

Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for January 8, 2015
Cordova Lodge, Rancho Cordova

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, New Board Member John Gardias, New Board Member Marsha Koopman

Absent: New Board Member Jon Finkler

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 by President Ramona Moenter. She passed out new rosters of Board Members and Committee Chairmen.

Secretary's Report: Ramona amended the minutes to change "paid" to read "will pay" and change "Panera Bread" to "Cordova Lodge". Jay moved to accept the minutes as amended, Gary seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported a closing checking account balance in November of \$5935.44, and in December of \$8144.90. Savings account ending balance in November was \$5802.73 and in December was \$5952.88. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo November and December statements. John agreed to become Treasurer in March.

Scholarship: Marsha agreed to take over as Scholarship Chairman. Ralph will assist her. Ralph passed out the list of College Nights for our area. Marsha and Ralph divided the list of the 10 closest districts and will contact each to introduce OSU and find out their dates for College Night and also the names of their high schools so that we can distribute materials to the counselling offices. Ralph has a CD with the scholarship forms and cover letter. In February Ralph will get the list of OSU applicants from our area. Leslie A. Smith is the contact at OSUAA. Marsha will call Ralph to set up a meeting. Oregon and OSU are having a contest to see which school can raise the most money for scholarships. The contest runs Jan. 9-13. Ramona will forward the email to our members so they can make a donation to the OSU Scholarship Fund.

Webmaster: Gary reported that the current website is running fine on BlueHost. Because OSU wants all websites to look the same (branded), Gary is working to convert all

pages of the old website to the new look. Apple electronics cannot see the photos on the website so Gary will work to convert these.

Old Business:

Nametags: Jay reported that we paid for the missing nametags. Jay suggested to Cordova Lodge that they give a \$100 donation to the scholarship fund in lieu of paying for the lost name tags. So far there has been no action. Jay will follow up.

Membership: Jay suggested having a “give-away” next fall when members pay their dues. He suggested a visor with the Lodge logo and a Buckeye on it. He will request the Lodge to pay half the price of the visors.

T-Shirts: Ramona sent a picture to California Tees. They quoted 40 @ \$11.35 or 50 @ \$10.25. Since 40 people already signed up we decided to order 50 and charge \$20 each. Jay will announce the price at the game watch.

Club Survey: Jay handed out surveys at the semi-final game with Alabama. He only printed 75 and we had 132 guests, but he got 30 answered. He will again pass out surveys at the Championship game. If a board member has suggested questions he/she need to get them to Jay by noon Monday. He will summarize results in an email.

Game watch with Oregon: Jay reported that the Lodge will only offer the Buckeye menu with the addition of the Cowboy Burger and no buffet. They have requested that we keep the aisles free so the servers can get through. Jay asked that they strip the room, bring in the extra tables and help set up the layout Monday afternoon. Jay will make a list of announcements to pass out at the game watch.

Meeting with Chad Warren: The board was pleased to meet Chad and have a chance to relay some of our concerns. Guests at the holiday party also enjoyed meeting him.

OSUAA awards: Ramona handed out last year’s report so that we can see our weaknesses and correct them. We are to look them over and we will discuss at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Binders: Gary passed out new Board Member Handbooks to all board members. He gave a quick overview of the material inside.

Cordova Lodge New Coupon: John will make 75 photocopies with the name Buckeye inserted so that the Lodge can tell how many Buckeyes are using the coupon.

OSUAA Survey: Our new officers did not receive the survey. Gary will send Chad an email.

Promoting/selling items: On our Facebook page, advertisers are only allowed if they give our members a discount. Jay moved and Marsha seconded that we have paid advertisements in our newsletter if they give OSU discounts.

Nationwide: Nationwide has a partnership with OSU. Ramona has a meeting with Erick Schmitt to discuss some possibilities.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 20 – Sacramento Kings/Boston Celtics

July 10 – River Cats baseball

TBA – Music Circus

TBA – Big 10 Picnic

TBA – Big 10 Bowling

Suggestions for future events:

OSU Basketball game watch

Scarlet and Grapes – Wine Tasting

Banquet with a speaker

Halloween Party

Christmas Party

Move Silent Auction to Michigan game watch

Next meeting: 3/19/15 at 7:00 at Cordova Lodge.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary