

M CLUB BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2005

Present: Russ Edwards, Van Sigworth, Helenna Bragg, Logan Schutz, Jamie Wu, Dan DeArmas, Ralph Lary Amanda Ayres, Connie Carpenter, Jack Flynn, Dan Maguire, Steve Hayleck, Marshall Fesche, Ed Gregory, Bob Stumpff, Dave Diehl, Dotti Warren

In the absence of the President and President-Elect, Dave Diehl called the meeting to order at 6:00 and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and name their year and sport. President Jerry Bechtle was out of town and Chris Rimorin was unable to attend.

A call was made to approve the March Minutes, a motion was made and carried, and the minutes were approved. Dave mentioned that the past board meeting minutes were available on our website.

The guest coach was to be Keith Booth, but he was unable to make the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marshall Fesche. A motion was called to approve the report, motion was made and carried.

Marshall Fesche also presented the report from the Finance Committee. For FY05, the M Club will be giving the Athletics Department the sum of \$7,157 dollars per the operating agreement. The M Club should be able to do more for the Fear the Turtle Campaign next year since the NCAA has approved the addition of seven additional scholarships for women's sports, and that will allow seven additional men's scholarships.

Dave reported on the Senior Luncheon, there were about 40 seniors that attended the luncheon. All those in attendance really appreciated the gift, a portfolio with the M Club logo, that was presented by the M Club. They were asked to fill out a membership card, so that we would be able to keep in touch with them in future years.

The 1955 football team will be recognized during the weekend of the Clemson game (September 10th). This will be their 50th year reunion.

The Letterwinners' Day Celebration will be held on November 19, the Boston College game. We will ask all attendees to wear their Letter jackets or sweaters when they go out on the field during halftime. After the halftime ceremony, they will form a tunnel for the football team to run through on their way out to the field from the halftime break.

Membership Committee report – at this time there are approximately 800+ members for the year of 2005-this is ahead of last year at this time. We would like to at least 1300 active members this year.

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A vote was taken to elect both a Distinguished Citizen for this year and four Honorary M Club members. The Distinguished Citizen award will be given to Bob Novak, and if Bob will not be able to make the Hall of Fame dinner then Roy Rodman was the second choice. The Honorary M Club members chosen were Chuck Carr, Dwight Galt, Debbie Russell and Bill Conaway.

A new Assistant Secretary was needed to replace Matt Raydo, who relocated to North Carolina. A vote was taken and Dan DeArmas was elected the new Asst. Secretary.

Amanda Ayres, a recent graduate presented the question of whether the M Club would consider giving a graduate student athlete some type of monetary support or scholarship help. A volunteer ad-hoc committee was established to look into this possibility. Those members are Steve Hayleck, Dan Maguire, Jamie Wu, Amanda Ayres and Jerry Bechtle. They will report at the next M Club meeting as to their findings. The concept of two post-graduate scholarships (one male and one female) was voted on and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn which was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.