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MINUTES — W-CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Conference Room, Meyer Mortgage, 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2014

In Attendance (16) — Wayne Bush, Jim Clark (ex-officio), Rick Dubose (ex-officio), Joe Easterling, Bill Edwards, Butch Gilbert, Pam Herriford, Jerry Humble, Paul Just, Jim Meyer, Mike Montgomery, Bill Moore (presiding), Mike Newton, Tim Slattery, Todd Stewart (ex-officio), Katy Tinus.

1. Approval of Minutes (August meeting) — Move to approve by Meyer, 2nd by Bush  APPROVED

- Moore introduced special guest, Tom Mills from the Greensburg Record-Herald
- Comments by Athletics Director Todd Stewart — getting ready for a big football game at Middle Tennessee, WKU’s first C-USA game ... feel good about our football program ... soccer off to good 3-1 start ... volleyball young, but coming on quickly ... transition to C-USA has been smooth

2. HAF Report (Jim Clark) — running ahead of last year’s pace in memberships ... Harbaugh Club is sold out again ... HAF will sponsor a bus to MTSU football game ... working ahead on basketball ticket sales

3. Sports Report (Pam Herriford) — men’s golf starts this weekend; women’s golf finished 3rd in its 1st tournament ... swimming is practicing ... softball will have 8 fall games ... men’s & women’s basketball in conditioning and coaches recruiting ... baseball in fall practice

4. Committee Reports
- Finance Committee (Bill Edwards, Chair) — as of Aug. 15, membership account was a $459.98, including $1,400 from endowed account (for LifeTime memberships) ... $64,618.81 in endowed account ... and $5,022.35 in Halls of History account ... disruptions in late summer worked out and we have taken over a lot of the work with memberships, including receipt of dues (with exception of dues paid online, which goes directly into our Foundation account
- Membership Committee (TBD, Chair) — Just reported on membership drive problems ... new e-mail contact effort (to about 60% of potential members) out in August; follow up to those with no e-mail again delayed (due in part to change-over problems with Foundation), but should be in mail early next week ... good news that memberships list reflects a number less than 10% behind last year at this time
- Recognition Committee (Pam Herriford) — pass
- Development/Marketing Committee (Matt Idlett) — not present; Just reports on football hospitality ... Norm Johnson and Brian Lowder provided BBQ for opener with Bowling Green State and will do that again for Oct. 4 game with UAB ... need hospitality hosts for our other 4 games — if you are interested, or you know of someone we should contact, please let Matt Idlett, Just, Edwards or Herriford know
- Special Projects Committee (Mike Montgomery) — Montgomery reported on contacts made with potential supporters for Diddle Arena W-Club Room remodel, etc.

5. Old Business
- Football Hospitality — see above

6. New Business
- Reunions Scheduled for football season — Just reminded everyone that the 1974 NCAA Runner-Up Cross Country (including NCAA individual national champ Nick Rose) will be town for the Oct. 4 game; Rose will become 1st WKU track athlete to have a jersey retired in his honor ... will be out guests in pre-game hospitality tent ... AND, guests for the Oct. 25 game with ODU will be former Hilltopper football All-Americans (approximately 70 in total) -- will also be invited to W-Club Tent
- Branch / Hall of Fame preparations — preparations are moving along for Nov. 8 event (10:00 am on Diddle Arena floor) ... discussion on awards recipients ... Honorary Memberships — three nominees: long-time associate trainer Mike Gaddie, long-time Diddle Arena events staffer Chester McNulty and ticket manager Matt Morrison; Meyer moved that all three be offered honorary membership, 2nd by Humble — APPROVED ... Edwards Award (for career achievement by a letter-winner) — a few names discussed; Bush motion to honor sports psychologist Dr. Dick Coop of University of North Carolina, 2nd by Tinus — APPROVED ... Just Award (for service and dedication to Hilltopper Athletics) — Clark Hanes, who spent 12 years as sports editor of the Daily News (16 years total on the staff there) nominated; DuBose motion approved, 2nd by Edwards — APPROVED
- President-Elect / Board appointments, re-appointments for 2014-15 — Herriford motion that Anthony, Bird, Meyer, Montgomery, Newton and Rascoe be re-appointed for another 4-year term, 2nd by Bush — APPROVED ... Clarence Glover (MB) and Cindy Wiseman Hudson (VB) nominated to fill uncompleted terms vacated by Jared Holland and Chris Tinus (resigned by professional reasons); Gilbert motion to approve, 2nd by Newton — APPROVED ... president-elect TBD
- Hall of Distinguished Alumni (luncheon Friday, Nov. 7) — board member Col. Mickey Riggs to be inducted ... W-Club will have a table (8 seats) — if you want one of those seats, contact Just (Bush and Rascoe already have seats reserved)
- Summit Awards — Bill Edwards will be W-Club honoree for 2014 ... all board members will be invited; if you want to be seated together at a W-Club Table(s), contact Just

7. Next Meeting —  Thursday, Oct. 23

Motion to Adjourn by Humble, 2nd by Bush  Meeting Adjourned / minutes submitted by Paul Just, Secretary