

## M CLUB MEETING

March 14, 2007

Present: Helena Bragg, Connie Carpenter, Van Sigworth, James Ransome, Ed Gregory, Tony Santy, Charlie Pinto, Marshall Fesche, Gerry Bechtle, Dan McGuire, Logan Schutz, Dave Diehl, Dotti Warren, Beanie Dupcak, Vicki Brick.

Guest: Jessica Myers, ASCDU

Helena Bragg called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, asked for introductions of all members. She introduced Jessica Myers from ACSDU. Jessica gave insight as to the Career Development plans to hold a networking dinner for outgoing athletes who will be looking for jobs. She asked for any volunteers from the M Club whom would like to help with this project.

Helena called for a motion to approve January minutes. The motion was made and carried for approval.

Marshall Fesche gave the Treasurer's Report.

Charlie Pinto, SAAC Rep, reported that he had informed the SAAC Committee about the Rodman Post-Graduate Scholarship availability. He also mentioned the "Relay for Life" Breast Cancer fund raising and hoped that a lot of the athletes will be participating this spring.

Helena Bragg gave her President's Report.

The Sports Representatives present gave updates. Those present were Helena Bragg, WLAX, Dave Diehl, Swimming, Dan McGuire, Baseball, Gerry Bechtle, MBB, Ed Gregory, MLAX, James Ransome, Football and Vicki Brick, WBB.

The membership report was given and there are 903 active members as of today. Gerry Bechtle mentioned that he would like to have a membership phone-a-thon as soon as it could be organized (before the May meeting).

Dan McGuire gave a football suite report and a motion to accept the report and lease a suite at Byrd Stadium (when expanded) in the purple area (\$45K/year with a 10% discount on a 7 year agreement) and accept the recommended distribution of tickets with the option to change. The motion was made and carried. Also, a mezzanine seat motion was made to continue with the mezzanine seat contracts. The motion was made and carried.

The ACC Raffle was successful, considering the lateness in mailing the raffle tickets and the Postal Service issues. The raffle grossed over \$28,000 for 2007. Final accounting for the event will be provided at the May meeting.

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The President's Cup/M Club Awards Brunch will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Riggs Alumni Hall.

The cost of the event will be split between the M Club and the Athletic Department. Invitations will be sent to all Board members.

The M Club Rodman Post Graduate Scholarship committee will be meeting in April to select the recipients for 2007-08. The recommended amount of \$5,000 per recipient was approved. One of last year's recipients will continue for a second year this coming year and it was also voted to extend last year's offer to Amanda Ayers again this year (since she stayed out of school for the year).

Old Business - none

New Business - The M Club Golf Tournament committee met before this meeting and felt that stressing the social part of this tournament, along with more prizes and a better luncheon, would help to improve the attendance. They have suggested the cost to be \$95 per person and would like all sports representative to talk up this tournament to insure its success. A motion was called to accept the committee's report. The motion was made and carried. The brochure will be printed and distributed early next month.

Gerry Bechtle made a motion that the M Club would donate \$500 to the "Relay for Life" Race (to support our current student-athletes participating). The money will be donated to the American Cancer Society. The motion was made and carried.

The M Club will also help with the sponsorship of the Career Networking Dinner. All M club members are invited to participate.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was made and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.