

**MSU ALUMNI CLUB OF MID MICHIGAN (“Club”)
Minutes of Meeting Held June 13, 2007
At the Michigan State University Alumni Association**

Board Members Present: Tim Sambaer, Jeff Hicks, Kim Kittleman, , Carole Sorenson, Tom Ruis, David Tyler (guest), Peter Wujkowski, Charnita Alexander, Paul Stumpfig (guest), Barbara Sawyer-Koch.

Board Members Absent: Rob Gilbreath (excused), Nathan Clark (excused), Marcy Bishop (excused), Nicole Dandridge (excused), Dominic Migaldi (excused), Marritta Proctor (excused.)

President Sambaer called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM

INTRODUCTIONS

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No addition

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jeff Hicks, Barbara Sawyer Koch seconded. Motion approved

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Carole Lick noted as excused but she had called in. Correct time. Correct spelling of Jeff Hicks name. Minutes approved with corrections.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT

Tim Sambaer reported in Rob Gilbreaths absence. Newsletter scheduled to print in August. Need to submit articles in a prudent manner. Upcoming events need to be announced. Summary of Golf Outing, High Tea, Wicked. Announcements for Holiday Gala, Football trip/watch party. Newsletter will only be 4 pages.

800 Number has been canceled and the information has been removed from the web site.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No report (Nathan Clark/exused absence). Extended report will be offered in August

GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jeff Hicks reported that the Steve Smith Golf Outing is full, added an additional foursome. Great turn-out. Turn out is comparable to last year. Jeff reported about 23,000 in sponsorship.

Peter inquired about course fee and Jeff responded that the cost for course use was comparable last year. All three bids were within \$800 of each other.

Peter inquired about individuals using credit cards and noted that people might be willing to register early if they have the convenience of credit cards. Jeff Hicks responded that sponsor may also appreciate that benefit.

Silent auction items are less than last year. Item examples include gift certificate for restaurants and game tickets. Approximately 30 items will be available.

TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Seven award winners selected. One winner from each county. Letters have been sent to all individuals who were not awarded a scholarship. Tom is in the process of picking the reception date.

Tom has communicated with SBS notifying them of winner

Kim Kittleman asked about SBS sponsoring event. Tom stated once the reception was set he would approach SBS.

NON-SPORTING EVENT'S COMMITTEE

No report

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

High Tea event was successful. Attendance affected due to 800 number issues. Committee will now be focusing attention on the Holiday Gala.

UNIVERSITY ASSISTANCE

Charnita Alexander reported in Nicole Dandridge absence. Mini-grant recommendations provided by the committee.

Awards granted to the following groups

Cultural: Wharton - \$550. Tickets to Broadway and other productions. Explore Africa - \$450, Department of Theater/Summer Theater - \$400. US/China Center for Educational Excellence - \$300. Leelanau Community Cultural Center not awarded. Kreske Art Museum - \$400, publication assistance. School of Social Work - \$400.

Non Revenue: Women's Golf - \$750, Swimming and Diving - \$500, Wrestling - \$500, Women's Gymnastics - \$750.

Total Non-Revenue: \$2500

Cultural: \$2500

Committee discussed that they would like to award the groups in a public way.

Barbara suggested redirecting the Leelanau group (applicant) to the Grand Traverse Regional Club.

Charnita made **motion** to accept the committee's recommendations for mini-grant assistance. Barbara Sawyer-Koch seconded

Stipulation to motion that all clubs be notified of awards and alerting them of our wish to present the award. Groups that did not receive awards should also be notified.

Motion passes as amended.

YOUNG ALUMNI REPORT

MSU & U Open for Business: June 20 was highly successful. The sponsor relationship with the MSUFCU continues. The committee is now actively planning for the July and August events.

Tom voiced concern that the Board members were not notified of the events. Kim responded she would improve communication/invitation to all Board members.

ADOPTION OF UPDATED BYLAWS-Vote

Tim Sambaer reported that Dave Brown asked that the Club revise

Peter suggested that the individual in charge of writing checks for the Club not be responsible for reconciling the account.

Barbara Sawyer-Koch asked who on the Club's Board would serve that second person. Jeff Hicks noted the difficulty in having two members involved and concern about the timeliness of payments being made.

Jeff suggested we table Peter's suggestion to be discussed in the executive council and that the Board accepts those changes proposed at this time.

Jeff Hicks moved for acceptance, Tim Sambaer seconded, Peter supported. **Motion** passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Website contest

Jeff Hicks reported that he circulated the only submission. His opinion was that he was unsure that the submission was not that different than what we have.

Charnita Alexander voiced that she does not feel the Club should not be forced to accept anything.

Jeff Hicks stated that the gentleman that has raised concern earlier decided not to participate in the competition

General Board discussion stated that parts of submissions that were good but it did not meet the criteria.

Charnita Alexander stated that she felt that the contestant be awarded a consultation prize/s, perhaps a golf bag.

Unfortunately, none of the entries met the contest criteria.

Jeff Hicks suggested the Club should reach out to campus groups, potential new board members for skills in web site design.

Charnita Alexander stated that there are several existing Board members that had basic skill and could “brain-storm” about revising page.

Overall Board discussion of reaching out for someone to assist.

Jeff will write the notification letter to contest participants

Jeff Hicks stated that if a company or individual wanted to redesign our site that we would be willing to entertain the possibility of linking to a company site.

Jeff Hicks motioned that no entry from the web site contest met the criteria therefore no individual would be awarded. Seconded by Tim Sambaer. **Motion** passed.

Camp Casey announcement

Tim Sambaer reported that Camp Casey is a camp for sick children and the camp management requested support from the Club. Tim stated that it was not in the budget this year but it is a group we should remember the organization in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

MSU Football Tickets

Tim requested the following tickets based on Board interest:

4- Wisconsin

6- Indiana

2 – Michigan (there was numerous requests for U of M)

Ticket expense for tickets will be assessed to the Board members for their specific tickets.

Tom suggested that payment be made before receiving the tickets

No Board interest for the season football tickets.

Logo Contest

Tim Sambaer did not have the results of the logo contest. Marcy-Bishop Kates will update next year.

Barbara Sawyer-Koch notified Club of a company that produced apparel (shirts, hats, bags) for a reasonable amount if we choose to market apparel.

Jeff Hicks stated we have a relationship with a graphics company that has traditionally provided the best rates.

Barbara Sawyer-Koch provided Jeff Hicks with the company information

Tim Sambaer stated that Board members used to be given a t-shirt. Barbara stated it would be nice to produce apparel that we could sell to our members.

Jeff Hicks voiced concern that because our proximity to MSU we might not have the interest as compared to out of state regional clubs.

Jeff Hicks stated that it would be nice for the Board to have shirts for use at events. Allow members would be more easily identified at events.

New Committee Member

Scott Stewart, past Club President has been added to the University Assistance Committee

July Meeting

Discussion of canceling July meeting. Peter motioned to cancel July meeting. Seconded by Jeff Hicks. **Motion** passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Jeff Hicks motioned to adjourn, Carole Sorenson seconded. **Motion** approved. Meeting adjourned 6:50pm