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

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

Items discussed were:

President’s Report – Bill Harlor reported that we well our way to having a web site and that we will be discussing progress later in the meeting. He also noted that both Sean Greene and Julie Reusch have moved out of the area and needed to be removed as Board members. Bill announced that we were planning a joint game watch with the local Penn State Club at Buffalo Wild Wings to watch the Game in “Happy Valley.” It was agreed that notification of this event would be by e-mail.

Secretary’s Report – Bob Williams reported that the roster has been updated and will be included in the next mailing. He further noted that after the October/November newsletter, future newsletters will be distributed by e-mail to reduce printing and postage costs. Obviously, those without e-mail would still receive the newsletter by regular mail.

Treasurer’s Report – No Report

Michigan Game Watch – It was agreed that we would plan on meeting in the Pine Room at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Bill Harlor, Gary Walton and Mark Finkler agreed to organize this event. A postcard would be used to inform all of our club members of this watch. Bob Williams agreed to prepare and mail the postcard.

Annual Meeting – The date for the Annual Meeting was set for May 6, 2008. A number of proposed speakers were discussed including Gordon Gee, Paul Keels, Jack Park, Jim Foster and Greg Frye(?). Bill Harlor agreed to talk to Marvin Franck about a former player

College Fair – John Hines reported that our participation in the College Fair held at the Salem Civic Center on September 19, 2007 was quite successful in that we did indeed have several high school seniors interested in Ohio State. He stated that 108 colleges and organizations were represented at the Fair and that approximately 2000 area students attended. Club members that participated in the Fair were Bill Harlor, Gary Walton, John Hines and Bob Williams
Web Site – After some discussion, the Board approved an expenditure of $1500.00 to develop our web site. Bill Harlor, Gary Walton and Bob Williams agreed to be the interface with Derrick Stewart.

Proposed Gift to The Virginia Tech Alumni Association – Gary Walton showed a painting of the Virginia Tech campus where the April 16, 2007 massacre occurred which would be a fitting gift to the Association. The Board approved an expenditure of $400 to purchase the picture and have it reframed.

Alumni Leader’s Conference – Bill Harlor reported on his attendance at this year’s conference. He stated that the event was attended by 400 alumni representing 79 clubs and 43 societies. Of note was an announcement that for the 13th consecutive year, the incoming freshman class entered with higher academic standards. Bill learned that the OSUAA was creating a relational database that will allow clubs to upload rosters and events planned among other features. With regard to the Alumni Scholars Program (ASP), the deadline for filing for rankings and applications for out-of-state clubs has been moved forward to March 3. Finally Bill reported that next year’s ALC will be September 19, 2008.

The meeting was concluded at 6:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Williams
Secretary