

Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for July 30, 2015

The Lodge, Rancho Cordova

Present: President Ramona Moenter, Secretary Peggy Penwell, Board Member at Large/Treasurer/Webmaster Gary Penwell, Board Member / Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Chair Marsha Koopman, Board Member at Large Jon Finkler

Absent: Board Member at Large /Treasurer John Gardias, Vice President/Membership Jay Beedy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Ramona Moenter

Secretary's Report: Jon moved to accept the minutes and Marsha seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Gardias will no longer be able to assume the duties of treasurer as he has accepted a job in St. Louis. Gary will continue as treasurer until a new one is appointed/elected. Gary reported a closing checking account balance in May of \$4,389.47 and \$5,061.47 in June. Savings account ending balance in May was \$10,203.76 and \$10,354.01 in June. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo May and June statements. Ramona moved to accept the treasurer's report. Marsha seconded and the motion passed. Ramona will talk to John about removing him from the account. She will send out an email asking if anyone is interested in becoming the treasurer.

Webmaster's Report: Gary reported that OSUAA has hired two Regional Support Specialists, Erin Howell and Jen Russell, to assist local Clubs convert their websites to the OSUAA/OSU branded and hosted WordPress websites. Erin will be converting our website over the next 9 weeks according to the current test group schedule. She and Gary have been corresponding and he wants to give her a chance to see if this will work out. One of the remaining questions is whether or not OSUAA will allow us to be hosted as sacvalleybuckeyes.com or whether we will have to pay a commercial web host to do that function. The website was viewed by 187 people in March, 280 in April, 164 in May, and 304 in June.

Scholarship: Marsha will invite our scholarship winners' parents to the Kick-Off party. The SJUSD College Night is 9/21/15. Marsha will follow up on the other districts' College Nights. Ramona suggested she also contact the Catholic schools to see if they have a College Night. Marsha will coordinate with OSUAA for boxes of materials for each

College Night. The Alumni Magazine asked Marsha questions and will feature our club in an up-coming issue. Marsha heard from Hannah Bensman, a previous scholarship winner who will graduate in August. Marsha will write an article about Hannah and her accomplishments for the fall newsletter. Hannah plans to return to Sacramento after graduation. Peggy reported that she would deliver a small OSU pennant and a scholarship form to the high schools in the San Juan district.

Membership: Ramona will contact the individuals who signed up for the picnic but didn't come so we can receive their dues. Ramona checked the badges to see which members need badges and will let Jay know.

Old Business:

OSUAA Awards: Ramona submitted the awards to OSUAA and received a thank you from Josh Harraman. She will frame the Best Buckeye Award for Howard and get a \$25 gift certificate from the Lodge.

T-Shirts: Ramona will determine how many and what sizes need to be ordered and hope to have them by the Kick-Off Party.

Visors: We will sell at the Kick-Off Party.

Nationwide: The check should be coming.

Scrapbook: Ramona will announce at the Kick-Off Party to see if anyone is interested in this project.

Past Events: Attendance

Big 10 Picnic: 5

Rowing: 40 - They will be here again next year.

RiverCats – 16 Buckeyes

Scarlet and Grapes: 22 – Jon reported it was a great success. Helen Crump set up a private wine tasting and tour of the vineyard with a potluck afterward.

New Business:

Events:

1) Kick-Off Party: Aug. 29 from 11 - 3

- 2) Big 10 Bowling: Aug. 30 from 1-3
- 3) Holiday Party: Dec. 8 or 10, Ramona will ask at the Kick-Off Party for a show of hands for a preference. She will also check with Rio City Café to see if there are any schedule conflicts.
- 4) Kings game: Ramona made a deposit which will guarantee us a game. The Kings will give us a gift basket which we can use for the silent auction. We would prefer a game with either the Lakers or Celtics as they both have former Buckeyes on their teams.
- 5) Pelatonia: Members can be virtual riders and donate.
- 6) Fireworks: Gary will investigate having a booth for a fundraiser.

Meeting with Matt about the Kick-Off Party.

- 1) We approved the menu for the buffet for 70 people at a cost of \$1,169.35. Ramona will order the cake and Matt will pick it up and deliver it.
- 2) Matt will provide wrist bands.
- 3) We will use game day setup arrangement of tables.
- 4) We will bring the decorations in earlier that week.
- 5) We definitely need the new sound system operational by the party.
- 6) Ramona will bring a DVD of the either/or the Alabama or Oregon game and OSU music.
- 7) Gary will design a flyer for the party to post on the website and Ramona will email to members.
- 8) Adults will pay \$12; kids 5-12 will pay \$6, kids under 5 are free and the Club will pick up the cost difference.

Next meeting: 8/3/15 at 7:00 at Cordova Lodge

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary