

**ALLEN BASS FUND, INC.**  
**2007 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, August 18, 2007

12 noon

**Board Members present:** Steve Arbaugh, Debra Brand, Jim Kelly, Sue Kelly, Andy Korest, Jim Langford, Jeff Lapinski, Scott Thompson and Rob Walker. Absent: Tamara Linton, Char Wilcox, and Melanie Wilcox. Newly elected Board Members Present: Andy Mason, Terri Thompson

President Jim Kelly called the meeting to order.

**2006 minutes:** Last year's minutes were read and approved.

**Board Membership:** The Board elected new members Andy Mason and Terri Thompson. Each agreed to serve as Board members for three year terms. The Board accepted the resignation of Tamara Linton and recognized her work as Board secretary.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer, Andy Korest, presented the financial report. Allen Bass raised \$22,300 for the fiscal year 9/1/2006 – 8/31/2007. A check in the amount of \$23,600 was given to Camp Director Paul Ludwig on Friday night at the Parents' Steak Roast. The funds were allocated as follows: \$3,000 for a Wave Runner to support the waterfront and sailing program; \$3,000 for the tripping dept.; \$2,500 for the Uncle Woody scholarship; \$500 for Michelle Sherman Scholarship and \$14,600 for general scholarships. The General Fund has a balance of \$11,132.85 as of 8/31/2007. A second check for scholarships was presented for general scholarships totaling \$16,100 that were awarded to nine campers this year (one \$1,500 scholarship was not used due to a death in the camper's family). The Uncle Woody Scholarship Fund has a balance of approximately \$40,000. Memorials received for Aunt Dottie will be added to the Uncle Woody fund. The Michelle Sherman Fund has a balance of \$3,257.29. Each year a \$500 scholarship is awarded from this fund. The financial report was discussed and approved.

**President's Report:** Jim Kelly presented. The \$22,300 we raised in fiscal 2006-2007 was the highest annual amount to date. Our donor base has increased from 30 giving units to 61 units this year. Last year the Board approved the funding of a gymnastics pavilion. However, over the winter the Ludwigs decided that the large amount of capital needed to fund the pavilion was not necessarily the best use of funds. Jim Kelly and Andy Korest spoke with Tom and Paul Ludwig and asked them to come up with a capital priorities plan for this coming summer and into the near future. The Board needs to be able to specify what the funds will be used for at the time we fundraise. In the event no capital items are needed, we can always give out additional scholarships. Jim recognized Jeff Lapinski for revamping the Allen Bass website. The feasibility of an alumni directory, with voluntary registration, was raised. Jim Kelly explained that the legal entity, Allen Bass Fund, Inc., was registered in Illinois due to a state filing issue.

**Election of Officers:** The officers re-elected to their current positions were: Steve Arbaugh – Vice President and Andy Korest – Treasurer. Scott Thompson was elected to serve as President and Terri Thompson as Secretary. Andy Mason has volunteered to help with the scholarship process.

**Capital Priorities Report:** Paul Ludwig arrived to present the report.

Before presenting the proposed capital items, Paul was asked for information about the use of the \$3000 that was donated to be specifically used for the tripping center. Paul explained that camp only has 15 one- to two-person water filters, which is not enough due to the large number of trips that are overlapping. The cost for replacement filter cartridges this summer was \$700. Paul would like to purchase higher volume water filters.

In addition, the current computer is very old and is unable to effectively run some of the map programs that are needed for tripping. Paul would like to purchase a new inexpensive desktop computer that would be used solely by the tripping department and capable of running the map and menu programs. In addition a printer and laminator are needed; estimated cost of all three - \$1150. The Board agree with these uses of the funds for the tripping center.

Paul explained that the camp staff was torn between the benefit and the cost of the proposed large gymnastics pavilion. Paul thinks a smaller version may be feasible in three to five years.

Paul also wanted to thank the Board for the Waverunner. He does not know how they taught sailing without it. It is much safer to be able to go out and help the sailboats. Sailing is now one of the most popular activities in camp.

The following are the proposed capital items Paul presented to the Board:

**For next summer:** The asphalt tennis courts were originally funded by Allen Bass over a period of four years from 1997-2000. At this time the courts need a UV inhibitor paint layer to help prolong the life of the courts. Estimated cost - \$5000.

**Over the next three to five years:**

1. A nicer washroom facility at the top of the hill (replacing the current one), with two sinks and seats for girls and the same for boys. Discussion ensued regarding the type of tanks; flush, self-composting or pump out.
2. A small climbing wall, location to be determined.
3. Something "fun" at the waterfront, in the water i.e. a "blob". Paul needs to discuss with the insurance carrier.
4. Small scale pavilion for mats; gymnastics and wrestling.

Paul asked that all Allen Bass questions, etc. be directed to him. He will be the liaison between the Ludwigs and the Board. The Board president will be Paul's contact for the Board. The Board thanked Paul and he left the meeting.

**Board discussion of Capital Priorities Report:** The Board agreed that the pavilion project could be postponed indefinitely. It was noted that some of the larger projects mentioned might be jointly funded by Allen Bass and the Camp. The Board placed the priority of a waterfront activity over a new bathroom. The consensus was that a bathroom is a camp maintenance issue and would not benefit the

campers as directly a recreational addition to the waterfront. In addition to being fun, the waterfront activity would be a good sales/marketing tool. The Board discussed the possibility of renting or buying a tent large enough to hold the talent show and banquet. The tent could also house the gymnastics and wrestling mats.

It was decided that Allen Bass would support the tennis court project and the purchase of a "fun" waterfront activity for the summer of 2008 and the projects will be mentioned in the Christmas letter. Jim Kelly and Scott Thompson will discuss the Board's consensus about priorities with Paul after the meeting.

Next steps: Paul needs to provide us with hard costs for these two items by October 15th.

**Michelle Sherman Award:** The senior camp staff nominated Audrey Kelly to be this year's recipient of the Michelle Sherman Memorial Award. The Board unanimously approved Audrey Kelly, with Jim Kelly abstaining.

Jim Kelly thanked Andy Korest for his hard work this year. Scott Thompson then closed the meeting by thanking Jim Kelly for his great leadership during the past three years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Thompson, Secretary