

Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for September 3, 2015
The Lodge, Rancho Cordova

Present: President Ramona Moenter, Secretary Peggy Penwell, Board Member at Large/Interim Treasurer/Webmaster Gary Penwell, Board Member / Student Recruitment and Scholarship Committee Chair Marsha Koopman, Board Member at Large Jon Finkler, Vice President/Membership Jay Beedy, New Assistant Treasurer Mary Yaussy

Absent: New Treasurer Steve Yaussy

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Ramona Moenter, who reported that our club was selected as an Outstanding Alumni Club for 2015. It was decided to give Ralph Cornwell a Best Buckeye Award from our club.

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

Treasurer's Report: Gary will continue as treasurer until Steve and Mary can take over. Gary reported a closing checking account balance in July of \$5411.47. Savings account ending balance in July was \$10,504.28. Ramona and Gary confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo July statement. Jay moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ramona seconded and the motion passed. John was removed from the account. Mary asked that all OSU business and money matters use "yaussysteve@gmail.com." Gary or Ramona will go to Wells Fargo to add Steve and Mary to the account.

Webmaster's Report: Gary reported 267 visits to the website. Our Regional Support Specialist, Erin Howell, who is to convert our website to the OSUAA/OSU brand and host a WordPress website, said we cannot keep "sacvalleybuckeyes.com." or use it as a forwarding address. We can continue to use our current host and website as long as it looks like the OSU brand, but she will not be converting it. Gary is worried that if he continues doing the website, that no one else in the club will step up to take it over when he quits doing it. It was decided we'll talk to OSU at the conference and make a decision at a later date.

Scholarship: Our 2 scholarship winners, Olivia Righton and Sterling Winter will be highlighted in our national Alumni Magazine. Marsha has signed up for 6 College Nights: San Juan, Natomas, Inderkum, Roseville, Catholic, and Elk Grove. The first one

is San Juan on 9/21/15. Marsha coordinated with OSUAA for boxes of materials for each College Night. Marsha asked board members to sign up to work at the different college nights. Marsha will be at all the events but need one more person to help man the table. Peggy reported that she delivered a small OSU pennant and a scholarship form to the high schools in the San Juan district.

Membership: Ramona announced we had 32 paid members so far. Last year we had 80 and would like to get 100 this year. Dues are based on a fiscal year Sept. 1 – Aug. 31. It was suggested to put a sticker on the name tags of this year's paid members. Jay will put on the stickers.

Old Business:

OSUAA Awards: Ramona again went over our selection for Outstanding Club Award. She, Peggy, and Gary will attend the Awards luncheon at the conference.

T-Shirts: Ramona reported we have 15 left that are not committed: 2 women's, 4 men's L, 9 men's XL. We have sold 21 at \$20 each. The old price was 50 for \$9.95 or XXL for \$10.95. To place a new order the price is \$28.35 each. Jay will take Peggy's V-neck model to All Quality Graphics for a bid on men's and women's shirts.

Visors: We ordered 60 and sold 39 so far with 21 left. At \$5 each we need to sell 49 to break even. Without dues membership the cost is \$10 each.

Nationwide: The check finally came.

Scrapbook: No report

Past Events:

Kick-Off Party: We took a bath. Last year for 53 people we paid per plate for \$770. This year we paid \$1165.35. We had estimated 70 people but only 49 attended with 42 paying to eat. Next year we need a signed contract. Jay will meet with Matt.

Big 10 Bowling: Russ Sproull and Bob Turner paid and played.

Fireworks: Gary reported that it's a good money-maker but requires a lot of man-hours that week. It also has a lot of expenses if we don't sell enough. We will put out a sign-up

sheet at the game watches to see who would be willing to help. The Board deferred a final decision pending further discussion.

New Business:

Management Guidance: Gary presented the text revisions. Ramona moved to accept the revisions. Jay seconded, and the revisions were accepted.

Events:

Game Watch Board Attendance:

1. Sept. 7, 5PM: Board minus Mary and Steve
2. Sept. 12, 12:30 PM: Board
3. Sept. 19, 12:30 PM: Board minus Jay
4. Sept. 26, TBA: Marsha, Mary
5. Oct. 3, TBA: Jay, Marsha, Mary
6. Oct. 10, 9 AM: Ramona, Marsha, Mary (?), Jay (?)
7. Oct. 17, 5 PM: Board
8. Oct. 24, 5 PM: Board
9. Nov. 7, TBA: Board
10. Nov. 14, TBA: Board
11. Nov. 21, TBA: board minus Mary and Steve
12. Nov. 28, TBA: Board minus Ramona

Silent Auction: Move to Nov. 21 game watch with Michigan State. Use the Board Room for the auction set-up so it can be locked during the game. Jay will check with Matt about using the room.

Holiday Party: We want to again have it at Rio City. We had wanted Thursday, Dec. 10, but we cannot set-up until 6:30. Instead we decided to go with Tuesday, Dec. 8 with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Ramona will contact Rio City.

Kings Game: We paid a deposit of \$200 to have a Buckeye game watch. The game choices were Jan. 7 – Lakers with the #2 draft choice from OSU, Jan. 9 with the Warriors, and March 9 with the Cavaliers. The Board chose the Cavaliers. Ramona will let the Kings know our choice.

Sacramento Theater – “Newsies” at the Community Center. Jay announced Sue was interested in getting a group together for a Saturday matinee. Jay will make a flyer and send Gary the dates.

Cordova Casino: Sound system is in. Need to have the microphone set up with the sound system and the corner TV re-installed. They nixed the 100 inch TV at the bar side.

OSUAA: Ashley Pryor is our new Western Region Engagement Officer. She is based in Columbus. Ramona will invite her to the Holiday Party or the Michigan State game.

Game Watch suggestions: Jay presented a list which were discussed.

1. He made a new poster board for announcements for game watches. He bought new foam for the name tag trays. He will keep them and organize them after each event. To date we have 161 name tags.
2. Marsha will stand at the door at the game watches and act as greeter and steer people to the different tables to sign in, pay dues, buy t-shirts or visors, etc.
3. Jay will get 2 Lodge Gift Cards to start the season. The plastic Alabama - OSU glasses are left over from last season and we will continue to use them as new ones were not ordered in time by the Lodge. The Lodge did order new glasses for this year.
4. Jay will invite the opposing team fans to join us for the game watch and Mary will include this in her publicity announcements.
5. Jay suggested a ticket exchange clip board and announcement.

Announcements: Mary said she could do PR on-line.

Phone Numbers: The Board did not concur with a club member’s suggestion to post and make phone numbers easily available. We will only request phone numbers when signing up for an activity or paying dues.

Canned Goods: Ramona will add request for canned good to game watch emails.

Newsletter: Need to have articles by Oct. 15.

1. Hannah and College Nights – Marsha
2. Scarlet & Grapes – Jon
3. Rowing – Ramona
4. Coming Events and assembly of articles – Gary
5. Conference Summary – Peggy
6. Holiday Party – Gary in Coming Events

7. Outstanding Club – Peggy
8. Howard as Best Buckeye – Ramona
9. Game Watches - Jay

Next meeting: 10/22/15 at 7:00 at Cordova Lodge

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary