talk to Jim Kirmse's wife regarding his memorabilia.

Richard Parker then gave us the treasurer's report noting our balance is \$3,480.00 which is a good start for this term. We also have Forever Postage Stamps still on hand. We received donations from Kathleen Judy (Ken '43) and Randy Wood III '63.

Dotti Schloss then reported on the newsletter thanking Richard and Judy Parker for handling the mailing which entails obtaining the envelopes and newsletter, placing the labels, stamping the envelopes, and folding and stuffing the newsletter. A big job off Dotti's shoulders, and she is appreciative. She also reported for Doug Halbert regarding updating factual information and passing on any new prospects to him so they can be added to the mailing list. She reminded everyone to take a look at our website to see the great updates Doug has done. He provides us with many hours of support.

Old business - Bob then reported on golf shirts with the BMA logo (one of which he was wearing). He has found a reduced price of \$25 for a golf shirt with collar and embroidery. Gary Moore suggested we offer the shirts for sale telling about them in the newsletter and then offering them on the 2011 Reunion Registration Form. That way they can be given to those attending the reunion in their packet and those not attending can be mailed. Everyone liked this idea, and we will proceed.

New business - Bob noted he wishes to form committees. He is looking for cadets to work on finding classmates and updating our information on them. Bob will handle the classes of '60-'61, Don Hanson '62 and '65, Gary Moore '63, Richard Parker '64 and Mitch Lewis '66. He needs others to volunteer for all other years, both San Diego and Glendora.

He then proposed that Judy Parker chair the "Site Selection Committee". So moved by Dotti and seconded by Ron Schloss. Judy then reported she had some thoughts about selecting a site and reducing costs. She noted we could have a daytime event ending in the late afternoon so there wouldn't be night driving to worry about and thus eliminating an expensive dinner. She also advised hotel prices are up on the weekends, but much less during the week. After discussion, the committee liked the idea of a Sunday arrival with the main event on Monday thereby people wanting to make a vacation could still travel on the weekend and stay over. It was decided we should send out a survey with the next newsletter asking for opinions on these ideas and others providing a return postcard with the results.

The committee further discussed the possibilities of going to Nico Saad's San Nicholas Hotel or to a casino property. While offering great activities, travel was of concern since people arrive on three different days and gathering places just for our group such as the DoubleTree bar area, may not be offered at casinos. Judy will review these ideas.

Bob Downs then reported he would be asking Skip Brown if he would head up golf at the next reunion; Skip has had a good turnout on his efforts before. Bob also discussed having wives activities and another charity event. These were well received.

Roy Zukerman moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Gary Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotti Schloss