President Bill Harlor called the meeting to order at 5:40 P. M.

Members present were: Dennis Ahern, Mark Finkler, Bill Harlor, John Hines, Sandy Merriman, Gary Walton and Bob Williams.

Guests: Suzan Peters

Secretary’s Report – Bob Williams reported that he was planning a dues mailing no later than March. He stated that it would not include a newsletter but that it would include the latest membership roster which he provided to all members present. As discussed previously, he noted the newsletter will be provided to club members by e-mail in PDF format as well as posted on the web site. He further noted that only 7 club members did not have or give us e-mail addresses and that they would receive their newsletter by regular mail.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Harlor presented Karl Vandegriff’s report. Cash on hand as of February 11, 2009 was $2333.06. P & L for January through December 2008 was a net loss of $365.10. Direct scholarship donations as well as raffle proceeds netted $729.58 in 2008. Karl recommended that we give a minimum of $730.00 to our scholarship fund which would leave us $1603.00 cash prior to receiving any 2009 dues. A motion was made and seconded to send $730.00 to our scholarship fund.

2009 Scholarship Awards – John Hines reported that we had four very strong candidates this year. After some amount of discussion, it was decided that we would support all four if they decided to attend Ohio State. Since it was not known how much was available from the Lockridge endowment John was given the latitude to give four scholarships of $1000.00, pending what was available, to each student if all accepted. If less that four accepted, it was agreed that the maximum amount to be given to any individual would be $2500.00. Depending on available funds, John is planning to give Megan Day at least $500.00, but no more than $1000.00. It was also agreed that the club would participate in the area College Fair again in 2009.

Proposed Officer Slate – Bill Harlor reported the following slate of officers will be proposed at the annual meeting: John Hines, President, Mark Finkler, Vice President, Karl Vandegriff, Treasurer and Bill Harlor, Secretary (with support from Ann Howard). All Board members will run again including Bob Williams. Suzi Peters will stand for election to the Board as well.
Annual Meeting - Bill Harlor reported that we still did not have a speaker, but that he still planned to hold our meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. We were turned down by Archie Griffin for this year, but hopefully are in the queue for 2010.

Logo Sportswear – It was decided that we would continue to offer sportswear with club logo to our members. Bill suggested that he would ask John Flick to consider coordinating sales at our Annual Meeting and Michigan Game watch. Orders would be taken and items forwarded to purchasers on availability. Five (5) dollars will be added to cost for our scholarship fund.

Website – It was also noted that our web site will be updated to include Annual Meeting information, football schedule and other pertinent information.

Game Watches/Football Trip – After some discussion about games watches, it was decided to query our membership with the dues billing to determine how much interest there is in pursuing regular watches during the football season. It was also decided that we would poll our members regarding a group football trip.

Alumni Leaders’ Conference – Bill reported that the conference this year was October 30, 2009. John Hines and Mark Finkler are planning to attend.

The meeting was concluded at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Williams
Secretary