

Queen Anne's County High School Alumni Association
Minutes
November 6, 2024

In attendance: Janet Crutchley, Susan Boone, Madeline Hubbard, Daria Bennett

The meeting was called to order by President Daria Bennett at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Centreville.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were sent electronically. Both were approved as presented.

Membership: Madeline provided a print-out comparing membership data between 2024 and 2025. The report is included with these minutes as an attachment.

Old Business:

Daria gave a recap of the Multi-Class Reunion. Despite weather-related issues including a very high tide that eventually flooded out the venue, attendees were very pleased and many reported having a great time. Some people complained that we should have alerted the crowd that the water level was rising. That issue was handled via email.

Nominations: No nominations have come forth via email. With only four people in attendance at tonight's meeting, the nomination process could not take place without a quorum. There seems to be very little interest from members to take on leadership roles. The next step in the nomination process was handled under new business.

New Business:

Due to lack of attendance despite personal invitations sent to 100 current members via our Facebook group page, the group discussed the future of the QACHS Alumni Association. Because the involvement in attending meetings and taking on leadership roles has not increased over the 15 years of existence of this organization, a discussion began about the possible dissolution of the Alumni Association effective January 2026. Daria will send an email to the core group of members who have been involved in running and maintaining the Association. In the email, she will make a motion to dissolve the QACHS Alumni Association effective January 2026. The treasury balance could be distributed in scholarships with any remaining funds presented as a gift to the school. If, however, other members are willing to take over vacated officer roles, the future of the Association may be reexamined. Jamie Williams expressed an interest in taking over as Treasurer and Madeline Hubbard is willing to move into the position of Vice-President. The roles of President and Secretary remain open. The email will request a "yay" or "nay" response on the motion to dissolve the QACHS Alumni Association as of January 2026. Depending on the outcome, the decision will be sent out via email and social media. However, since there was no quorum for the scheduled meeting, it was decided to continue the meeting via email.

*** After the meeting was adjourned, Daria reached out to the Board members via email for feedback and alternatives to the motion on the table. The current motion made by Daria to dissolve the Alumni Association effective January 1, 2026 was not adopted. In its place, a motion was made by Royden to dissolve the Alumni

Association on January 1, 2026 only after reaching out to all paid 2025 members via email informing them of the need for Board nominations, new Board members, and more active involvement from the members. Members will have until January 1, 2025 to respond. If there is no response or not enough of a response to effectively continue the Association, the QACHS Alumni Association will be dissolved effective January 1, 2026.

Board members are asked to respond no later than November 10, 2024 with a “yay” or “nay” vote to the current motion on the table that was made by Royden.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boone

****The following letter is being sent by email to the 2025 QACHS Alumni Association members. These November 6 minutes and addendums will be included in the Facebook post and to the Alumni tab on the QACHS website.

Dear QACHS Alumni Members,

To begin, the QACHS Alumni Association would like to thank you for initiating or renewing your membership for 2025. We thank you for your continued support!

For nearly 15 years, a core group of individuals have dedicated themselves to the mission of the QACHS Alumni Association. We've held yearly multi-class reunions, organized participation in Homecoming parades, hosted a booth at the QAC 4-H Fair every summer, met with staff at QACHS, met with leadership at QACHS, sold alumni swag, participated in Back-to-School events, financially sponsored clubs/groups at the school, purchased advertisements in playbills, funded departmental grants at QACHS, awarded approximately \$45,000 in scholarships, and met regularly with the sole purpose of growing the Association in order to best serve the QACHS students, faculty, staff, and alumni. That said, the time has come to pass the torch to a new group of members willing to continue the good work that's been accomplished thus far.

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer as well as members willing to work on a variety of committees to include Membership, QAC 4-H Fair, and Multi-Class Reunion. Current Board members would train any new volunteers in order to make a smooth transition.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Alumni Association, would like to be nominated for a Board position, or know of an individual you would like to nominate, please contact me no later than 1 January 2025. Should the open positions not be filled, the QACHS Alumni Association will dissolve effective 1 January 2026; this will allow us time to distribute scholarships in the fall of 2025.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for further information by contacting Daria Krauser Bennett at dkbennett1204@gmail.com.

Warmly,
Daria Krauser Bennett
President
QACHS Alumni Association

****Addendum to and continuation of the meeting on November 6*