

M Club Minutes
May 15, 2008

Present: Jack Flynn, Van Sigworth, Tony Santy, Connie Carpenter, Bob Stumpff, Al Margulis, Bob Bodell, Katy Headman Boettinger, Natalie Rich, Marjorie Bollinger, Bob Weiss, Logan Schutz, James Ransome, Russ Edwards, Charlie Pinto, Steve Hayleck, Ed Gregory, Dan McGuire, Gerry Bechtle, Helena Bragg, Jack Zane, Dave Diehl, Debbie Yow, Dotti Warren, Bill Reilly, Marshall Fesche

Excused: Doug Poindexter, Maureen Dupcak

Guests: Tim Horsmon, Chris Boyer, Judy Zane

Dan McGuire called the meeting to order at 6:00. He introduced Tim Horsman, the new Volleyball Coach. Tim gave a little insight as to his background and plans for the team.

Dan introduced Debbie Yow and she gave some information regarding several items related to the Athletic Department.

Dan motioned for the Minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting to be approved. The motion was made and carried and the minutes were approved.

Dan gave his report and informed the board that Dave Diehl has announced his retirement as of June 30th, 2008. The job will be announced on Monday, May 19th. Dan thanked Van Sigworth and Russ Edwards for their hard work with the newsletter and Van's Terp Topics and Tidbits. He also thanked Dave Diehl for his electronic newsletters as well. The Hall of Fame Committee will be making their selections for the 2008 inductees on June 3rd. Dan also attended the Athletic Council meeting today as well. Dan then presented the baby gifts (voted on at the January meeting) to Russ Edwards and Helena Bragg.

The Operating Agreement is almost resolved. There will be a meeting next week with the Athletics Director to finalize the Agreement.

A discussion on a donation to the University Archives, overseen by Anne Turkos, to help with some football film restoration was held. The film will only last one or two years at most before it becomes unusable. Athletics and the MGN are both on record to donate \$10,000 each towards this effort. Dave will include \$10,000, or as much as possible up to that amount, in the draft FY09 budget for approval at the September Annual Meeting.

Jerry Bechtle made a motion that the Board suspend the 30 day notice rule in the Constitution for a special vote to change the Constitution. The motion was M/S/A.

Jerry then proposed a motion to have an Executive Director Emeritus position added to the M Club Board as an ex-officio Executive Committee member with no voting rights. That motion was also M/S/A.

Jerry then proposed a third motion to name David Diehl as M Club Director Emeritus. That motion was M/S/A.

The treasurer's report was given by Marshall Fesche. A discussion regarding the inability to receive timely reports from the UMCP Foundation ensued in conjunction with the M Club's Operating Agreement payment the Athletics Department. To date, the quarterly reports (ending March 31st) have not been received which prevents the Finance Committee from making a recommendation for a Board vote on our annual payment. It was decided to write a letter to the University President regarding this issue explaining our concerns and the resulting lack of improvement in receiving the reports from the Foundation.

Sports Reports were given by the following representatives present: Men's & Women's Swimming, Wrestling, Football, Track & Cross Country, Women's and Men's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Men's Basketball and Baseball.

Committee Reports

Membership - Jerry Bechtle reported that as of today there were 1,036 active members (215 of which were made on-line). Jerry then reported on requests for Associate membership from Kristin Kelly, Field Hockey/Lacrosse, and John Beard, Football. A proposal was made to accept them. The motion was made and carried.

The ACC Raffle was down this year for reason unknown. Net income was \$23,380 and expenses were \$3,400.

The President's Cup Brunch was very successful. There were almost 250 athletes, parents, athletic coaches and staff in attendance along with Dr. Mote.

The Post Graduate Scholarships recipients selected for the 2008-09 school year were Matt Goldberg, football and Emily Smoak, swimming.

The Cronin Golf Tournament will be held on June 4th. There are still a few openings but we are limited to approximately 100 golfers.

We will not be able to have the Rodman Golf Tournament at the University of Maryland this year, due to the closing and refurbishing of the Golf Course. There has been some discussion between Dave Diehl and Roy Rodman as to other ways to raise funds through this event. Dave will be meeting with Roy Rodman early next week to discuss the options.

Old Business

Dave Diehl reported on the Inside the Shell magazine and the proposal to partner with the M Club to have articles about former athletes included. The proposal was distributed for review and the Board members would report back on their findings.

The Business Cards proposed at a previous meeting were discussed.. Bean Dupcak is working on a generic version that people could add their name to. This project will continue and we hope to have something in place this Summer.

New Business

A long discussion was held on the arrangements for the Dave Diehl Retirement party. Plans are being formed by the committee.

A vote was held to elect the Honorary Members, Distinguished Citizen and the Master of Ceremonies for this Fall's Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. The following were elected: Governor Bob Ehrlich, Mary Pratt-Henaghan, Cleo Long-Thomas and Jane McCarl were selected to become Honorary M Club members. Roy Rodman was voted to be the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award and Johnny Holliday was selected to be the Master of Ceremonies.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm – Motion was made and carried.