

OHIO STATE ALUMNI CLUB OF SACRAMENTO VALLEY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ AUGUST 13, 2020 ~ ZOOM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marsha Koopman, Jay Beedy, Tod Irby, Jim Reed, Emily Cheng, Jon Finkler, Jeff Korec, Helen Crump

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM

Marsha Koopman welcomed the group following a six month break due to the Covid 19 virus. A brief review of changes due to Covid 19 were presented. A one-time reduction for club reimbursement related to Scarlet Level scholarship award will be changed from \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00. There are also changes with the category 1 event requirements for fiscal year 2020-2021. In order to be reimbursed for club events, the events must be advertised through Aaron Green's office on campus. Information for a newsletter produced by Aaron must be submitted by the club six weeks in advance of the event date and a minimum of 20 club members need to participate. Category 1 events will count toward Scarlet level status when the club self produces newsletters advertising events. A minimum of 3 members need to participate. No reimbursement will be offered for events advertised through the club newsletter.

Secretary Report: Jim Reed ~ Approval of the January minutes was delayed as the secretary arrived late. The January minutes will be distributed via email to members who will review/approve via email.

Treasurer Report: Todd Irby ~ The savings account balance is \$22,357.13 ; the checking account balance is \$1,968.17. A number of club members placed a deposit for lodging in Oregon in anticipation of the Oregon/Ohio State game. The game is cancelled due to the pandemic. Therefore, the deposits will be refunded. Physical addresses are required in order to return the deposits. Emily Cheng will provide the club member addresses to Todd Irby.

A discussion, led by Todd Irby, centered around the amount of dues to charge since there will be no game watches this fall. In order to maintain our membership and provide value for the dues, a motion was made by Jay Beedy and seconded by Emily Cheng to reduce the dues for one year only from \$25.00 per family to \$10.00 per family. A newsletter will be sent to membership informing them.

Webmaster Report: Emily Cheng ~ address changes were submitted to Columbus for Todd Irby to assure club members have a physical address in case they wish to snail mail the annual dues rather than use the web site for dues payment. Emily was praised for her prompt provision of two club newsletters advertising Category 1 events that occurred in July and August.

Scholarship Report: Helen Crump ~ Ohio State will conduct recruitment of high school students via "Ask a Buckeye" online due to the pandemic. Local college fairs are cancelled. Helen read a heartfelt thank you note from Natalie, one of our scholarship recipients. There are three local students attending Ohio State who received \$1,500.00 scholarships from our club.

Membership Report: Jay Beedy ~ A recommendation for sending more frequent newsletters was presented. We need to keep the membership engaged. Ideas were discussed to entice members to participate virtually and remain connected to other Buckeyes during the pandemic isolation. The ideas include "Buckeye Burn" where members compete with each other to increase the number of steps taken each day. A prize can be given to the person with the most steps at the end of football season. There is a shortage of blood at the local blood banks. Our group can sponsor a blood drive. The food pantries are in greater need for donations. A list of local donation drop off locations can be developed. Members can obtain a receipt so we can track the total pounds donated. A question was posed about

Ohio State offering key games of historic significance via you tube or zoom for members to enjoy as an individual activity. Perhaps speaker from the Ohio State Speakers List could make You Tube presentation for members to view at a specific time. This would allow many members to watch the same event in their individual homes while other club members do the same: A loose connection, but a connection none the less. These ideas will be presented via newsletter to the membership to determine interest.

Life Long Learning : Jon Finkler ~ A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jay to pursue the potential for a blood drive. The blood drive can serve as a category 1 event for community service. Jon discussed ideas for lifelong learning. Todd Irby made a motion that was seconded by Jon Finkler to create a book club. The first book can feature Ohio State history or Ohio State football. October 8<sup>th</sup> was selected for the date to discuss the book. A list of books will be circulated to the membership via newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Jay Beedy ~ game watch location~ in the event there is spring football, Ohio State permits in person meetings and the state of California permits sports bars to operate, we need to secure a game watch location. Our current location is struggling with no guarantee they will remain operational by spring 2021. Buffalo Wild Wings of Natomas has a large patio with televisions. Boston Pizza and Restaurant on Sunrise Boulevard is large enough inside but the patio is small. Jay requested board members to continue looking for locations to meet our needs.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Fund Raising ~ Jeff Korec ~ Jeff proposed developing a mechanism for return dividends from Amazon to the club. Amazon offers a program where each order provides a dividend to the consumer. Our club can create an account with a number that club members can use. Each time a club member purchase is made, the club will benefit financially. The money can be used for our scholarship fund since we have no opportunity to raise funds via raffles, novelty store or silent auction. A motion was Made by Jay Beedy and seconded by Jeff Korec to pursue an amazon account number for the club. A newsletter will inform the membership.

Scarlet Level goal ~ Marsha Koopman

The club scheduled/ advertised by club newsletter four Category 1 events.

One additional category 1 event is needed to meet the requirement for five category 1 events to achieve Scarlet Level status. We need to submit a membership roster, conduct board meetings, offer an annual meeting with election of officers, then provide the officer list to OSUAA/Maggie Sweeney. The game watch and recruitment requirements are waived this year. The club is on track to meet Scarlet level award from OSUAA. Members participating in events are to be recorded and sent to OSU using the reimbursement program.

Annual meeting/election of officers ~ Marsha Koopman

The Doubletree has hosted our annual holiday dinner, annual meeting, and election of officers. A contract was mailed. Marsha requested a refund of the \$250.00 deposit if the pandemic prevents a physical meeting for any reason. A motion was made by Todd Irby and seconded by Jay Beedy to assure language appears in the contract stating the deposit will be refunded. Ohio State has not indicated if the annual meeting/election of officers will be waived this year. We need to plan in case the pandemic ends due to an effective vaccine.

Scheduling next meeting: Marsha Koopman~ October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM via zoom

Respectfully Submitted: Marsha Koopman, president {recording for Jim Reed, Secretary}