

Sacramento Valley Buckeyes Alumni Board Minutes for January 5th, 2017

Chili's Rancho Cordova, 7 PM

Present: President Peggy Penwell, Vice President/Membership Jay Beedy, Treasurer Steve Yaussy, Board Member at Large/Webmaster Gary Penwell, Board Member/Past President Ramona Moenter, Board Member Jon Finkler, Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Marsha Koopman, Interim Secretary/Buckeyes After Work Event Coordinator Kelli Hager

Absent: Secretary Cheryl Kinsey

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Penwell, President

Secretary's Report: Peggy read Kelli's minutes. Marsha made a motion to accept the minutes and Ramona seconds said motion; all members present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Steve reports that the ending balance in the checking account for the month of December was \$6,050.21. The savings account balance was \$22,194.91. The savings account for January 2016 was \$14,255.82 The silent auction brought in \$1210.00 and we have a lot of merchandise left over for next year. Steve and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo statement. Jay makes a motion to accept the financial data and Gary seconds. The results were accepted by the board.

As of January 5th, we are still waiting on November reimbursements from Ohio State to clear.

Webmaster—OSUAA update: Gary reports 292 visits in November and 177 visits during December to the website. All current events are listed on the website along with pictures from past events. Just to reiterate, Erin is still a big help in perfecting the club's website in accordance with Ohio State's standards.

Scholarship Report: Marsha received a list of 268 students from California who were accepted to Ohio State. Marsha sent out 22 letters and applications to prospective scholarship students. Interested students must send everything back by January 31st. Marsha must submit our choices to Ohio State by February 7th. The board must donate at least \$1000.00 to the scholarship program for Ohio State to contribute \$600 to the donation. Ramona makes a motion to allocate \$4000.00 to the scholarship program and Jay seconds the motion. The board accepts the motion. The board came to a consensus that

Ohio State will first remove the money from our scholarship account, then our savings account until \$4000 is reached.

Membership Report: During the 2016/2017 fiscal year, the Alumni Club of the Sacramento Valley received 53 paid memberships (a membership covers up to 2 people). The number of actual members is 83.

Old Business

Game Watch- Jay reports a head count of about 74 people but only 61 signed the sheet at the Clemson game. Jay looked into the Double Tree as a potential game watch location. We already have the Double Tree booked for December 3rd, 2017 for the holiday dinner. Jay prepared a pros/cons sheet comparing Players and Double Tree. In the end, the board opted to remain at The Lodge with some contingencies. The Lodge managers sat down with Jay and provided many excuses for the issues we've been having. Nassir takes no blame for the issues cited. Revenue during game watches range from \$12,000-14,000 during football season.

Conditions for our return:

- Management does not run the game watch. We will work with Chef Paul
- No more promises from The Lodge; everything will be in writing from now on
- The Lodge is to give the group \$25/game watch up front at the pre-party
- Management is to keep tables clear on game days
- Any complaints regarding The Lodge will be directed to Jay
- Jay will have a sit-down meeting with management every 2 weeks
- Update menu offerings
- A guarantee that Ohio State patrons have priority in the ordering of food and beverage. No exceptions
- A more secure storage area for the game watch decorations
- A working soda machine
- Ohio State cups
- A working sound bar for T.V.
- Shut jukebox down during games
- The Lodge will make a donation every time they violate the contract

Shirts- We still have 5 usable shirts and 18 unusable from Jamerica. Jon suggests giving the wait staff the 5 usable t-shirts to wear during the game watch. All board members present were in favor of this suggestion.

Holiday Party- Everyone loved the music and the food. Jay already booked the Double Tree for December 3rd, 2017. Jay suggests providing door prizes. Kelli suggested getting the Alumni Association involved and have them donate prizes (similar to the prizes given out at the Buckeyes After Work event)

New Business

Buckeyes After Work- Big Ten mixer is scheduled for Thursday, February 23. In February, Kelli will start the planning process for the next Big Ten Euchre Tournament. We should have flyers for the Euchre Tournament ready by the mixer so we can market the event. Kelli will speak with the Ohio State Alumni who attend the Big Ten mixer and discuss future Buckeyes After Work outings.

Tablecloths- Marsha has a friend who is willing to make tablecloths for the club. Her friend agreed to make them for \$295 + materials. The board decided that the iron on decals are a better option financially.

Kings/Celtics game (February 8th)- Everyone who signed up for the game wants lower level seating. Ramona has 3 lower level tickets available.

Arts- Kelli will research plays in the area and set up an outing with the club. Ohio State will donate \$250 for the event which will be used to lower the cost of tickets. The event needs to happen before the end of Ohio State's year (June 30th).

Diversity- Peggy recommends showing the movie "Race" and having a discussion following the movie or possibly bringing in a speaker relating to the movie. Jon suggests we order the movie on demand if we can. We can use the \$250 donation from Ohio State to pay for a beverage and snacks for attendees.

Service (Food Bank & Half Marathon)- The American River Parkway Half Marathon is on April 29th and Peggy will check on the date for the Food Bank.

Lifelong Learning (Scarlet & Grapes)- Jon is in the process of scheduling a bus to take the alumni group up to Amador for a picnic and wine tasting. The bus will cost approximately \$45 per person. The bus holds 45-50 people and has multiple

pickup locations. The board agrees that a Saturday in late May would be the best date for this event.

New Charter- Gary handed out a new document for the management guidance book which included directions on where to place the document in the book.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 21st at The Lodge.