

Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for March 19, 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 Ralph Cornwell, Board Member John Gardias, Board Member / Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Chair Marsha Koopman, Board Member at large Jon Finkler

Absent: None

Guest: Patsy Cornwell

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Ramona Moenter

Secretary's Report: Jay moved to accept the minutes and John seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported a closing checking account balance in January of \$9128.48, and in February of \$8656.32. Savings account ending balance in January was \$6103.03 and in February was \$6253.17. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo January and February statements. There was a discussion on how the money is kept or sent to OSU for the scholarships. John will meet with Gary to learn the treasurer's duties.

Webmaster's Report: Gary reported that OSU wants a certain look (branding) for all OSU websites. Although he is not using WordPress, he has converted 15 of about 200 pages. His 3 priorities are: 1) make it look like OSU, 2) scale all pages to fit on Apple devices, and 3) change photos to fit Apple devices.

Scholarship: Marsha reported that 9 students from our area were accepted to OSU. 5 replied to our letter about a scholarship. Marsha gave details about the final 4 recommendations based on review by she and Ralph Cornwell. The Board voted to offer \$1000 scholarships to the following: Sterling Winter from Chico, an honors student with a 4.1 GPA and planning to study environmental engineering; Jason Lutz from Granite Bay with a 4.1 GPA and planning to study business; and Olivia Righton from St. Francis High School in Sacramento with a 4.1 GPA and planning to study to

kinesiology and sports medicine. Jay moved that we use the money already at OSU with the balance from our scholarship fund. Ramona seconded and the Board approved the motion. Ralph will give Gary the form so he can send the check to OSU immediately. Marsha will send congratulatory letters to the 3 winners. Jon suggested that in the future when someone donates the 50-50 raffle money back to the club, the treasurer should email the winner a letter with the amount listed so he/she can use it for tax purposes.

Membership: Ramona updated the spreadsheet. She will send an email with application information to those who didn't renew their dues. They can then renew their dues on the website.

### **Old Business:**

New logo/branding : Ralph never received the package.

Nametags: Gary and Peggy showed the new case for name tags.

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: The t-shirts are ready for distribution. Ramona will make a spreadsheet of those who ordered. She will send an email quoting the price for what was ordered to each individual. Once they pay, they can pick up the shirt at a game watch or the next event.

Casino: Jay has a new agreement for the casino to sign with our wants/desires spelled out. So far the casino has not offered any money to the scholarship fund.

### **New Business:**

Banquet: May 7 at Casa Garden with a reception at 6PM and dinner at 6:30PM.

1) OSU is printing and mailing a flyer to our OSUAA members. Nationwide is paying \$200 toward the \$500 mailing fee. Jay will make additional copies to send to our non-OSUAA members and 10-15 to pass out at game watches.

- 2) The menu has been set. There is a cash bar with beer - \$3 and wine - \$4. Hors-d'oeuvres are included in the dinner price. Ramona will call Freeport Bakery for a cake for dessert. They will deliver the cake.
- 3) We will have the patio area with an assigned hostess for the reception. We can decorate the dining room after 4 PM. Ramona ordered red napkins with white tablecloths. Jay suggested again using the small red tablecloths on the diagonal. Ramona will take one to see if it clashes with the napkins. Ramona has the table flags and pompoms for each table and will bring the big Brutus. Ralph will bring his new championship banner with Command Strips for hanging. Ramona will call Howard for our Awards banner and hangers.
- 4) Ralph and Patsy will make buckeye candies for favors. We will just put out the nametags for those who RSVP, but will have blank paper nametags for guests.
- 5) Ramona will write the program agenda and Jay will have it printed. There will be Treasurer and Scholarship reports and 2-3 guest speakers.
- 6) Nationwide may also want to put up a display. The Nationwide agent is Aaron Grigsby and he may want to speak also.
- 7) Jack Park is our main guest speaker. Chad Warren will also attend. They both will stay at the Embassy Suites downtown. Gary and Peggy will pick them up at the airport, deliver them to the hotel, drive them to the banquet and back to the hotel.
- 8) Gary will set up PayPal on the website for the banquet. He will also bring the cashbox and petty cash to the banquet.
- 9) We will have a raffle at \$5/ticket. Ramona will bring the tickets and bucket. She will ask Jack to bring 2 autographed books, and Chad to bring an item. Jay will order the championship magazine at \$8 for the raffle.

Game watch: Saturday, March 21 at 2:15 at the casino for basketball.

Food Bank: Rod Thomas is coordinating the event. It is Thursday, April 23, from 4-7:15 at 1335 Los Robles Blvd, Del Paso. We are to wear our Buckeye gear.

Big 10 Picnic: It will be June 14 at 11AM. Ramona will send the flyer to Gary for the website. Ramona will invite the OSU students to attend. Gary, Peggy, and Jay will be out of town.

Scarlet and Grapes: John and Jon will check with the Sugar Mill in Clarksburg to see about a Saturday or Sunday in July. It was suggested to have dinner at Al the Wop's restaurant afterward.

River Cats: Jay has 50 tickets with 5 dates. July 10 is for the Presidential Suite at \$69/ticket.

Music Circus: Sue selected "Peter Pan" for a Sunday matinee. Adult tickets are \$50 and children are \$40. Dinner at the Melting Pot will follow. Jay will send Gary a flyer with the details for the website.

Kick-Off Party and Summer Send-Off: We will have a buffet August 29 from 11-3 at the casino. Ramona will invite the scholarship parents. We will have visors for those who pay their dues early.

1<sup>st</sup> Game: Monday night, Sept. 7 (Labor Day) vs. Virginia Tech.

Meeting with the Casino management: Ramona, Jay, and Gary will attend. The 3 major concerns are:

- 1) The room be ready and tables be set in place ahead of our arrival to decorate
- 2) The game channel should be on 30 minutes before the start of the game
- 3) Better sound system – John found sound boxes for \$200 each

Next meeting: 4/13/15 at 7:00 at Cordova Lodge. Our award weaknesses to be discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell  
Secretary