

**MINUTES**  
**MVHS TX-20009<sup>th</sup> AFJROTC BOOSTER CLUB**

**Date/Time/Place:** Monday, 1 May 2023, 18:11  
JROTC Compound and Zoom

**Members Present:** Maritza Arroyo, President  
Shiquita Davie, Vice President  
Elizabeth King, Treasurer  
Angela Wilkin, Secretary

**Members Absent:** Karen Moore, Public Affairs

**Others Present:** SMSgt Tisha Gilmore  
C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz  
Sarah Allen  
Nelson Arroyo  
Liz Gantzler  
Jenni Koonce  
Heather Lidowski  
Cara Rakowitz  
Veronica Rejino  
Kimberly Slocom  
Jose

**Actions:** Approved the amended Minutes of the 3 April 2023 Booster Club Meeting, the 14 April 2023 Electronic Meeting Minutes, and the 17 April 2023 Electronic Meeting Minutes. (Page 2)

Accepted the April 2023 Treasurer's Report. (Page 2)

Approved \$976 for the senior activity at Green Acres Golf and Games. (Page 3)

Removed Shiquita Davie (previous President) as cosigner and added Maritza Arroyo (President) as cosigner on all Medina Valley JROTC Booster Club accounts at TXN Bank. (Page 3)

Maritza Arroyo called a special meeting for 10 May at 18:00 to discuss amending the Bylaws to change the general meeting day. (Page 3)

Accepted Shiquita Davie's resignation as Vice President and elected Frank Jarrett as Vice President. (Page 4)

Agreed to transfer \$1,100 from the Email Campaign fundraiser to the Scholarship Fund. (Page 4)

**Call to Order.** Vice President Shiquita Davie called the meeting to order at 18:11.

**Agenda.** The Agenda was adopted as presented.

**Minutes.** The 3 April 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Cadet Seth Rakowitz's rank under "Others Present" should be amended to read C/LtCol. Under "Old Business" the Scholarship deadline date should read 7 April versus 7 March. Angela Wilkin motioned to amend the Minutes. Frank Jarrett seconded the motion. All in favor.

Elizabeth King motioned to approve the 14 April 2023 Electronic Minutes. Angela Wilkin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Elizabeth King motioned to approve the 17 April 2023 Electronic Minutes. Martiza Arroyo seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report.** Elizabeth King reviewed the April 2023 Treasurer's Report, noting a beginning balance of \$19,995.03. Withdrawals totaled \$2,0920.18 and \$2,920.18 was deposited. The ending balance for April was \$20,815.10.

The Scholarship Account remained unchanged at \$3,862.91.

Liz Gantzer motioned to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Sarah Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.

## **Old Business.**

### Board Member Introductions.

Shiquita Davie introduced new President Maritza Arroyo. Ms. Arroyo resumed the meeting.

### Scholarship Recipients.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, Cadets Jessica Reinbeck (\$1,500) and Ryan Trevino (\$1,000). The Scholarship Committee decided to disperse the awards in lump sums. Recipients are required to submit the required forms prior to receiving awards.

Members discussed the language and charge of the Scholarship Committee as outlined in Article V. Committees, A. Scholarship Committee in the Bylaws. SMSgt Gilmore read this past year's scholarship criteria.

The Scholarship Committee recommended a scholarship course to increase participation in the scholarship program. Heather Lidowski generously offered this course to juniors and seniors this year. Her program focused on simplifying the application process by explaining the writing prompt and structuring their message, gathering information (volunteer hours, leadership positions, etc.), and presenting their packages in a professional manner. The course will be offered again next year. Board members thanked Ms. Lidowski for her generosity.

Members discussed criteria: potential exceptions to the scholarship requirements, requiring a minimum amount of cadet service hours, and adding a required minimum of ten volunteer hours from parents/guardians per year.

Frank Jarrett, Heather Lidowski, Maritza Arroyo, Elizabeth King, Kimberly Slocum, and SMSgt Gilmore will meet as the Fundraising Committee to develop criteria, create the 2023/24 scholarship application, and establish parent/guardian volunteer

requirements and report back to the Board with its recommendations before September.

Bataan Death March.

Instructors will confirm if this event will be held next year.

Sophia's Pizza Fundraiser.

No updates from Sophia's after multiple attempts to contact the owner.

Pool Party.

Since most cadets will attend the 17 May pool party, instructors requested ten adult volunteers.

Graduation Water Sales.

Water donations total 57 cases (30 from Medina Electric Cooperative, 25 from Alsatian Golf Course, and two from Lonestar Comfort Services). Instructors created a water competition among flights: the flight with the most cases of water/Gatorade donated by 11 May will earn a free day (no academic work).

Concessions (Home and Visitor) sales will include chips, hard candy, water, soda, Gatorade, and pickles/pickle juice.

Senior Activity.

Seniors requested \$976 to fund the senior activity at Green Acres Golf and Games. The fee covers food and drink for 20 cadets, 40 game room tokens, 50 minutes use of party room, and four attractions (mini golf, bumper cars, trampoline, water wars, or Go Karts). Cadets provide their own transportation.

Frank Jarrett motioned to approve \$976 to fund the Senior activity to Green Acres Golf and Games on 21 May. Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor. Ms. King will contact Green Acres to pay the required \$50 deposit to secure the date.

Raffle.

Raffle winners will be announced following the general meeting. Profits will be included in the June Treasurer's Report.

**New Business.**

Finances.

Angela Wilkin motioned to remove Shiquita Davie (previous President) as cosigner and add Maritza Arroyo (current President) as cosigner on all Medina Valley JROTC Club accounts at TXN Bank. Ms. Arroyo will remain a cosigner along with current cosigner, Elizabeth King (current Treasurer) on the accounts until other changes in office occur. Shiquita Davie seconded the motion. All in favor. Maritza Arroyo and Elizabeth King will submit the Minutes with officer's signatures to the bank to process the request.

New Meeting Day.

Members proposed holding general meetings on the first Tuesday versus the first Monday of every month to accommodate officers' schedules. The general membership must be notified of the proposed change seven days prior to a meeting to change the Bylaws. Ms. Arroyo called a special meeting on 10 May at 1800 via Zoom to discuss the new meeting date proposal.

#### Field Day.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz reported that cadet staff will begin setting up games at 07:30. Games will be Capture the Flag, Flicker Ball, Kick Ball, Tug O War, and Dodge Ball. The Booster Club will provide pizza and water for lunch. Ten adult volunteers should arrive at 08:45 and will monitor restrooms and water stations.

#### Park Clean-Up.

Since Track 1 has finished prior to the upcoming May Park Cleanup date, we will resume volunteering on 16 September from 08:00 to 10:00.

#### Scholarship Fund.

Liz Gantzler made a motion to move \$1,100 from the Email Campaign fundraiser to the Scholarship Fund. Kimberly Slocum seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion approved unanimously.

Angela Wilkin motioned to amend the Agenda to add Vice President Position under "New Business". Elizabeth King seconded the motion. All in favor.

Vice President Position. Shiquita Davie offered her resignation as Vice President. Angela Wilkin nominated Frank Jarrett to serve as Vice President. Liz Gantzler seconded the nomination. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 2023/24 Welcome Information.

The Booster Club will develop an informational/welcome letter to incoming families that will be included in the cadet information packet for BCO/Parent Night. Elizabeth King also created a Tx-20009<sup>th</sup> AFJROTC Booster Club group in the BAND App. This along with our Facebook page and Website will be advertised in the welcome letter.

#### Basic Cadet Orientation (BCO).

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz is soliciting cadets to lead events and activities over the 31 July to 3 August orientation. Instructors reported 114 incoming freshman and if numbers hold, the Corps roster will total 248 cadets for the 2023/24 school year. The Booster Club will provide lunch on the last day of BCO, 3 August.

#### Parent Night.

BCO Graduates and award winners will be recognized at Parents Night on 31 August. Booster Club Officers will be introduced and general information about the Booster Club and scholarship requirements/application will be announced. The Booster Club will provide cookies and water following the presentation.

#### **Instructor's Call.**

Historically the Booster Club has purchased graduation cords for graduating seniors that have participated in the/a JROTC program for four years. Cadets are authorized to wear the cord with their cap and gown at the graduation awards ceremony. SMSgt Gilmore reported that two cords remain in stock. The Booster Club will research the previous order.

MVHS is in the process of hiring a new Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and is hoping he/she will be on staff over the summer.

We will inventory cadet Booster volunteer shirts to prepare for incoming cadets. An order may need to be placed over the summer.

Cadet Announcements.

C/LtCol Seth Rakowitz discussed fundraising ideas for 2023/24. Traditionally, cadet officers research and organize two fundraisers (one per semester). The previous officers researched candy sales, however Cadet Rakowitz will discuss fundraising options with his leadership and follow up with funding requests.

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for 10 May at 18:00 via Zoom.

Ms. Arroyo adjourned the meeting at 20:27.

Minutes submitted by Angela Wilkin, Secretary.