
CAA Board Meeting

3-06-2022

12:10 PM Central Time

Attendees

9 CAA Board Members

Brandon Barrometti (President), Philip Mayard (Vice-President), Ezekiel Jackson (Secretary), Nathan Huxtable (Historian), Kevin Sender, Dan Brunk, Norman Dziedzic, Ed Ribar, and Ryan Ling

The Cavalier Alumni Association Board Meeting was called to order by President Brandon Barrometti '99-'02 at 12:10pm Central on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Meeting Agenda

I. Old Business

- A. Bylaws Updates/Edits (Dan/Brandon)
- B. CAA Website Bio Updates (Philip/Zeke)
- C. Mardi Gras Parade (Dan/Kevin/Zeke)

II. New Business

- A. Corps Update (Zeke)
- B. Alumni Handbook (Brandon)
 - a. Looking for someone who know Canva and can lead
 - b. Deadline to send out?
- C. Media/Communications (Philip/Zeke)
 - a. Need volunteers to help disseminate information



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- b. Training for website/social media
 - D. Fundraising moving forward (Philip)

III. On Going Projects

- A. Alumni Corps (Zeke/Norm/Nathan)
- B. Gears in Industry (Brandon)
- C. Alumni Database (Norm/Kevin)
- D. Alumni Handbook (Norm)

Minutes

I. CAA President/CAPE Board Report

From Chris Hartowicz:

1. MG2022 - at least 3 of your board members are here so they can do their reports. WILD and hugely crowded and fun, but also long and taxing. Young generation engagement is especially pleasing to see and important.
2. King Cobras special needs drumline given the green light. Dale Hallerburg is heading up the effort, and has several volunteer helpers.
 - Kevin Sender is also a part of the steering committee for this new ensemble, sort of acting as the Assistant Director. The first performance is scheduled for the Lisle show
 - They're crowdsourcing right now the funding for the ensemble, here's a website:
<https://kingcobrasdrumline.com>
3. Hornets are moving along to formalize the alliance with CAPE. They have a good amount of kids and management and we'll be a big help to them.
 - Fernando Pullum has been heading up the resurrection of the St. Andrews Hornets from the West Side of Chicago
4. Financial position is very good, but trying to still be frugal and stretch the \$\$.
5. Season shaping up, housing sites, tractor rentals are the biggest challenges.



6. Town Hall soon to present the new Strategic Plan, new board members, new positions, etc. for at least alumni.

7. I would like to propose that the CAA start discussing expansion to FMM of Chromium Winds, CIP/Green Thunder, Cavalier Cadets who were NOT members of The Cavaliers DBC. Engagement and inclusion is important moving forward.

- A discussion was held amongst the group, we agree there should be something for each group or even just a representative on the current board, but the Cavalier Alumni Association is very much about the brotherhood of The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps.

II. Old Business

1. By Law Updates/Edits (Dan/Brandon)
 - a. Dan Brunk read through the Bylaws and some edits and revision he thought needed to be done
 - a) Question posed about alternates and staff members being a part of alumni chapters. It was clarified that we want to keep everything strictly to former members only. Wording for alternates to be represented to say done a performance and/or finished a Cavalier season?
 - b) Meeting of Members, is that section supposed to be the Board Members or Chapter Members?
 - c) Philip proposes to add to the mission statement of the Cavalier Alumni Association something along the lines of “it’s the association’s job to create or contribute to the financial health of The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps and The Cavaliers Arts, Performance & Education.”

Brandon motions to table approving revisions to the Bylaws. Motion passes.

2. CAA Website Bio Updates (Philip/Zeke)
 - a. Due by March 13, 2022
3. Mardi Gras Parade Update (Dan/Kevin/Zeke)
 - a. EVERYONE had a blast with the parades and experience! If there’s a possibility to do it again, we feel MANY more will and should do it. The organizers for the parades have already invited us back anytime we want to do this again!
 - b. 3 tunes were prepared: Tiger Rag, Uptown Funk, and Somewhere Over the Rainbow (not the Corps Song/Rainbow version). A fourth one was arranged (Sing, Sing, Sing) but we decided to cut it due to time constraints and learnability
 - c. The committee meetings started back in June which included Dale Young, Dan Brunk, Ezekiel Jackson, David Littlefield, Michael Green, Scott Maack, Scott McCoy, and Allen Carpenter. Then from September forward, we had weekly Wednesday night meetings.



- d. Footage from the events:
<https://09alumni.s3.amazonaws.com/2022/MG22/mg22-hornlessons-Video.mov>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlqxdynO3WM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e85DDsEXltQ>
- e. We had guys from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, 2010s, and many that just aged-out last Summer.
- f. There's seemingly a strong interest for the 75th Anniversary Corps next Summer.
- g. 48 mardi gras jerseys are left from the event, we can sell them to FMM's to contribute into the Don Warren Scholarship.

III. New Business

1. Corps Updates (Zeke)
 - a. Most of the member positions have been contracted and those members are now posting their BOOST Boards for fundraising efforts. The only section really that needs a recruitment boost is color guard. If there are gentlemen you believe can hang and would definitely benefit from a Cavalier experience, send them the Corps way.
2. Alumni Handbook (Brandon)
 - a. Looking for someone who knows Canva and can lead
 - b. Deadline to send out? Target deadline is the end of the Summer
 - c. Norm will take lead to updating the handbook
3. Media/Communication (Philip/Zeke)
 - a. Need volunteers to help disseminate info
 - b. Training for website/social media
 - c. Kevin, Dan, Norm have volunteered to be added as tertiary Disseminators
 - d. NEW CAMPAIGN: FMM! Do we have your emails on SplooiEmail?
 - e. CAA BOD Draft Communication Protocol attached below (for Board member only)
4. Fundraising moving forward (Philip)
 - a. What's the excitement from the Mardi Gras group?
 - b. The excitement is large within the group and the commedarie/brotherhood aspect is strong, to ask for a donation would be a bad move but updating the group about what's happening next with the current Corps would be engaging.
 - c. Held a discussion about continuing these high moments and events between the organization, association, and FMMs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7-9, 2022: WGI Color Guard Championships (potential alumni gathering in Dayton TBD by Brandon Barrometti)
- April 21-23, 2022: WGI Percussion/Winds Championships (potential alumni gathering in Dayton TBD by Brandon Barrometti)
- April 23, 2022: Chicago Wolves game in Rosemont (hosted by Kevin Sender & Ezekiel Jackson)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

March 20, 2022 – Cancelled

April 10, 2022 – *(originally April 24, moved earlier to fit into 6 week limit)*

May 22, 2022

Motion to close the meeting. Motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm Central.

The next Board meeting for the Cavalier Alumni Association will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022 via Zoom at 8pm EST/7pm CST.

(Minutes were completed by CAA Board Secretary Ezekiel Jackson '15-'16)

