

**Georgia Jaycees Corps  
Year End Meeting ~ Milledgeville, GA  
January 13, 2018**

**Call to Order**

**Chief of Staff Lori Palo**

Chief of Staff Palo could not be present, so Past Commander Urbane Lively filled in for this meeting. Meeting called to order at 906 am.

**Invocation**

**Colonel Christy Hardie**

Invocation given by Kay Buchanan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Past Commander Helene Mitchell**

**Recognition of Guests**

**Past Commander Urbane Lively**

Past Commanders: Billy Bradford, Scott Brazell, Helene Mitchell, Pat Rogers, Lisa Pickett, Nancy Waskiewicz, Curtis Carter, Connie Cromer, Ray Baskette, Larry Pierce, Sherri Carmack, Les Howard, Mandi Howard, David Armour, Denise Bauer, Trey Carmack, Urbane Lively, Ken Joyner

Past Senate Presidents: Larry MacWhorter, Connie Cromer, Mike Ringel, Wendy Cowart

Past State Presidents: Ron Cowart, Wendy Cowart, Bob P

National Senate VP: Mike Ringel

Camp Dream Foundation President: JR Clark

**Chaplain's Report**

**Colonel Christy Hardie**

Bob Rushton, Past GAJC State President, passed away

Beverly Hamby's dad passed away

Region 4 VP & JR – health issues

Ally Bradford & Michael Barlow getting married the same day / 4/21, but not to each other

Brian Jett & Lori Palo had deaths in the family

**Treasurer's Report**

**Colonel Stacy Smith**

2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Financial Statement – we are in the BLACK, the bank matches the checkbook matches the register. Stacy entertained a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Michael

Dues Outstanding –

**Active Vice Commander**

**Colonel Thomas Michael**

2017 Golf Tournament – final report by Ron Cowart for Statesboro. Funds raised for Camp \$1400. Winnings from the tournament will also be donated to Camp roughly \$250.

Warner Robins golf tournament was not held, but there was a hole sponsor, donation for \$125 to be donated to Camp from this tournament that was cancelled.

GAJC Rebel Corps shirts presented to Ron & Wendy as a thank you for their dedication and hard work under the Active Vice Commander's portfolio this year. Plaques were also given to Ron & Wendy for their service this year.

**Inactive Vice Commander**

**Colonel Kellie Jett**

New Colonel Submissions – 2 new applications – 1 lost & 1 regular new colonel. Both in good standing, both approved. Motion entertained – moved by Larry Mac, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Pierce. Motion carried. Names withheld in an effort to surprise the newest inductees

Lost Colonels

**Adjutant's Report**

**Colonel Michelle Walworth**

Minutes from last meeting available, also copies of proposed bylaw changes available for those who did not print copies

Dispatch / E-dispatch was postmarked December 29. Requested updated information for those who have not received their correspondence via US Mail or email

**Hospitality Coordinator**

**Colonel Andrea Perry**

Cocktail party – 5pm – 630 - @ hospitality room – hosted by Camp Dream.

**Bartender's Report**

**Past Commander Billy Bradford**

Hospitality Room – 9p – 1230a

**Webmaster / Parliamentarian's report**

**Past Commander Ken Joyner**

It's running...

**Past Commander's Report**

**Past Commander Sherri Carmack**

Past Commander / Life Member raffle - \$800 worth of tickets sold already, tickets available still. 1 ticket available for past commanders and life members. Drawing to be held at cocktail party. Tickets are \$20 each.

**Unfinished Business**

**Past Commander Urbane Lively**

Bylaws Changes / Name Change – Ken Joyner

Ken Joyner recognizes Sandy Fordham as the last person in the room today. Ken yields to floor back to Commander Ron – GAJC President Jordan Chinowith to speak to the group. Its been a long and exciting year, and very successful between the GAJCS and Corps this year. GAJCS toured the state, revised bylaws, increased membership, and extended 2 chapters this year with the help of the Corps. Anticipated growth was 15%, saved \$\$\$ for future. Biggest accomplishment this year was actually participating in fellow chapters' activities and events. Working relationships are appreciated, people worked together with the GAJCs best interest at heart. Thanks to Trey and Jessup and Columbus for extending new chapters. Looking forward to 2018.

Ken reconvened the meeting – Past Commander called to make a motion to accept the proposed Bylaw changes as submitted and presented. We will ask 5 people for and against the bylaws changes to 2 minutes each – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Smith. We will register with Adjutant if you'd like to speak. 5 minute caucus.

Scott Brazell - for

Ray Baskette – against

Bob – for

Christi Armour- \_for

Curtis Carter – for

JR Clark – against

Urbane Lively - for

Meeting called back to order at 933 by Past Commander Ken. The motion to approve bylaws to remove the word “Rebel” from the bylaws in its entirety with the exception of the Foundation.

Past Commander Scott – recently a legally announced meeting. We are dying. Many of you are back in this room for the first time in many years because of this vote. By letting this organization die, we are denying the GAJCs the opportunity to serve as we did. Consider supporting the GAJCS the opportunity to serve by supporting the motion to remove the word “Rebel” form our name. We have to modernize. How many are giving back to Jaycees what you've been given from it? Please support the motion to accept.

Past Commander Ray – against. Appreciates the opportunity to speak. Ray agrees that we need to support the GAJCs. We removed the flag a year ago and have not gotten any new members. We've been a Corps for 50 years. He is a REBEL corps member and always will be. Please keep the word Rebel in our name. We've worked for 3 years to adjust to GAJCs and they have not supported us yet.

Colonel Bob – for. It's 2018. He is an extremely proud Colonel. He is a police officer and works in a line of duty where he is attacked daily. The stigma attached to our organization has to change with the time. We have to make our organization what the Jaycee creed embodies. We need to bring our organization back to life and be better. We aren't staying with the old, we need to evolve and move forward. Please support the change.

JR Clark – Against. He's changed his mind and is now for the change. Larry Pierce will comment in his place. Not about the Confederacy, not about the civil war, put together in 1958, not a racial thing, nothing personal. You can't change history. This organization was formed to reward outstanding members. These are honorary people and we don't need to change our history.

Christi Armour – for. Chris was excited – for lack of a better word, about the change. Colonel Armor had much more to say, but unfortunately her time ran out since each speaker was given one minute to speak.

Curtis Carter – for. Yes, the corps started 50+years ago. Jaycees were in trouble for a number of years, but they are getting back into the swing of things. If those who started the organization today were alive today, he would not want to be the one to tell them that this organization that they worked so hard for died on his watch. Please support.

Urbane – for. He's a traditionalist. Loved it so much, he ran for commander TWICE, 2<sup>nd</sup> time worked out well. We have 3 options: change our name and open up the feed for new colonels, change the bylaws

and open up to the public, or shut it down. Option #1 is the best option for our future. He will always wear his rebel corps clothing.

Past commander Sandy spoke to members of the Jaycees. We DO have a new colonel being inducted today, the Jaycees are young and energetic, like we used to be! Please think of this when you make your decision today.

Pat Reece wants everyone in the room to come to everything we have and do! He loves this crowd.

This bylaw change will have 2/3 vote to pass. We need 32 of 48 votes to pass. Sherri entertained a motion to vote secret ballot. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Michael. Discussion – Past Commander Brazell requests that we do roll call and vote accordingly. Larry Pierce disagrees and wants secret ballot vote. Sandy Fordham ran a contested vote for State President and. Bob Southard vocalized that in his years of Jaycees – we are all still friends even if we disagree on secret ballot. Called the question by Les Howard. 18 secret to 20 public.

Motion to approve – moved by Scott Brazell

In favor of : 26

Against: 19

Motion fails. Bob Southard voted on the prevailing side.

Bob Southard – motion to reconsider bylaws changes at the next meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christi Armour. 26 in favor – 19 against. Motion carries to reconsider bylaws changes on Jekyll.

Long Range Planning committee has 3 names submitted – Georgia Jaycee Honorary Corps has 90% of the vote for new name.

Mike Ringel – called for Order of the Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray.

### **New Business**

**Past Commander Urbane Lively**

JR – Camp Dream – 23<sup>rd</sup> year, Last year we took care of about 1000 kids. 69k kids in the state who qualify for Camp. We can handle up to quadriplegic now. Just purchased 337 acres between Columbus and Albany – camp dream II. Slated to have 7 camps around the state. Camp needs help again – go to website – campdreamga.org – donate by credit card – anything helps. 74 beds at old girl scout camp – new site. Lots to get done – clean up. Think about the kids! If we do family day, Larry Pierce will grill.

### **Unfinished Business**

Kellie Jett – Jekyll Island villas info. May 3- 6. Includes casino boat tickets & breakfast every day.

Annual PJ party 5/2 – more info to follow. Corps meeting Friday, 5/4, time TBA.

Podium donated by Washington Wilkes to Milledgeville Jaycees.

### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Colonel Mike Hardie**

High Sheriff

George Kilraine – Tarzan called during the meeting - \$2 fine

JR - \$5 for phone ringing during meeting

Past Commander Scott – issued several fines. Past commander Pickett came away with NO FINES. This is a historical event.

Cocktail party tonight at 5pm – dress code enforced. Hospitality tonight at 9pm – 1230.  
Dress Code / Cocktail party

### **Announcements**

SOMEONE has a birthday today – Pat Rogers!  
Larry Pierce is having a grandson.  
Larry Mac – Senate meeting at 1pm today in the small room @ depot.  
Jr – Camp Dream got \$100 check today.

**Past Commander Urbane Lively**

### **Commander's Comments**

Trimester awards  
Staff Member of the trimester – Mike Hardie  
Staff member of the year – Andrea Perry  
Officer of the Trimester – Thomas Michael  
Officer of the year – Kellie Jett

**Commander Ron Cowart**

Staff Gifts

Comments

Thanks for your hard work – commander pin included in each gift bag. Thanks to Corps for the opportunity to be commander. Commander Ron has enjoyed his time as Commander and has had lots of fun and fellowship this year. Even after this term is over, if we need anything please let him know.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

Gavel passed to Kellie Jett- commander-elect

**Commander Ron Cowart**

### **2018 Elected & Appointed Staff**

Active Vice Commander – Stacy Smith  
Inactive Vice Commander - Bob  
Treasurer – Michelle Walworth  
Adjutant – Andrea Perry  
Chief of Staff – Chuck Cheeves  
Chaplain – Pat Reece  
Hospitality Coordinator - Pat Rogers  
Sergeant / Parliamentarian – Bob Southard  
Webmaster – Ken Joyner

**Commander-Elect Kellie Jett**

### **Committees:**

Elections: Ron Cowart, Sherri Carmack, Lisa Pickett  
Foundation: Denise Bauer, Mandi Howard, Chuck Faircloth, Ron Cowart  
Finance: Michelle Walworth, Sandy Fordham, Trey Carmack  
Lost Senate / Colonel: Pat Rogers, Denise Bauer, Helene Mitchell  
Long Range: Ron Cowart, Les Howard, Scott Brazell, Michelle Walworht, Bob Southard, Wendy Cowart, Larry Pierce, Ken Joyner, Denise Bauer

Motion entertained to accept – so moved by George Kilraine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JR Clark. Motion carried.  
2018 proposed budget - Motion to approve proposed budget by Larry mac – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Smith. Motion carried.

**Incoming commander comments**

**Commander-Elect Kellie Jett**

Thanks for the opportunity – taking everything to heart and listening to what the body wants. Encourages everyone to come to a project – local or state. BE there. BE with Jaycees and answer their questions – keep the excitement going.

**Approval of Past Commander status**

**Past Commanders**

**Adjourn with Jaycee Creed**

**TBD**