## The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Alumni Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held at the NROTC Unit, Saturday, 12 June 1993.

Those attending:

Walt Fitts, Chairman
Mike Richardson, Treasurer
Ed Baucom
Chuck Benfield
Steve Fisk
Mac McGee
Larry Stubbs
Tal Talbert
Capt. Bob Avery, Ex Officio member representing the NROTCU
Cdr. Guy Connell, departing Ex Officio member

All other Board members were absent

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 1005. A quorum was present.
- 2. The Treasurer reported that \$3762.24 was in the general fund, and \$3696.97 was in the Conner Memorial fund.
- 3. A Board member roster was passed around for updating/corrections, updated copy attached.
- 4. Old Business: None.
- 5. New Business:

Capt. Robert B. Avery, USN, CO of the NROTC Unit, North Carolina Piedmont Region, was officially invited and requested to become the primary point of contact for Alumni Association activities and EX Officio member of the Board. He accepted this invitation and request. Cdr. Guy Connell, USN, presently the Ex Officio member, will retire during July 1993, and has accepted a NJROTC assignment in Tallahassee, Florida. His contributions to the Board and the Alumni Association have been many and significant. The Board wishes him the very best of "fair winds and following seas" in his new assignment.

The date of 9 October, 1993 was proposed and accepted as the date for the Fall General Membership meeting. This is also Homecoming and the Wake Forest game. A tentative schedule calls for the general meeting to begin at 1030 and include the election of officers and two Board members. John Blackwelder and Charles Ingram have their terms expire in 1993. A Guest of Honor and specifics on the program remain to be worked out; however, at some point in the meeting there will be an unveiling of the sailing era ship's wheel donated to the Unit by Capt. Don Rider.

Following the game, another super "pig pickin" will be held on the Armory grounds. All details on the Fall meeting will be outlined in the next Association Newsletter. Note - all Board members are requested to plan now to be at the Armory by 1000 on 9 October to meet and mingle with the Battalion of Midshipmen. This is designed to enhance relations with Midshipmen, especially the newly arrived Freshmen/4th Classmen.

Much discussion focused on ways and means to improve our collective and individual recruiting efforts on behalf of the Program with Carolina NJROTC units as a potential source of Program candidates. Every opportunity to visit with and talk to these young people should be exploited, including sponsorship of one or two cadets (or a unit) next Fall. Another example could be participating in the scholarship selection process via a Recruiting District Assistance Council (RDAC). Larry Stubbs will provide additional information on this opportunity, or he can be contacted directly at (919) 639-4258. PNC Cook at the Raleigh District Recruiting Office (919) 831-4152 can also be called for more information. Lastly, Capt. Avery has agreed to send notification to Board members of targeted NROTC prospects in our own local areas. Board members, in turn, can make contact and attempt to reinforce the benefits of the program and of UNC.

A request from the Midshipmen Battalion Commander, MIDN 1/c James Buchanan, was presented, via Capt. Avery, to the Board. This request was for financial assistance to defray costs of carpeting several Midshipman office spaces in the basement of the armory. No dollar amount was specified. The Board generally supported the request subject to concurrence by Capt. Avery and specifics to be detailed. The Chairman was authorized to coordinate with Mac McGee on obtaining price quotes. Telephonic concurrence will be obtained prior to any firm commitment of Association funds. A copy of the request is attached.

The Board authorized the expenditure of approximately \$150 by the Association Secretary to obtain software to update and maintain our membership records. This authorization will be subject to telephonic approval by the Chairman.

- 6. Board members are requested to solicit volunteers for the two slots that will be open at the Fall meeting as well as for additional Board officers. It is highly desirable that a slate be prepared and included in the next Newsletter, publication date not later than 15 August, 1993. Contact the Chairman or Andy Bunch with the name, address, telephone number and class date of your volunteer.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 1210.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Bunch, Jr. Secretary