

## **SAAB MEETING**

### **December 5, 2005**

#### **Attendance**

Gil Pearsall, M. Lacrosse; Adam Stanowick, M. Track; Jean Rettig, W. Soccer; Brad Hunter, M. Tennis; Katelyn BeVard, W. Tennis; Jenny Shular, W. Tennis; Lauren Bryan, W. Lacrosse; Shari Maslin, W. Lacrosse; Nathan Meerstein, M. Volleyball; Jen Orlando, W. Gymnastics; Greg Pieczynski, M. Golf; Aaron Greenfield, Baseball; Richard Kornacki, M. Swimming; Karie Haglund, W. Swimming; Kimberlee Peifer, W. Swimming; Shaun Banta, Field Hockey; Shannon VanDyke, W. Cross Country; Jen Miller, Field Hockey; Christine Dudek, Field Hockey; Laura Hillstrom, W. Fencing; Katie Cook, W. Fencing; Christen Clemson, W. Track; Jen Long, Field Hockey; Matt Gaines, Cheerleading.

#### **Speakers**

Rob Turrisi and Kim Mallett

- Rob is a BB H professor and both he and Kim are working in the Prevention Research Center at Penn State.
- They are heading a nationally funded transition program for graduating high school students. The goal is to train college students to help high school graduates transition into college and to help prevent high risk drinking.
- The requirements include taking a three-credit class in the spring, which includes one class a week plus role-play training. Then, the first summer session acts as a paid internship and you receive credits for delivering the intervention to the high school graduates. If you are unavailable this spring and summer the opportunity is available next year as well.
- This is a competitive program and is recognized at the national level. If interested in this opportunity or simply want more information, you can receive a handout in the Morgan Center or email Nadine Mastroleo at [nadinem@psu.edu](mailto:nadinem@psu.edu).

#### **Campus Collaboration Committee**

- Brian gave a brief update on which organizations we will further pursue and are interested in working with SAAB.
- We are most interested in working with the Collegian to get student-athlete articles in the sports section, not necessarily talking about our sports life. We are in contact with USG who is undergoing structural changes. Blue & White Society is also interested along with Diversity Council, which is holding a leadership summit on January 29. If interested in attending this conference with many Penn State leaders, contact Brian (bac245).

#### **THON**

- We collected money to get a holiday gift for the Carrano and Messina families.
- Auction update - we raised over \$3,000!
- Dancers - if interested in dancing, please have money in to Sue or Sarah at the Morgan Center no later than Thursday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m.
- Student-Athlete Cookbooks on sale in the Morgan Center! \$10
- THON T-shirts are still on sale. They look like our issued gray shirts except where your sport name is it says "FOR THE KIDS" and on the back it has our families' names. Orders can be placed in the Morgan Center. \$12

- Volleyball Regional games December 9-10 in Rec. Hall. You can sign in at the door and if SAAB has the most in attendance, we will receive \$1,000 donated to THON in our name. So be sure to sign in at the door!
- THON photos are needed for the website and the Rec. Hall SAAB/THON showcase by December 9. They do not have to be THON related. Any team pictures would be great! Please email them to Kim (kmp264) or turn them into Sarah in the Morgan Center.
- Family Hour and Pep Rally Saturday, February 18.
  - If your team cannot participate THON weekend, you will be recorded for the video this week. Have fun!
  - Music for the Pep Rally is due by Friday, December 10 to Kim (kmp264) or Kari (kal306).

### **Holiday Food Drive**

- The food drive is winding down. Filled boxes are due by Thursday, December 8 in the Morgan Center. If you want to arrange for pick up, contact Sue (src122) or Sarah (seg143). The Food Bank is in need of food and was very appreciative of our efforts last year, so lets get in lots of goods!

### **Holiday Party with Second Mile**

- It was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out. The Second Mile was very appreciative and the kids had a great time. If you have any feedback on things that were good or could be changed, as we would like to make this an annual event, please email these comments to Sue (src122) or Sarah (seg143).

### **CHAMPS Cup**

- Reminder to submit your team's community service hours. For example, any team that participated in the Holiday Party with the Second Mile kids should submit this information!

### **Student-Athlete Formal**

- Saturday, January 14, 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. \$25
- THON fundraiser.
- Money is due before you leave for break!! Please get it to your team representative or any Executive Board member ASAP!

### **NCAA Convention Issues**

- Dr. Kretchmar will be attending the convention in January so we brainstormed some possible issues that we may want to bring to his attention. One area discussed was the 8-hour out-of-season rule. If you are interested or want to voice anything about an issue, contact Brian (bac245).