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## MINUTES

### W-CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meyer Mortgage Company, 8:00 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012

In Attendance (15) — Bryan Baysinger, Jim Clark, Joe Easterling, Bill Edwards, Pam Herriford, Matt Idlett (presiding), Paul Just, Jim Meyer, Bill Moore, Mike Newton, Bobby Rascoe, Eric Sack, Donald Smith, Chris Tinius, Katy Tinius.

Not Present (11) — Tom Bird, Wayne Bush, Jimmy Feix, Butch Gilbert, Jerry Humble, Jean-Marie Lawson, Yogi Meadors, Mike Montgomery, Bill Powell, Mickey Riggs, Yvonne Turner.

Special Guest — new Athletics Director Todd Stewart — comments and Q&A with Board

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MINUTES (April Meeting) — motion to approve by Moore, 2nd by KTinius — APPROVED

TREASURER'S REPORT — Bill Edwards — membership account: \$25,4279.96 ... endowment account: \$36,972.90.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Paul Just — pass

HAF REPORT — Jim Clark — preparing for HAF "National Signing Day" promotion May 31 in Topper Club -- goal is 100 people to call prospects and hope to add 500 new members ... "Toppers on Tour" visited 5 cities; planning additional stops.

SPORTS REPORT — Pam Herriford — track is at UL Lafayette; NCAA regionals in 2 weeks ... softball finished; had 2 wins in SBC Tournament ... qualifying swimmers training for Olympic Trials ... baseball hosting MTSU in final conference series of the year -- really need 2 wins to guarantee us a spot in conference tournament which will be played here at Bowling Green BallPark

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership — Bryan Baysinger, chair — membership at 289 ... up 31 members from last year (little better than 10%).
- Welfare/Recognition (Pam Herriford, chair) — John O. Oldham Student-Athlete of the Year ... men - Bobby Rainey (FB) ... women - Jordan Skinner (VB) ... will be recognized at HAF summer meeting.
- Advancement/Development (Joe Easterling, chair) — working on kiosks pictures and team picture plaques.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Stewardship for 2011-12 year — planning on order from Steve Brown at TMG ... looking at license plate + coasters
- Hall of Fame procedures — Idlett / Baysinger present proposal for procedure to streamline and shorten voting process ... recommend creation of a veterans committee (5 persons, including members of Board + members of HoF) to elect 1 veteran for induction ... screening committee of 12-15 persons meet to narrow group from 10-40 years back to a list of 10 finalists for Board to elect remaining 3 inductees (if a tie, re-vote to insure a list of 10 finalists ... Board and both veterans and screening committee to use same voting procedure ... Board narrow finalists list to 5 on first ballot and then 3 to induct on second ballot ... balloting procedures outlined in document handed out ... discussion

... motion that we use proposal for 2012 selections to evaluate by Sack; 2nd by Herriford -- APPROVED • Hilltopper Halls of History — Just - should be placing order for lighting with Matthew Beck shortly ... Moore asked about improvements on kiosks ... Idlett/Just outlined recent meeting with HitCents -- hope to hear from them shortly.

- W-Club Room Improvements (Football / Basketball) — C Tinius - hope to have quotes for remodeling soon.
- Homecoming 2012 — set for Oct. 20 (UL Monroe is football foe) ... volleyball has home game, so main floor will not be available; Just (and AD) will check with basketball coaches about using one of practice gym facilities.

## NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING — Annual Hall of Fame Selection Meeting — 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 9, in the Media Room at Diddle Arena

— Meeting Adjourned / minutes submitted by Paul Just, Secretary —

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Capsule Bios — 2012 WKU Athletic Hall of Fame Finalists (40-yr grp) — Capsule Bios

## NOTES

The 2012 W-Club Board of Directors for the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame Selections will meet at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 9, in the Media Room on the Ground Floor at E.A. Diddle Arena

(parking should not be a problem -- but suggest you park in the NEW Parking Structure between The Arena & The Stadium and enter The Arena thru Entrance-2 (stadium side of the building nearest DUC -- Media Room is inside that entrance to the right just past the women's restroom)

The W-Club Board of Directors will be responsible for reviewing the list of finalists for consideration for the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame who completed their eligibility/coaching career in the past 40 years (beginning with the 1972-73 school year) and selecting three (3) individuals for 2012 induction. The 10 finalists — nine (9) athletes and four (4) coaches — are listed in alphabetical order. The number at the end of the notes on each nominee indicates the year that he/she was first nominated. As always, PLEASE DO NOT share this information outside of the actual Board of Directors meeting. And, please review and be prepared to ask questions, provide additional comments, etc., during discussion prior to balloting.

If there are questions, or if anyone should come up with a scheduling problem, please contact W-Club secretary Paul Just at 792-4247 ([paul.just@wku.edu](mailto:paul.just@wku.edu)). We look forward to seeing you on the 9th (that is next Monday).

## ATHLETES / COACHES ( ... who completed their eligibility 1972-73 and later )

ALIWELL, Nick / Track-Cross Country, 4 letters (1994-98)

Notes: All-American in outdoor 10,000 meters as a freshman in 1995 ..... only runner to win SBC individual cross country crown 3 times ('94, '95, '96), running in NCAA championship meet all 3 times (ran injured much of his senior season) ..... also holds a unique record among all WKU great distance

runners -- only one to win a conference title three times ..... 4-time All-SBC performer in cross country ..... won 5 of 7 meets as a junior in '96 and 3 of 6 as a sophomore ..... overall, despite injury-riddled senior season, took top honors 10 events in his 4 cross country seasons ..... in '94, he was the only freshman to qualify for the NCAA championships in both the 5,000 and 10,000-meter events ..... at '96 SBC Indoor championships he won both 3,000 and 5,000-meter races and was named Co-Athlete-of-the-Meet. ('12)

CARY, Brandi Beckwith / Women's Swimming, 4 letters (1999-02)

Notes: Came to WKU in the 2nd year of the women's swimming program on The Hill was the impact athlete in the program the next 4 years ..... after the program went a respectable 5-7-1 in its first year, the Lady Toppers went a combined 47-3 in dual meet competition the next 4 years, including an undefeated season (13-0) in '99-00 and championships in the first 2 Sun Belt meets ('01 & '02) ..... was named the SBC Women's Swimmer of the Year in '02 (when she was also elected the WKU Female Athlete of the Year as well as the team's Scholar-Athlete Award winner -- for the 3rd straight year) ..... after leading the Toppers to the title with her meet-high 98 points scored ..... when she completed her career on the Hill, she held school records in 10 individual events and all 5 relay events ..... and, remarkably, she still owns Lady Toppers records in 4 events — 100 free, 200 free, 200 IM and 400 IM; she stills ranks in the Topper Top 5 in 4 more events — 50 free, 100 fly, 200 fly and 100 breast ..... she was her team's MVP and scholar-athlete award winner all 4 years. ('12)

HALL, John / Football, 4 letters (1977-80)

Notes: Two-time All-OVC QB ('78 and '79) and named OVC Offensive Player-of-the-Year in '79 (missed winning the same OVC award in 1978 by a single point in the balloting) ..... the 3 teams he started on ('78-80) went a combined 22-8-0 (73.3%), going 8-2-0 (6-0 OVC champ) in '78 and 9-1-0 (6-1 OVC champ and ranked as high as #1 in nation) in 1980 ..... finished career with 286 completions, 571 attempts, 3,876 yards and a school record 50.1% completion percentage; also had 30 TD passes (at the time, 2nd best numbers ever for a WKU QB, behind only Hall of Famer Johnny Vance) ..... still (thru 2003) ranks high in a number of career passing categories — 3rd in completions, 3rd in percentage completed, 3rd in pass yardage, 3rd in TDs, 4th in pass attempts and 4th in pass efficiency rating ..... his 5 TD passes at Morhead State in 1978 has since been tied just once ..... his 93-yard completion to Eddie Preston for TD vs. Austin Peay in 1979 is still the 2nd longest pass play in the WKU record books ..... one of only 5 WKU QBs to lead Toppers in passing 3 straight years ..... ranked 8th in nation in pass percentage in '78 (50.7%). ('00)

MEE, Darnell / Men's Basketball, 3 letters (1991-93)

Notes: All-American in '93 when he was also a unanimous All-Sun Belt Conference pick (and the SBC Tourney MVP) ..... finished his 3-year career on The Hill with 1,253 points, 20th on WKU all-time list ..... as a senior in '93, he became just the 10th Hilltopper to score 600 points in a season (606) ..... shares school record for 3-point FGs made in a game (8) and remains the only Hilltopper to come up with 100 steals in a season (100 in '93) ..... led WKU in steals all 3 years and still (thru 2003) holds WKU records for steals in a game (9 - twice), season (100) and career (259) ..... his 3 teams were 61-31 (66.3%) with 1 NCAA Sweet Sixteen, 1 NIT trip and 1 SBC title. ('03)

MURPHY, Dave / Men's Cross-Country, 2 letters (1979-80); Track, 3 letters (1979-81)

Notes: Team captain in '80 & '81 ..... earned All-OVC honors in each season on The Hill and, prior to coming to The Hill ('77), he earned USTFF Cross-Country All-America honors ..... named Outstanding Track Performer at '79 Dogwood relays ..... competed for his native Great Britain in 5,000 and 10,000 while at WKU ..... won bronze medal at 1981 World University Games in Romania at 10,000 meters ....

ran school record 28.05 in 10,000 at '81 Dogwood Relays ..... competed professionally on road racing circuit from 1982-90; ranked #2 road racer in U.S. by Track & Field News in 1985; finished as the runner-up in 1984 New York Marathon. ('92)

MURRIE, Joel / Baseball Coach (Head Coach 1980-05; Assistant Coach 1978-79)

Notes: Served as head coach of the Hilltoppers for 25 seasons, guiding his charges to 815 victories (815-656-4 — 55.3%) ..... his teams' 815 wins is the most ever posted by a WKU coach in a single sport and that total trails only the legendary E.A. Diddle in victories in all sports (Diddle had 1,040 in men's basketball, baseball, football and women's basketball combined) ..... and, his 1,475 gamers as a WKU head coach is also the most for a Topper coach in a single sport and again trails only Diddle (1,532 games in his 4 sports) in all sports combined ..... his teams posted winning records in 17 seasons and his clubs' posted 4 of the five 40-win seasons in school history, including the all-time best 47-13-1 mark posted by the OVC champions of 1980 which came closer to reaching the College World Series than any team in WKU history ..... he coached 13 athletes who earned All-America recognition a total of 17 times ..... 58 of his players — 13 in the OVC and 45 in the Sun Belt — were elected to All-Conference Teams on a total of 76 occasions ..... he was named conference Coach-of-the-Year 4 times (twice in the OVC and twice in the SBC) and was the NCAA South Region Coach-of-the-Year in 1980 ..... Six of his athletes earned league player-of-the-year honors (2 in the OVC and 4 in the SBC); along with 2 SBC Pitcher-of-the-Year selections ..... and, 69 of his players went on to play professional baseball ..... he is now a scout for the California Angels. ('10)

RICH, Phil / Football, 4 letters (1977-80)

Notes: Winner of Hilltopper football's prestigious Al Almond Award as a sophomore in 1978 and an All-OVC selection in the offensive line as a senior in 1980 ..... as a senior, he was a key factor in the Toppers ranking #6 in the nation in rush offense; and, his junior season, Western ranked 5th in the country in total offense ..... the three Topper teams he started on ('78-79-80) won 22 of 30 games (73.3%) and a pair of OVC championships ('78 & '80) ..... that '80 club was ranked as high as #1 in the nation ..... he signed a professional contract with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in 1981 and then with the New Jets in '82. ('05)

ROBINSON, Chris / Men's Basketball, 4 letters (1993-96)

Notes: Sun Belt Player-of-the-Year in 1995 and was a 3-time All-SBC pick ('94-95-96) ..... led WKU in both scoring (14.7 ppg in '94, 17.0 in '95 and 16.8 in '96) and steals (49 in '94, '58 in '95 and '68 in '96) 3 straight years ..... MVP of '95 SBC Tournament (All-tourney pick in both '94 and '95) ..... 1,656 career points rank 9th on The Hill and he is still among Top 10 in scoring by a freshman, a sophomore and a junior; finished career ranked #2 at WKU in steals (203) and minutes played (3,338) ..... 4 teams he played on went 86-35 (71%), including 27-4 mark by '95 club that was 2nd best record in the nation (behind only NCAA champ UCLA) ..... his teams won 2 SBC titles ('94 & '95), 2 SBC tournaments ('93 & '95) and earned 3 trips to the NCAA (Sweet 16 in '95) ..... honorable mention All-America as a senior ..... 51st pick (2nd round) in '96 NBA Draft by Vancouver and played a season for the Grizzlies, followed by 2 seasons with Sacramento Kings and later signed with Dallas Mavericks ..... has been active in pro ranks in international play since. ('06)

VENCILL, Kicker / Men's Swimming, 4 letters (1997-00)

Notes: NCAA qualifier in 100 free as a senior when he was WKU Male Athlete of the Year ..... completed his eligibility with 6 school records (100 and 200 free as an individual -- both mark he still holds -- and as a part of 4 relay teams) ..... still holds school marks in both 100 and 200; and, is still 2nd only to All-American Steve Crocker in the 50 free ..... also set 9 pool records in Powell Natatorium ..... Topper team

MVP each of his last 3 seasons and was selected as team's Most Improved Swimmer after both his sophomore and junior years (only the 2nd athlete in history of the program to earn the award twice) ..... the 4 Topper teams he led went a very impressive 50-4 in dual meet competition -- 12-4 in '98 and a perfect 38-0 the other 3 seasons ..... was named the male Swimmer of the Year at the National Independent Conference meet his senior season ..... team captain both his juniior and senior seasons ..... qualified for Olympic Trials in 2000, '04 and '08 ..... won a silver medal at World University Games in Beijing in 2001 ..... swam for US National Swimming Team in '01 and '03. ('12)

WEYERS, Bill / Baseball, 2 letters (1992-93)

Notes: Earned All-America, All-South Region, All-SBC and Sun Belt Conference Player-of-the-Year honors as a senior after leading the league with his .422 batting average — the 3rd highest in school history, behind only Hall of Famers Ralph Antone (.437 in 1983) and Mike Williams (.423 in 1981) ..... holds WKU school record 24-game hitting streak ..... only player to lead WKU in batting average on 2 consecutive seasons since Antone in '82-83; he hit .378 as a junior (3rd best in SBC) ..... also led Toppers in at-bats (192), runs scored (59), hits (81), doubles (16) and RBIs (46) in '93. ('03)