Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for August 13, 2014
Cordova Lodge

Present: President Ramona Moenter, Vice President/Membership Jay Beedy, Secretary Peggy Penwell, Board Member at Large/Treasurer/Webmaster Gary Penwell, Board Member at Large/ Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Chair Ralph Cornwell

Absent: Past President Disa Banker, who has moved to Columbus, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Ramona Moenter.

Secretary’s Report: Gary amended the minutes to read “to date” between July and receipts. Jay moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ralph seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Gary reported in July receipts of dues $50, scholarship $75, transfer to savings $150, PayPal fee $3.20 and a closing checking account balance of $2109.81. Savings account activities in June included transfer from checking $150, interest $0.21, and an ending balance of $5202.05. Ramona and Gary agreed to change the monthly transfer of funds from checking to savings from $100 to $150 to avoid the $14 monthly bank fee. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo July statement.

Scholarship: Ralph reported that he had heard from Michele at San Juan about College Night on Sept. 23, and was confirmed to have a table. He will order materials from Katie Hook at OSU Enrollment Services – Undergraduate Admissions. Ramona will look for anything available that we could use for guidance counsellor materials to drop-off while she is in Columbus. Gary ordered and received the pennants. The scholarship recipients’ parents were invited to the Kick-Off Party but no responses yet. Ralph will re-contact the parents. Ralph reported that he and Patsy would be moving to Colorado next August or September, so we need to find a new scholarship chairman. Ralph will write up his duties to help a new chairman, but suggested we appoint someone soon so they can benefit from Ralph’s experience while he is still here.
Webmaster: Gary reported that the current website will only be running until Nov. 1st. He is to move our website to the new OSU “branded” site by that time. However, the new site is in WordPress which is an application he does not know and will have to learn to move the site. One option might be to move the current site to Blue Host for $3.95/month. Our current website was down for 3 weeks (caused by OSU) which really caused problems with trying to let the membership know about the new game watch location and kick-off party. The website had 234 visits in July.

Kick-Off Party: Melanie from The Lodge met with us to discuss the menu for the party. We decided to serve both breakfast and lunch items. We still have some concerns about the TVs and the ability to see them from all the tables. Jay will talk to Neil. We made lists of what each board member was to bring to the party to hopefully have everything we need.

Old Business:

Membership: The weekend of Oct. 10-13 was picked for the cabin raffle prize. 2015 dues must be paid by Sept. 27 to be eligible. The raffle will be Sept. 27. Membership and email lists will be at the party to help fill in any blanks as people sign in. Ramona added the dates members paid their dues to the master SacValley lists. She will also use the OSU lists to fill in blanks.

Nametags: Jay ordered 90 magnetic ones from Robert Ward at Champion Awards for $4.95 each. We want them by the Kick-Off party. He wants to collect them after each game watch or event and will make a sign to return the pins at the end of each event. Gary will add a line to the membership form requesting name tag spelling, etc. Replacement name tags will cost $5 and we can order every 2 weeks for new members.


IRS: Gary will call the IRS to determine if they have re-established our tax exempt status.

New Business:
OSUAA Listserve: Kimberly said it is being modified at OSU and we should use it. Kimberly should email it to Gary.

OSUAA comments regarding the website: There has been no negative feedback from our members.

Game watch with Michigan State: Debbie Towne from MSU would like to meet again with us at our new location. Jay will write an “invite letter” to the other teams and coordinate with Howard.

OSUAA Leadership Symposium Sept. 26: Ramona will attend. Jay moved and Ralph seconded to give Ramona $500 to help with expenses related to the Symposium.

Fall newsletter: Delay for now, maybe closer to Christmas. We will consider Dec. 4, for the Christmas Party at Rio City.

Service Project: Ralph suggested a Canine Companion Walk for Dog Fest.

A closed executive session followed with Ramona, Jay, Peggy, Gary and Ralph.

Next meeting: 10/14/14 at 7:00 at Natomas Panera.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary