

March 19, 2008
M-Club Board Meeting

In attendance: Bob Stumpff, Jack Flynn, Logan Schultz, Bill Reilly, Jerry Bechtle, Marjorie Bollinger, Maureen Musselman Filo, Alan Margulis, Marshall Fesche, Van Sigworth, Dave Diehl, Dan McGuire, Ed Gregory, James Ransome, Katy Headman.

Excused: Chris Rimorin, Jamie Wu, Steve Hayleck, Maureen Dupcak, Tony Santy, Christian Lewis

Dan McGuire called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm. He thanked everyone for attending.

Dan McGuire motioned for the Minutes for the January 24, 2008 board meeting to be approved. The motion was made and carried and the minutes were approved.

During the President's report there was a board discussion concerning the Operating Agreement.

Marshall gave his treasurer's report. The budget is doing well. The Post Graduate Scholarship has given out \$20,000 (\$10,000 in the Fall and \$10,000 in the Spring Semesters). The ACC raffle was slightly disappointing being that it brought in less money this year than in years past. The raffle grossed around \$24,000 (less than \$20,000 net) for the M-Club. We took a loss on the Hall of Fame dinner, but that is expected and planned for the event. We usually spend approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 on that event. The Rodman Golf tournament is doing extremely well. It has grossed over \$76,000. Expenses are approximately \$26,000 so it is looking to turn a large profit this year. We had the annual audit conducted. Marshall noted that the M-Club board was donating \$45,000 to the suite at the Football Stadium in 2010 (we already put down a \$9,000 deposit for a 7 year contract). Last, our sign at the Riggs Alumni Center (donating the fireplace) has been paid off. The Treasurer's report was approved by the Board.

The Sports Reps in attendance gave general reports regarding their respective sports. Specifically, cross country & track, wrestling, football, lacrosse, basketball, baseball, competitive cheerleading, spirit squad and swimming were all highlighted. Everyone was very excited about the wrestlers taking the ACC Championship Title this year, the first time since 1973, although there were comments about a lack of advertising for the tournament being held at Maryland.

Membership Report – membership is going well. The online dues payment seems to be a big success. As of March, we have over 800 active members and approximately 150 of those members paid their dues online. James Ransome requested volunteers to participate in the phone-a-thon and a sign up sheet was passed around so that he can organize the event.

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Career Development – Dave discussed the Networking dinner and its success again this year. It was well attended by athletes and alumni. 125 persons attended, which is an increase from the previous year.

On-Line Dues payment – Again, it is going very well for the first year in operation.

ACC Raffle – it was a disappointing end result this year. It was expected to bring in more money this year than last, but unfortunately with the economy in its current state and the team not performing as well towards the end of the season, the raffle wasn't as much of a success. It is still a profitable activity for the M Club to fund its many programs in support of our student athletes.

President's Cup – The athletes are being notified and invitations are being sent out. It is important for the Board Members to attend the April 27th brunch at the Riggs center and we need people to sign up (RSVP) soon.

Post Graduate Scholarship – the applications have been collected and are being sent to the Committee members this week. The meeting is being scheduled to select the recipients. Dave requested all members read the applications thoroughly and be prepared to discuss at the meeting.

Old Business – We still need members to sign up for the Initiatives. Initiatives were passed out to all members and members were asked to sign up if they have not already.

Marjorie also mentioned that Russ Edwards just had twins. A motion was made by James (suggested by Marjorie) to have a gift sent to Russ on behalf of the M-Club as a congratulations. The motion was carried and approved by all.

New Business – Dave passed around a "Letter to the Editor" regarding negative "cheering" during basketball games. The Board discussed the vulgarities being thrown about during games and ways to improve the language used at the events.

The Board is still very happy with the Newsletter and how it is written. There was discussion about looking into having a business publish our newsletter for us to get it out in a more timely fashion than doing it ourselves. The Board is going to look into a price quote.

A motion was made and carried to add Russ Edwards and his wife to our list of baby gift recipients for their twins.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (approximately 8:15PM). Motion was made and carried.