

ACSAA Annual Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2023
River Club, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order by President Ernest Cutting at 6:18 p.m.

President Cutting thanked the River Club and staff for hosting the Reunion Dinner and all attendees.

Introductions of Officers: Ernest Cutting, Jr., President
Wendy Poyer, Vice President
Keith Willes, Treasurer
Michael Lurenz, Acting Secretary

President Cutting recognized the milestone year attendees at the Reunion:

70 Year Reunion for Class of 1953 – Paul Howard and David Wood
Oldest class representative – Beverly Lashway Doughty, Class of 1951
Most attendees were from Class of 1963 – 13 members, Class of 1973 – 8 members,
Class of 1983 – 2 members, and Class of 1993 – 1 member.

President Cutting stated that the Honoree this Year is Russ Conover and recognized Jan, Joe and Casey Conover who were there in his memory. President Cutting also recognized Shirley Barre as former faculty member and an outstanding alumni donor.

Superintendent Nick Colosi spoke about the changes at the school such as construction, new fields, and the flooding caused by the pool leak.

President Cutting recognized the alumni committee for their efforts. He also recognized Rudy Schuster, who passed away in January 2023, with a tribute to Rudy's groundbreaking efforts in starting the Afton Alumni Association.

Keith Willes spoke about the scholarships and recipients. A total of \$69,500 has been paid out for the scholarships through the years.

Longest travel of today's attendees was Texas, Florida, and Illinois.

Minutes from the 2022 Annual Alumni Meeting were motioned and carried.

Treasurer's Report was provided by Keith Willes (on each table) and he mentioned that ACSAA investments (\$159k) are now being managed by L&M Wealth Management, Amherst, NY with a satellite office in Vestal, NY. He also mentioned that the Briggs family would like the alumni association to take over the Briggs Family Scholarship and raise the amount from \$500 to \$1500.

Election of Officers: Nominated were Ernie Cutting, Jr., President; Wendy Poyer, Vice President; Keith Willes, Treasurer and Michael Lurenz, Secretary. Motioned and carried; and the secretary cast one vote.

President Cutting mentioned the December and April newsletters will be continued.

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Old Business: none.

New Business: Moving the golf tournament to Sunday morning due to the Afton course not being available on Saturday.

Motion was made and carried to re-up with the River Club for the 2024 Afton Alumni Dinner and Ice Breaker. (Possibility of using PayPal or Venmo was mentioned.)

2023 Golf Tournament Results: Daron Schultes and brothers Bruce and Jeff spoke about the tournament which had 17 teams this year. They thanked the Afton Golf Club and Sponsors and announced the winners of the tournament and those who had the longest drives and closest to the pins. There was no hole in one this year so next year's prize will be \$15,000. Jack Kearney's team won the tournament again this year.

President Cutting read a brief biography of Russ Conover as this year's Honoree. Russ started his teaching career at Afton in 1958.

50/50 Drawing winner was Ken Rakowski. The amount was \$142.00.

Raffle Baskets tickets were drawn and baskets were distributed. President Cutting thanked Kathy Willes for her work with the baskets and all who made donations towards the baskets.

Alma Mater was sung and led by Judy Vail Giblin and Mike Lurenz.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Next year's reunion dinner is July 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lurenz, Secretary