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Annual Meeting and Holiday Gathering

All camp staff alumni, their families and other friends of Tomahawk Scout Reservation are invited to a combined Annual Meeting and Holiday Gathering on **Thursday, Dec. 28, starting at 7 p.m. at Patrick McGovern's Pub** in a reserved room upstairs.

The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is an opportunity to review accomplishments of the past year and look forward to opportunities for the Tomahawk Alumni Association in the 2007. This will be the first annual meeting of the association and of course, your support will be greatly appreciated.

The holiday party will continue immediately following the annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. The alumni association will be providing hors d'oeuvres during the evening and there will be a cash bar (the event is limited to persons at least 21 years of age).

This gathering is another great opportunity to reconnect with staff members you may have worked with and meet new staff members who worked this year or will be working in 2007. It has been a fun and successful event over the past couple of years and will be held annually in the years to come.



Please help spread the word about this event. McGovern's is located at **225 Seventh St. West in St. Paul** (west of Xcel Energy Center). An RSVP is not required but will be very helpful. Call Mark McCabe at e-mail mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org or 651-254-9138 by Dec. 19.

Happy Holidays!



Letter from the President - Jim Frost (camp staff 1960-1962 & 1964-1965)

Fellowship with each other and support for Tomahawk Scout Reservation are the reasons for our existence. Some of us value the opportunities the alumni association gives us to share our friendship and camp memories while others see it as a vehicle to give back to an institution that is important to us. For many it is a combination of both.

Either way, there is a place at the table for anyone who wants to participate.

And either way the glue that holds us together is communication with each other. Gathering at our two annual events is of course a big part of this. Our newsletter has and will continue to be sent several times each year. It has been going to all persons for whom the Scout office has an address but in the near future will go exclusively to paid association members. And with Bob Albright as web master we are going to develop an expanded website, updated regularly and devoted exclusively to information of interest to the alumni association.

The new board members have discussed the possibility of an e-mail newsletter and this, along with an online version, is a possibility. We have many e-mail addresses and would like to have one for every member. If you do provide your e-mail address, please indicate whether or not you wish it to be shared with other members. If you do not, it will be used strictly for communication with you from us regarding association business and events.

Corrections or additions to the mailing list should be sent to Carol Forrest at the council office. Her e-mail address is cforrest@northernstarbsa.org.

Letter from the President Continued

In the last newsletter I suggested that in a couple of ways the strength of our association would be in its numbers. First, the fellowship we enjoy is best when there are more folks with whom we can enjoy it. Second, when we decide to undertake projects beneficial to the camp the more people involved, the more successful will be the undertaking.

Increasing membership is something that is best accomplished on a one-to-one basis. I would still very much like to double our numbers in 2007 and believe it is very possible. Please contact someone you know from camp, tell him or her about our holiday party and invite them to join us.

I'm still trying to contact Carl Melius but I guarantee I will!

See you on the 28th at McGovern's.

Jim Frost, President

New Officers and Job Descriptions

Board members for 2007. These will be presented to the membership at the December party and annual meeting for formal approval.

President—Jim Frost	Vice president and Social Committee chair—Scott Schuette
President-elect—Myron Jacobson	Vice president and Membership Committee chair—Bob Albright
Secretary—Hugh Gwin	Vice president and Service and Support Committee chair—Jim King
Treasurer—Steve Flood	Vice president and Nominations Committee chair—Greg Todd
Members at Large—Paul Fisher, Scott Heineman and Chuck Perkins	
Ex officio Member—Mark McCabe	

Alumni Day July 2006

Thanks to all who attended the 3rd annual Alumni Day at Tomahawk Scout Reservation this past July. Approximately 40 alumni gathered at Tomahawk to take in the sights and sounds of the camp as well as reconnect with old friends. Alumni were greeted at the Central Services lodge by the four summer camp directors. The directors, Keith Bergeron – Navajo, Davin Grapentine – Sioux, Tyler McKean – Chippewa, and Sam Clausen – White Pine, introduced themselves listing their camp achievements, including their number of summers served on staff (Davin won with 10 summers and counting). The camp directors then led tours of their respective camps.

The weather was beautiful, not a cloud in the sky. Several alumni, mostly former beach staff, took the opportunity to tour Tomahawk on a pontoon boat. Aside from unsuccessfully avoiding some ground hornets (Greg Travis can tell you more) on the way to the pontoon, the boat ride was a success. It was great to get out on the lake and hear stories of summers past and learn the history of the first Tomahawk beaches including Beaver Point.

When we gathered in Chippewa Dining Hall for a genuine Tomahawk lunch the spirit of Scouting was alive and well. Staff members were as enthusiastic as ever singing songs, making announcements, and recognizing Scouts for their accomplishments. After lunch Jim Frost spoke to the alumni, sharing the purpose of the alumni association and informing people how to get more involved with the association. A new Tomahawk promotional DVD was shown highlighting program features. Each alumni member present received a Tomahawk patch and mug.

Many people decided to stick around for an additional hike, a visit with old friends, and to make plans to see each other again. It was a wonderful event that will be held annually in the future. Alumni Day has been held on a week day the past few seasons. I am happy to announce that in 2007 the date will be Sunday, July 29. Future newsletters will highlight the 2007 Alumni Day program. See you there!

Mark McCabe, Director

In Memoriam - Bob Ellison (1939-2006)

Editor's note: Robert J. Ellison, Jr. who was a Tomahawk staff member in the fifties and early sixties, died November 19, 2006.

Although they did know each other at the time, Bob Albright and Jim Frost both knew Bob Ellison and during different summers served with him on the camp staff. Bob Ellison's brother Bill also was a Tomahawk staff member in the fifties. Here are their reminiscences about Bob.

Bob Albright thought his life would end one time while setting up for an Order of the Arrow conclave at Fred C. Andersen River Camp. He and another young man were bouncing along in the back of a jeep that Bob Ellison was driving when it headed too fast toward the river cliffs. While his two passengers baled out and watched to see if the driver would do the same, Ellison turned away just in time and then laughed at them for being scared enough to jump off.

Albright also remembers collecting bull snakes with Bob Ellison for the OA pageant at Tomahawk. The snakes were kept in 55-gallon drums and fed field mice. Bob Albright sometimes joined in the snake dance but says it was really Ellison's domain. He has a favorite picture in his Scouting collection that shows Bob Ellison dancing in a beautiful set of blue and white bustles. He later bought the bustles from Bob and used them for several years himself.

Bill Ellison says that his brother felt Tomahawk was a touchstone in his life and that he returned to northern Wisconsin often after his years on the staff. Bill's reminiscences confirm Bob's exciting and diversified life, including time in the U.S. Army as a tank platoon sergeant in Germany from 1959 to 1962, between his years at Tomahawk.

Bill also talks about Bob's later career as a trainer who instructed many Northwest Airlines pilots in instrument flying at ITC in Minneapolis, and as a result was sent cocktails from the cockpit for many years whenever he flew. He was also a premiere bush pilot who flew hunters into remote areas all over North America. Some might remember Bob's whittling at camp, which might have hinted at another of his accomplishments. According to Bill Ellison, Bob was a well-known sculptor and wood carver with Ellison galleries in both Taos and Telluride. Bill has a cherished bronze buffalo that his brother produced for a limited edition offering.

Jim Frost knew Bob as Bobby and recalls how in 1962 Bobby and a few other counselors started the Saturday night "functions" at Flathers Island Resort on Long Lake. Guys and gals from around the lake and the town of Rice Lake would gather with camp staff members for dancing to the jukebox and singing led by Bob Ellison and Don Kelsey on their guitars. Eileen Flathers would preside at the bar and the last song of the night was always "Eileen (*not* Irene) Good Night."

A couple of years later Bobby and Jim visited Eileen and she talked with them about selling the resort and its property, which encompassed the south half of what is officially known as Kunz Island. Her price was \$50,000 and she wanted her young friends to buy it. That night after a beer or two, lying under the stars at the edge of a cornfield in their sleeping bags, and the next day driving back to the Twin Cities, they talked excitedly about running a resort. But both were working hard in the real estate business, where Bobby had helped Jim get a job, so nothing came of the prospect. Eileen later sold the place in condominium parcels and the resort with its famous bar is no more.

Take time to mourn.
Take time to remember.
The pain you feel was once
balanced by someone's joy
when that baby was born.
The loss you feel today
will be replaced by good
long-lasting memories.

From "end of the beginning" by
Jim Northrup in "Walking the Rez Road"



Bill (left) & Bruce "Fish" Foster & Betty King

Camp Staff Spotlight

Andrea Hogg – Tomahawk Staffer 2000-2002

Andrea Hogg, formerly Elfstrom, began her camp staff experience as a commissioner in White Pine in 2000. Andrea was a phenomenal staff member, great with the Scouts, and somehow managed to keep the Scoutmaster's happy even when the muck truck ran late. I recently had the opportunity ask Andrea a few questions about her experience as Tomahawk staff member.

What were some of the positions you held on camp staff? I was a commissioner, head commissioner (which meant I did more work for the same salary), and program director at Cub Scout camp one season.

What stands out as some of your most memorable experiences on staff? Hmmm, some favorite memories... my first official day of staff training...teaching Brownsea...the White Pine Polar Bear Club (I must have gone to 20 Polar Bear swims that year)...making it into the minute club (I successfully tied 12 knots in under 1 minute to get into the exclusive club).

It was great meeting new people who eventually became some of my closest friends. I watched them passionately inspire and teach kids lessons that would last a lifetime. I also enjoyed watching the young staff members and grow to mature senior camp staff & even camp directors.

I really enjoyed some of the times when you just got to hang out with some of the staff and have fun with getting to ride on "the boat"...lunch at China Buffet on days off...Mr. DJays (ha, ha!)...sleeping in a tent all summer & waking up everyday to the beautiful surroundings (trees, the lake, deer)...SAILING... building a camp staff that was really unified.

What was it like being brand new to camp staff and the concept of the Boy Scouts organization? I was very apprehensive about what I was getting in to, especially after spending a week at Camp Phillips for camp school with some "good ole boys." However, once I met the White Pine staff members and got to hang out with everyone I knew I had made the right decision.

As a camp counselor what aspects of the job did you enjoy most? I loved teaching the first year Scouts. They were new to the program just like me and they were so excited to be at camp. I took advantage of the freedom of my job and went down to the beach during sailing merit badge

just so I could ride along with the sailing instructor & enjoy the sun/water.

I also loved participating in some of the camp's extra activities like Polar Bear. A few of us from White Pine bought neon green parkas and started a Polar Bear Club; we made it to every camp's Polar Bear at least once (I think a few of the others made it to more than I did...I may have slept in for a couple of the times!)

The 4th of July parades were also a blast. We always came up with a cool theme and involved every one of the White Pine staff. I was really proud of the unity our staff showed.

What did you learn as a staff member? Being on camp staff taught me important lessons: how to be a team player, that girls can work at Boy Scout camp, friends come in all ages, life is good (even when you are working 12 hour days with little sleep and 1 day off per week, ha-ha!). The Boy Scout program is an awesome program where boys mature, learn life skills, and have fun. I also learned some practical camping skills like how to tie knots, build a fire, emergency preparedness, and first aid.

Do you maintain a connection to the camp and staff? I currently have friends that work at TSR and I try to make it up there once a summer. It is truly one of my favorite places in the world! Unfortunately, I don't see all of my camp friends or stay in touch the way I'd like, but it is awesome how it's just like old times when we get together.

What's on the horizon for you now? I just started my fourth year teaching Spanish I, II & III at Monticello High School and I am one of the assistant girl's basketball coaches. I am also taking masters courses at the U of M to update my teaching license from 7-12 to K-12. I will be getting a Masters in Second Languages and Cultures (hopefully by summer 2008.) Needless to say, I feel like I rarely have a free minute!

I spent some of the best summers of my life at Tomahawk and will always treasure my time & experiences there!



Summertime Alumni Gathering
Sunday, July 29, 2007
At Camp

Put it on your calendar now, so you will be able to join the fun..

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE TOMAHAWK STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

To further common purposes, the undersigned founders agree to form an association under these Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Association shall be the TOMAHAWK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2 PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Association shall be the Northern Star Council east office at 393 Marshall Ave in St. Paul, MN. The Association may have such other offices as may from time to time be designated by its board of directors.

ARTICLE 3 PURPOSES

The purposes of this Association shall be as follows:

- (1) To promote social activities for the members of the Association so as to sponsor fellowship among former and current staff members and friends of Tomahawk Scout Reservation.
- (2) To disseminate information about the members and Tomahawk Scout Reservation by means of such devices as mailing lists, newsletters and updates on Tomahawk Scout Reservation so to encourage communications between members and keep members informed about the current status of Tomahawk Scout Reservation and the Northern Star Council.
- (3) To be of service and support, financially and otherwise, to Tomahawk Scout Reservation and the Northern Star Council as deemed appropriate by the members.

ARTICLE 4 POWER

The Association shall be an unincorporated association and shall be part of the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America ("Northern Star Council"). The Association shall have all powers necessary to accomplish its purposes under these Articles.

ARTICLE 5 MEMBERSHIP

(1) Staff Members. All persons who have served or are serving on the staff of Tomahawk Scout Reservation shall be eligible to become members of the Association provided that they pay their lifetime membership or annual dues and satisfy any other requirements imposed by the board of directors.

(2) Other Members. Other persons, including campers, whom the board of directors determines by a majority vote have made a significant contribution to Tomahawk Scout Reservation and other St. Paul area Scout camps shall be eligible to become members of the Association provided that they pay their lifetime membership or annual dues and satisfy any other requirements imposed by the board of directors. The board may also select honorary lifetime members and waive dues and other requirements for such members.

(3) Voting by Members. Each active member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Association. Proxy voting is permitted.

ARTICLE 6 DUES/DONATIONS

The annual dues required for membership shall be determined annually by the board of directors. The board of directors may establish special dues for certain categories of members.

Dues are initially established at the rate of \$15.00 per year. However, dues for current staff members of Tomahawk Scout Reservation are initially established at the rate of \$5.00 per year.

The Association may also establish programs to allow its members to make special donations to Tomahawk Scout Reservation and the Northern Star Council.

ARTICLE 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(1) Association Funds. All dues, contributions, and other funds received by the Association will be deposited into the bank account of the Northern Star Council. The Association will receive periodical accounting reports from the Northern Star Council regarding its account balance.

(2) Expenditures. The Association will have the right to spend for its authorized purposes the entire amount in its account with the Northern Star Council, minus a reserve for its outstanding debts. To make any expenditure of such Association funds, a Northern Star Council check request must be signed by (a) the Association president or treasurer and (b) one of the authorized check request signers, preferably the Tomahawk Reservation Director, of the Northern Star Council. A check will then be issued by the Northern Star Council from the Association's account.

(3) Petty Cash Fund. The Association may establish a petty cash bank account. Such account may only be funded as set forth above in subparagraph (2) and its balance may never exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Checks from the petty cash bank account may be signed either by the president or treasurer.

ARTICLE 8 MEETINGS

(1) Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association each December. The time and place of the meeting shall be

determined by the board of directors. Notice of the meeting will be provided to all active members at least twenty (20) days before the meeting. Business at the meeting shall include the election of certain officers, election of members of the board of directors, and such other business as shall come before the meeting.

(2) Other Meetings. The board of directors may call such other meetings of the Association as it deems necessary provided at least seven (7) days notice of such meeting is given to the members.

(3) Quorums. A majority of the board shall be the quorum requirement for conducting business at any meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1) Governed by Board. The Association shall be governed by a board of directors. The board shall have eleven (11) members. The board of directors will consist of nine (9) elected directors, the president, and the president-elect, or eleven (11) directors in total. The terms of the elected board members will be three (3) years. The election of the elected board members will be staggered so that three (3) members will be elected each year. The current Tomahawk Scout Reservation Director will be an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

The Association will strive to have broad representation on the board of directors so that all eras of staff members will be represented on the board.

(2) Initial Board Members. The initial board of directors will be created with three one-year seats, three two-year seats, and three three-year seats to institute the staggered arrangement.

The initial board of directors will be as follows:

One-Year Terms

Two-Year Terms

Three-Year Terms

(3) Board Operating Procedures. A majority of the board shall be the quorum requirement for a board meeting. The board will act by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting. The board may fill vacant board positions and elected offices until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 10

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(1) Elective Officers. The elective officers of this association shall be a president and president-elect. The president-elect shall be elected at the annual meeting. The president in any year shall be the person elected the president-elect in the previous year.

The initial president shall be James Frost and the initial president-elect shall be Myron Jacobson.

(2) Appointed Officers. Each year the president shall nominate and the board of directors shall appoint from the board a secretary, a treasurer, a vice president-social, a vice president-membership information, a vice president-service and support, and such other officers as the board deems appropriate.

(3) Committees. The Association will have the following standing committees:

Social Committee

Membership Committee

Service and Support Committee

Nominations Committee

Each of the first three above committees will be chaired by the vice president responsible for the particular committee's activities. For the first three committees, chairs shall be responsible for recruiting committee members from among the Association membership.

The Nominations Committee will be chaired by the outgoing president-elect and its members will consist of the outgoing president-elect and the three board members with one more year remaining on their board term.

The board of directors may establish such other committees and appoint committee chairs as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 11

BYLAWS

Bylaws for the Association may be adopted and amended by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members or by a majority vote of the board of directors.

ARTICLE 12

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles may be amended, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members or by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

ARTICLE 13

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Association, its property shall be distributed to the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America.

These Articles of Association are hereby ratified and adopted by the following founders of this Association to be effective as of the ____ day of _____.

(signed)