

## **SAAB MEETING MINUTES**

### **October 3, 2007**

#### **Attendance**

Kevin Rybicki, M. Swimming; Karie Haglund, W. Swimming; Kelly Nelson, W. Swimming; Dito Calderon, M. Swimming; Christina Sgriccia, W. Track; Nicole Bohnsack, W. Cross Country; Jordan Kolb, M. Lacrosse; Andrew Stimmel, M. Lacrosse; Drew Yukelson, Baseball; Katy Wick, W. Lacrosse; Linsey Shea, W. Lacrosse; Michael Eagen, Wrestling; Jack Decker, Wrestling; Craig Owsiany, Wrestling; Tim Haas, Wrestling; Jay Stauffer, M. Volleyball; James Dwyer, M. Tennis; Brendan Lynch, M. Tennis; Aslynn Satterfield, W. Gymnastics; Leyla Morzan, W. Tennis; Katelyn BeVard, W. Tennis; Ali Glasser, W. Fencing; Megan Luteran, W. Fencing; Ashley Griffith, Softball; Kayce Zielinski, Softball; Jennifer Acunto, Softball; Becca Bautista, Softball; Kelly Osborne, W. Golf; Katherine Murphy, W. Golf; Kristie Daus, W. Soccer; Jessie Davis, W. Soccer; Tyler Tarney, M. Golf; Maura Ryan, W. Soccer; Melissa Hayes, W. Soccer; Kamela Gissendanner, W. Basketball; Gina Bartolacci, Field Hockey; Shana Madura, Softball; Samantha Hovanec, Softball; Christana Crivellaro, Softball; Jamie Cox, M. Tennis; Danny Morrissey, M. Basketball; Heidi Nadeau, W. Track; Ashley Herbick, Dance Team

#### **Guest Speaker: Dan Coco - THON Overall Chair**

New video on THON website, WISH program, THON dodgeball game upcoming. Challenge: get more soliciting letters out there from student-athletes (10 letters each). Really push the solicitation letters get 10 names from each person on each team, send names to Allie (amd5082). Need more athletes writing letters to dancers. Last year SAAB raised \$16,000, we tend to raise that amount every year. We have 800 student-athletes and have great potential to raise much more money. Fundraising season opened Monday, October 1 and runs until the start of THON. Possible issue the "middle of the night" during THON.

#### **Code Blue - Jenny**

Been going really well, make it out if you can, free T-shirts to the first 200 people. Advertise other code blue matches at code blue events.

#### **Committees**

Really want to make more committees this year, could possibly elect chairs for each one. Standing Committees: Diversity, Paw Print, Student-Athlete Welfare, THON, Banquet. Other Committees: Canning, BOOing, Code Blue, others...

#### **THON**

- Solicitation: Get your names in ASAP, having solicitation day in November.
- T-Shirts: Get ideas in by next meeting.
- Canning: Canning at Women's Volleyball game next Friday, start canning at 6:45 p.m. Need 6-10 volunteers, first possibility for a lot of money.
- "Mr. and Miss. Penn State Student-Athlete:" New fundraiser for THON, possibly February 1 (Friday night). Open to suggestions. New name for it? Each team nominates one person, alumni hall will be rented out, guest judges, athletes will model their uniform, formal wear, answer questions, etc.
- THON Tailgate: Before the Ohio State football game on Thursday or Friday. Still in the works, stay tuned for more information. Located on the HUB lawn where people could purchase food quickly.
- Nittany Lion Club is planning on including our CANNING dates in their newsletter.
- Sponsorship: Getting companies to sponsor teams for every chosen skill that is competed during your match. EXAMPLE: Volleyball "blocking" – for every block a

company donates a certain amount of money. Think of companies that have potential of sponsoring.

- Dancers: Anyone interested in dancing email Linsey Shea (lts5000).
- Online Auction: CSTV is going to host the auction on our gopsusports.com website. Need items by November 1, turn to alumni for help.
- Family Gifts: Send gifts to the Messina family. Each team rep needs to bring a team shirt to the next SAAB meeting, dance team mom is going to be making a "TEAM" quilt for the Messina family.
- Dodgeball: Three teams held for SAAB, need 21 student-athletes who want to play Sunday October 14 at Multi-Sport, \$60 per team.
- Pep Rally: Sign up if your team will be in town or plan on being in the video. Possibly going to be doing individual acts this year. If you have someone on your team who has a special talent, they can perform by themselves.
- Formal: Committee forming, contact Ashley Herbick.

### **National Speaker**

Dan Millman, inspirational speaker: Former world champion gymnast, wrote 13 books dealing with athletic performance and personal development. There is a fairly large speaker's fee, may need to co-sponsor with another student organization. Is this something SAAB would be interested in pursuing?

### **National Breast Cancer Foundation**

Kevin: Idea of collecting cans (soda, beer, etc.) to take to recycling plant to turn into money. Planning on donating all money collected to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Discussion ensued about broadening idea. For now, save your cans in a separate bag, contact Kevin and he will come pick them up.

### **Recertification**

Comprehensive report to the NCAA, happens once every ten years. Committee will be on campus at the end of October. Want to interview student-athletes about their experiences as student-athletes here at Penn State. Interview is October 30, time is TBA.

### **Lunch with the Lions**

November 2, at 11:15 a.m., 304 HUB. Lunch with Life Link participants, pizza will be provided. If interested contact Sarah (seg143).

### **"Booing" Bowling**

20 lanes reserved for teams of 8 people for each. Email will be sent out soon. Contact Heidi (han117) with questions or to RSVP. Want at least 12 lanes of people. Date will be Sunday, October 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m. \$15 per person, half of the profit goes to THON. Good prizes for winning team. Contact Heidi before October 20.

### **ACDI Diversity Survey**

Will get email from Tim Curley for a climate survey about life for Penn State athletes. Fifty CHAMPS points for team that has the highest level of participants. Email will be sent November 1, 2007.

### **Athletic Director Leadership Institute**

Will meet before next SAAB meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Sunday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. in EALR**