## The Ohio State University Alumni Club of the Treasure Coast

## Annual Meeting, May 13, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 12:30pm, The Ohio State University Alumni Club of the Treasure Coast called to order our Annual meeting at The American Legion Post #40 in front of a Facebook live video taping, which posted to the club's FB page. The officers present at this meeting were: Pepper Stevens-President, Sherry Stevens-Vice President, Jim Baum-Treasurer, Cathy Brunicardi-Secretary and Brandon Creagan-Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Jim McCurdy-Port St Lucie's Events Coordinator was absent from the meeting.

President, Pepper Stevens, began the meeting by explaining the overview of The Treasure Coast Alumni Club's mission. Our mission is to expand the interest of attending The Ohio State University to current high school students in Indian River and Port St Lucie Counties.

The Treasure Coast Alumni Club is proud to announce that we will earn our Scarlet Club Status from our efforts in the inauguration year of 2016-2017. We will receive \$2,000 in July for this status from The Ohio State University Alumni Association for this accomplishment. This designation will take place the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st)

Treasurer, Jim Baum, reported that our Alumni Club funded \$5,000 in the Scholarship Account at OSU Alumni Association to use towards future scholarship recipients. Our Alumni Committee, consisting of Brandon Creagan-Chairperson, Pepper Stevens and Cathy Brunicardi, must follow the Universities rules and guidelines in selecting a deserving candidate for the scholarship awarded to an incoming freshman from either Indian River or Port St Lucie County. In order for Ohio State to add an additional \$600 to the scholarship, the student must be in the top 10% of their graduation class. The University's mission is for our Alumni Club to focus on recruiting high school juniors and seniors to attend The Ohio State University as Freshman; these students are our focus for the scholarship award.

Vice President, Sherry Stevens, discussed memberships for our Alumni Club. Membership fees include 1 free T-shirt for single memberships and 2 free T-shirts for family memberships. Members may also purchase extra T-shirts for \$15 each and name badges for \$10 each. Both items can be picked up at their game watch location. We would like to credit Stephanie Welsh for our club's new "pirate and treasure chest" design for our Treasure Coast Alumni shirts pending approval by the University.

Pepper and Sherry Stevens attended Archie Griffin's Charity Golf Event in Sarasota. During this event they were honored to receive Michael Jenkins autograph on 2 mini helmets to be raffled off for The Treasure Coast's Charity Raffle for Grace Pack Ministries. Michael Jenkins was Ohio State's wide receiver in the 2002 National Championship. A football was also signed, unsure of how this will be used at this point.

Join our club on Facebook at Treasure Coast Alumni & fan Club. Each location also has its own Facebook page as well. Indian River County's page is Buckeye Game Day at Vero Beach, managed by Sherry Allonas Stevens and Port St Lucie's is Buckeye Game Day at Port St. Lucie, managed by Jon McCurdy.

The following list of events and dates were discussed:

July 15 Buckeye necklace making party (we are in need of real buckeyes to help with this event.

August 12 & August 19 are two potential dates for "Kickoff Parties" for the 2017 Football season.

August 31 First game of the season Ohio State vs. Indiana

September 7-9 Symposium for Board Members in Columbus, Ohio and Ohio State vs. Oaklahoma

October 5 College Fair in Port St. Lucie at the Civic Center (this counts as an event for our Alumni Club standing.

October 7 Begin promoting the Grace Pack Ministries Raffle, drawing at Tailgate party Nov. 25th

October 21 This is a bye week for Ohio State: Social Golf Outing

November 25 Annual 2017 Treasure Coast Alumni Meeting to be held at the American Legion #40. The raffle for the autographed helmets and football will be drawn at this meeting. Tailgate Party prior to THE GAME!

December Nutcracker get together

December 9 Adopt a family for Christmas and deliver presents on this day. After the meeting adjourned, it was discussed having a Club Christmas Party on this same day and incorporate the families into the party.

January, February, or March 2018 Schedule a special guest speaker from The Ohio State University

Late Spring Charity golf fundraiser, a volunteer is needed to head this event.

April 21 Tentative Beach Cleanup in honor of Earth Day, date will be named in conjunction with "Keep America Beautiful" day.

Treasurer's report from Jim Baum:

A checking account for the Alumni Club was opened at Seacoast Bank on September 6, 2016.

All funds from the former Vero and Port St. Lucie's Game Watch clubs were transferred into the new Seacoast Bank account.

**Summary of Transactions:** 

Vero Game Watch Club \$1,843.60

Port St. Lucie Watch Club \$5,613.27

Deposits from 9/6/17 to 5/11/17 which include raffles, 50/50, memberships, badges \$4,237.25

Scholarship Account funded by our club at OSU Alumni Assoc. \$5,000.00

Other expenses from 9/6/17 to 5/11/17 purchases of T-shirts, raffle prizes, & other incidentals \$3,573.62

Checking Account Balance as of 5/11/17

\$3,120.50

Our Alumni Club is in need of suggestions to entice high school students to want to attend The Ohio State University. Some event ideas were mentioned such as: Our alumni having a booth at a Science Fair

or a local high school football game, Punt pass and kick competition, shoot out competition, mini triathlon, 5K

Dave and Laura Kaplan mentioned a water cleanup by the Marine Association that is scheduled for 9am on July 29, 2017 at the River Park Marina, 500 Primavista Blvd in Port St. Lucie. This event might count toward our scholarship status.

Meeting was adjourned around 1:30pm by Pepper Stevens. In attendance was 4 officers, 1 committee chairperson, and 13 club members. (total of 18)

-Minutes Submitted by Cathy Brunicardi, Secretary