

SAAB MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2006

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Attendance

Michael Eagen, Wrestling; Allie Scola, Field Hockey; Christine Dudek, Field Hockey; Jen Miller, Field Hockey; Shaun Banta, Field Hockey; Jen Long, Field Hockey; Dito Calderon, M. Swimming; Karie Haglund, W. Swimming; Tina Kocinski, W. Golf; Maggie Lester, W. Golf; Courtney Molinaro, W. Basketball; Kelly Serra, Cheerleading; Kevin Kelly, Football; Steph Ellis, W. Lacrosse; Lindsay Hagemann, W. Lacrosse; Linsey Shea, W. Lacrosse; Jess Boccio, W. Lacrosse; Joe Blackburn, Baseball; Renee Cipro, W. Lacrosse; Karen Long, W. Lacrosse; Lindsay Dutch, W. Lacrosse; Joanie Plake, W. Lacrosse; Corissa Pirkl, W. Gymnastics; Aslynn Satterfield, W. Gymnastics; Josh Borromeo, M. Gymnastics; Max Levi, M. Diving; Matthew Greenfield, M. Gymnastics; Sophie Hiss, W. Fencing; Nevin King, M. Fencing; Ian Farr, M. Fencing; Tara Berardi, Dance Team; Laura Hillstrom, W. Fencing; Christina Sgriccia, W. Track; Briene Simmons, W. Track; Heidi Nadeau, W. Track; Michael Synchron, M. Cross Country; Mark Miller, M. Track; Mariel Bryan, W. Lacrosse; Laura Lincicome, W. Lacrosse; Chrissie Galindo, W. Lacrosse; Aly Carter, W. Lacrosse; Laura Higgins, W. Lacrosse; Jennifer Acunto, Softball; Scott Jacobs, M. Lacrosse; Allie Daus, W. Soccer; Jean Rettig, W. Soccer; Meghan Noecker, W. Track & Cross Country; Stephanie Genis, W. Track & Cross Country; Nicole Bohnsack, W. Track & Cross Country; Shannon VanDyke, W. Track & Cross Country; Kate Price, W. Volleyball; Alisha Glass, W. Volleyball; Ann Naylor, W. Volleyball; Leyla Morzan, W. Tennis; Emerson DiNapoli, M. Fencing; Kara Federowicz, Athletic Trainers; Sasha Abraham, W. Tennis; B. Hunter, M. Tennis; Katelyn BeVard, W. Tennis; Michael James, M. Tennis; Lauren Holzberg, W. Tennis.

Welcome Back

Brian opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back to campus. He reviewed the team representative list and discussed the best meeting times. Wednesdays seemed like the best time for everyone. Eventually SAAB might try meetings on Tuesday or Sunday evenings.

Updates

COSL: Brian will serve as the student-athlete representative on the Cabinet of Student Leaders. He will meet monthly with the Vice President of Student Affairs and other student leaders.

Judicial Affairs Legislative Review Team: Jenny Shular will serve as the student-athlete representative on the Legislative Review Team. She will meet regularly with the Director of Judicial Affairs and other student representatives.

UPUA: Election will be held on October 11. The SAAB representatives decided that we don't want a full-time seat on UPUA, but will help out when and where we can.

NCAA/Big Ten welfare issues: Jenny discussed the leadership conference and how beneficial it was. She explained Code Blue which will allow teams to designate one game a year that is extremely important to have fan support. We will ask student-athletes to attend and offer their support. Also, on the Home Event emails sent to all athletes, Code Blues will be designated next to those games.

Commissions: LGBTQA, Race Relations, and Women's Commission. The SAAB Executive Board will try to meet with the Commissions. Additionally, Lindsey Shea will contact Sue Scheetz and offer to serve as the student-athlete representative for the Women's Commission.

Angel Website: SAAB reps concluded that the student-athlete list serve emails and the Angel website both work well to get information out to all athletes.

Upcoming Events

Kevin Dare: Volunteers needed for September 16 football game at 12:45 p.m. Email Sarah (seg143) if interested.

SAAB Retreat/Leadership Seminar/Etiquette Dinner: Reps suggested that both the leadership seminar and etiquette dinner would be valuable this fall. Majority thought Sunday afternoons and evenings work best. Also, some kind of meeting/interview in the spring would be helpful to practice the skills learned at the etiquette dinner.

Homecoming October 20: Athletics will have a float in the Homecoming parade. The reps asked to once again have a DJ on the float.

CHAMPS Cup: A letter was sent to the coaches. Also, forms are available on Angel to make it easy to update volunteer hours.

Volunteers Needed: Sign autographs and talk to students at Bellefonte Middle School on Thursday, September 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m. for their reading rewards program. Contact Sarah if interested (seg143).

Social Norms Project: A new project with the Office of Health Promotion and Education. Upper-class student-athletes will be trained to teach about drug and alcohol norms to all BB H classes. The training consists of two two-hour classes with food provided and then one hour teaching in BB H class. If you are interested in participating, please contact Andy Ryland at adr140@psu.edu.

Wiffle Ball Tournament: Many SAAB members would like to bring it back this year!

Student-Athlete Appreciation Day: Brian brought up the idea of having Commonwealth campus student-athletes spend a day/tour/practice with University Park athletes.

Committees

Reps were asked to sign up to help out with one of the following committees.

Diversity – Allies/International.

Paw Print – Rachel agreed to chair the Paw Print committee. We will be including a section about Penn State traditions in each edition.

Student-Athlete Welfare/Legislative Issues – Jenny.

Banquet – Katie and Laura agreed to chair the banquet again unless anyone else is interested in doing so.