

SAAB MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2007

Attendance

Guest Speaker: Tim Curley

- Tim thanked SAAB members and the SAAB Executive Board for all the good work they have done throughout the years, he is very proud.
- \$1.75 million gift to renovate sports med facility. Jenny spoke at Dedication, her speech was very well received among the donors and those in attendance.
- Penn State athletics now going through NCAA recertification process (representatives were very much impressed with hour they spent with SAAB student-athletes).
- Code Blue has been very successful.
- Visibility and participation with THON is very important to Tim. Continue to show the rest of campus that student-athletes are involved, continue to be integrated.
- Diversity survey sent out last week, all student-athletes are encouraged to complete it.
- Big Ten Network continues to grow and has great upward potential (inclusive of all sports and teams), very well received through Penn State athletics.
- Meal money on road trips has been increased for Penn State student-athletes, continue to try to provide most money possible.
- A continued effort to improve www.gopsusports.com with collaborating efforts of CSTV to get more video.
- Success with Honor Campaign – a four-year campaign, in the last 8 months will surpass \$100 million goal, annual budget now is \$73 million with no support from the University or State.
- In the process now of extending Nike contract, express comments or concerns about your team's equipment to Tim Curley at tmc3@psu.edu.
- Continue to improve facilities – immediate projects are Women's and Men's Soccer practice fields, new EMS station at Beaver stadium, Softball Stadium, Men's and Women's Golf facility at golf course.
- Fact that link to SAAB is no longer on the GOPSUSPORTS web site was brought to Tim's attention. He said he would look into the matter for us.

Banquet

- Monday, April 14 will be the date of the banquet.
- Kari Lucas is going to be the guest speaker.
- New T-shirt design ideas, Melissa will give it some thought and work closely with Nate, e-mail ideas to either one (shirts will be pink and black).
- Pictures from each team are requested for slideshow, email to Leyla.
- New award "Above and Beyond" will be initiated, voted on by other athletes.
- National Anthem recommendations or guest speaker ideas email to Leyla.

Big Ten Meeting

Diversity issue being brought up throughout other Big Ten schools and SAACs. Jenny went through what we are doing here at Penn State, in the process of developing action plan to expand diversity within SAAB

THON

- Solicitation Letters for THON – get addresses of parents, relatives, friends to Allie (amd5082@psu.edu) by Sunday, November 11.
- Solicitation stuffing Sunday, November 11 at EALR.
- SAAB Tailgate raised over \$500-600 success, email comments and concerns to Karie.

- Each team must have their nomination by December meeting, must be upperclassmen.
- Mail Linsey teammates interested in dancing.
- Online auction up on November 16, can be accessed through www.gopsusports.com.
- Family Carnival December 9, 2007, 12:00-4:00 at White Building, the theme is Jungle Safari. Email Linsey if interested in helping.
- Monthly team gifts sign up sheet for Messinas (please sign up). Quilt for Messina family, bring your sports T-shirt and \$5 to Morgan Center ASAP.
- Student-Athlete Formal: Saturday, January 26, 8:00 p.m.-midnight, Atherton Hotel, price will be \$20 per person, goal this year is \$4,000.

Upcoming Events

- MLK Day Volunteers: Coach Carter.
- ACDI Diversity Survey – You received an email November 1. Ask your teammates to complete the survey. Team with the high percentage of completion will earn 50 CHAMPS Cup points.
- Athletic Director's Leadership Institute – Space still available. Meeting times are Monday, November 5, 1:30 p.m. or Wednesday, November 7, 12:15 p.m., in the Morgan Center conference room. If interested, contact Sue (src122).
- Volunteers for reading. Read to Kindergarten kids on Friday, November 9 from 12:00-1:00. If interested, contact Sarah (seg143).
- SAAB Food Drive – Drop off at the Morgan Center by Friday, November 16.
- Holiday Party with Second Mile Kids – Friday, December 7, time and location to be announced. If you are interested in having your team participate contact Sue (src122).

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.