

SAAB MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2006

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Attendance

Brian Cantalupi, Wrestling; Jenny Shular, Tennis; Kim Peifer, Diving; Kari Ann Lucas, Softball; Rachel Ahrenhold, Swimming; Dan Kaiserian, Swimming; Maura Ryan, Soccer; Jean Rettig, Soccer; Holly Lincoln, Soccer; Mark Miller, Track; Michael Syrnick, Track; Nicole Bohnsack, Cross Country; Heidi Nadeau, Track; Kelly Nelson, Swimming; Courtney Molinaro, Basketball; Karie Haglund, Swimming; Alison Bush, Cheerleading; Corissa Pirkel, Gymnastics; Chad Buczek, Gymnastics; Linsey Shea, Lacrosse; Christina Buttle, Lacrosse; Lauren Burke, Lacrosse; Kerry Shea, Lacrosse; Renee Cipro, Lacrosse; Joanie Plake, Lacrosse; Briene Simmons, Track; Melissa Walbridge, Volleyball; Kate Price, Volleyball; Lindsay Hagemann, Lacrosse; Jennifer Acunto, Softball; Chistana Crivellaro, Softball; Kara Federowicz, Athletic Training; Jena Etnoyer, Athletic Training; Katelyn BeVar, Tennis; Michael James, Tennis; Ian Farr, Fencing; Sara Gonzalez, Fencing; Nevin King, Fencing; Sophia Hiss, Fencing.

Guest Speakers

Lion Ambassadors – Two members of Lion Ambassadors, Kristen and Charelle, gave an overview of Lion Ambassadors. They would like to work with SAAB to incorporate us into the Penn State community. “Taste of Penn State” was discussed and we would like student-athletes to come and be represented at this event. It is on November 19. Two questions brought up: can student-athletes be involved in Lion Ambassadors? Athletes who disengage in sports - how can former athletes also get involved? Applications are handed out in the Hintz Family Alumni Center and are due in December. Interviews begin in second semester and a few weeks into the semester you will be contacted if you are accepted.

Pride Initiative – Two members of the PRIDE, Liza Vega and Trevor Thom, came and talked about PRIDE. It is a new initiative to spur the pride at PSU in sports and to become better fans. They attend sporting events, hand out t-shirts, educate students about the alma mater, fan etiquette, etc. They would really like to get PRIDE t-shirts out to the student-athletes and their families so that we can spread PSU pride. There is also a phone number, 865-FANS, that visitors can call and get help or ask questions about any sporting event. If a team is interested in having PRIDE members come to their sporting events contact Liza (lrv111) or Trevor (tth111).

Updates

“Booing” Fundraiser at the bowling alley generated \$309 for Cambodia Relief Project. Brian presented a slide show on Cambodia and what the Cambodia Project raises money for.

Judicial Affairs – Katelyn BeVar explained what the committee is about, weekly meetings and subcommittee that she attends about judicial affairs on campus. Sunday November 5 in 136 EALR at 4:30 p.m. there will be a focus group to discuss the issue.

Brian met with Tim Curley. Jenny and Brian will be attending the SAC Big Ten meeting in Chicago next week. Brian got Tim’s perspective on issues he would like input such as facebook issue, hazing, sportsmanship, the Big Ten Network, text messaging, year-round drug testing, no missed class time.

Commissions – Sue, Dave, and Brian met with representatives from the three PSU Commissions last week (Women's, CORED, LGBTA). Each Commission will be coming to speak with SAAB in the near future and we are looking for ways to collaborate.

Upcoming Events

Spring meeting times/dates – Keep spring meetings on Wednesdays. December 10 will be the date for December meeting. It will be at 7:00 p.m. in 136 EALR.

Formal – Kelly reported that the committee is just trying to find a date that works for all teams. She is meeting with administration tomorrow. Committee will meet after the meeting.

THON, Kari Lucas – Auction will be November 18 - December 2. Items need to be in the Morgan Center this Friday. The THON Carnival will be on November 19. We will be doing Peter Pan as a group for the carnival. Dancers should email Linsey Shea (lts5000) if interested. T-shirt orders are being collected and placed now. The Wiffle Ball Tournament will be December 17. Teams of 12, coed, \$10 per person.

Food Drive – Items are due to the Morgan Center by November 20. Boxes are available in the Morgan Center to put into locker rooms.

Holiday Party – December 15, early evening? Letterman's lounge or wrestling lounge?

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Second Mile Friend program – Contact Jeremy@thesecondmile.org.

BB H 048 Service Presentation – Sign up sheet was passed around.

Kines Health Fair – December 7, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Contact Evelyn (eup111) if interested.

Other Business

On behalf of one of our student-athletes that had to leave the meeting early, Dave Yukelson brought up the issue of how much paper we are allowed in the computer labs. Most members had a problem with it and would like more copies allowed.

Dave also congratulated Sarah Krupp on completing the Chicago Marathon.

Committees

Members broke up into Diversity, Paw Print, Welfare/Legislative Issues, Banquet and Formal committees.