Sacramento Valley Alumni Board Minutes for November 10, 2015
The Lodge, Rancho Cordova

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Ramona Moenter

Secretary’s Report. Gary moved to approve the minutes and Jay seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Steve reported a closing checking account balance in October of $5067.90. Savings account ending balance in October was $13955.11 Ramona and Steve confirmed the financial data with the Wells Fargo statement. Jay moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Jon seconded and the motion passed.

Webmaster’s Report: Gary reported 227 visits to the website. Our Regional Support Specialist, Erin Howell, has started to convert our website to the OSUAA/OSU brand on WordPress. Emails from Gary to Ashley Pryor and to Penwell.17@osu.edu keep crashing. Gary will follow up. OSU has assigned an email account to the club. We will keep the Gmail account but Ramona said she will try to clean it up.

Scholarship: Our 2 scholarship winners, Olivia Righton and Sterling Winter are highlighted in the Nov/Dec issue of our national Alumni Magazine. Olivia has changed her major from pre-med to nursing. Students must apply to OSU by Nov. 1st to be eligible for OSU scholarships. Those students who have been accepted for admittance at OSU are notified in February. It is a very short turn-around for us for awarding scholarships.

Membership: Jay reported we need one new badge for Eric McDowell. Larry Grant filled out an application on line but did not pay on PayPal. We will use the money from Chad to replace our name tags for dues-paying members for 2015 and 2016. Those members who have not paid current dues, we will possibly 1) pull their name tags out, 2) mark their name tags to show unpaid, 3) make a list of unpaid members. Ramona will sort the membership roster by dues date so we have a list of paid members for 2015 and 2016. As an incentive to pay dues, possibly by the post season this year or for next year, buy
different color tickets for the 50-50 raffle. Steve will buy the different color tickets. It was discussed to use red for 50-50 paid members and grey for non-paid member. Once Ramona has a list of the 2015 and 2016, she will send the number and price to Chad.

**Old Business:**

Scrapbook: No news

OSUAA: Jay made a motion that we all need to sign the charter and Steve seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

Chad Warren dinner: We were all thrilled to be with Chad at Fat City. He mentioned having a $50,000 endowed scholarship fund. It can be done by $10,000/year for 5 years. Ramona will ask Chad to send a print-out of the pros and cons. It was decided to wait a year and re-visit this possibility.

Email: Ramona will send separate emails announcing the Holiday Party and the Kings game.

Maurice Clarett: The event was cancelled because his driver was injured in an auto accident. Ramona received an email from Dwayne that they will refund our money. Ramona will follow-up.

Expense form requirement: Please use expense form before any purchase. A discussion about the bean bag episode followed.

**New Business:**

Events:

1) Silent Auction: Jay has talked to the casino about donating to the auction. They have offered 2 tickets for a Kings game, a couple (possibly 6) magnums of Napa wine, and are trying to get the Coors box at the Kings which seats 20 people and runs about $2000-3000/night. Ramona said she had a Woody Hayes caricature, a signed copy of Jack Parks’s book, a Kings basket with 2 tickets and 3 craft items. Jay has an OSU apron, and Peggy has 25 items so far. Every board member needs to bring a table and tablecloth, if possible. We will pass clipboards at the next two games asking people to sign up to donate items and also to attend the Holiday Party.
2) Holiday Party: It will be at Rio City on Tuesday, Dec. 8 with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. The meals are: vegetarian ravioli - $40, chicken - $40, and salmon - $50. So far only 9 have signed up. The deadline is Dec. 1st. Ramona will invite Ashley Pryor to the Holiday Party. Jay will bring red tablecloths and poinsettias. He will ask Rio City if they have a microphone. If not, he will bring one. Peggy will ask Kelli Hagar if she would make buckeyes for the dinner.

3) Kings vs. Cavaliers: March 9, we have paid a $200 deposit. We have 40 committed and there are more available. Ramona will start collecting at the game watches. Cost is $48 and are in the “nosebleed” section. Money is due by Dec. 15 to Ramona.

Buckeyes After Work: Ramona will ask Ashley for a list of recent grads. Peggy will talk to Kelli about possibly forming a committee to get Buckeyes After Work started. She can try to enlist Tiffany, Bethany, Zaki, and Zack to help.

Earth Day: Mary decided that this was not an event we should support. Mary will look at the list of events and choose another one. We will decide at the next board meeting.

Big 10 Happy Hour: Lisa Hightower, a Northwestern alum, wanted to do this in Feb. Jay called Samantha (Sam) Cohen and invited them to meet at the casino. Instead she wants to meet at the Red Rabbit at 21st and L Street where they have their game watches. Their young members live in that area and don’t have cars, so prefer a venue they can walk to.

Board candidates: Peggy announce she had invited Cheryl Kinsey to run for Secretary and Cheryl accepted. Todd Irby, Marlene and Ray Price were all suggested to run as Members-at-Large.

Membership List: Ramona reiterated that the list is for the Board Members on a “need to know” basis and must be kept confidential.

Written thank-you notes: Under $50 Steve will send an email. If over $50, Steve will notify the Secretary to send a written thank-you. If the casino donates something, Jay will notify the Secretary to send a thank-you.

Casino: Jay will inquire about having one TV having closed caption for game watches and getting another sound bar.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.
Next meeting: 1/5/16 at 7:00 P.M. at Cordova Lodge

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Penwell
Secretary