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UA80/1 Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES — W-CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meyer Mortgage, Conference Room, 8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, 2018

In Attendance (14) — Tom Bird, Bobby Couch, Joe Easterling, Bill Edwards, Clarence Glover, Paul Just, Brian Lowder, Jim Meyer, Bill Moore (*presiding*), Bobby Rascoe, Eric Sack, Tim Slattery, Todd Stewart (*AD*), Katy Tinius. Guest - Laura Smith (Alumni Relations).

Not Present (14) — Vincel Anthony, Bryan Baysinger, Wayne Bush, Gary Carver, Jim Clark (*ex-officio*), Pam Herriford, Jared Holland, Cindy Hudson, Matt Idlett, Anthony McAadoo (*ex-officio*), Mike Montgomery, Mike Newton, Bill Powell, Mickey Riggs.

Comments (AD Todd Stewart) — recent FEMA emergency preparedness evaluations on campus revealed issue with location of W-Club Tent (in case of an emergency situation); suggest other end of East (old) Side of The Stadium in area overlooking South Lawn and Avenue of Champions ... preparations for fall sports underway ... football opens Aug 31 at Wisconsin, expected to be one of top teams in the nation ... home opener Sept 8 ... Laura Smith added info regarding tailgating at Wisconsin (will also be at UL and MTSU) ... Just added comment on the unique 2018-19 school year - 100th seasons for football, men's basketball, and baseball, 50th anniversary of opening of Houchens-Smith Stadium, AND 90th anniversary of the founding of the W-Club (1928); will host reunion of 1st team to play in The Stadium (1968) Oct 20 (co-sponsored by Athletic Dept, Alumni Association and W-Club)

1. Approval of Minutes (*June meeting*) — Move to approve by Sack, 2nd by Rascoe -- APPROVED

2. HAF Report (Jim Clark) — not present.

3. Sports Report (Pam Herriford) — not present.

4. Committee Reports

- Finance Committee (Bill Edwards, Chair) — end of fiscal year numbers ... membership account - \$1,088.94 ... endowment account - \$99,069.03 (gain on investment of more than \$15,000 since last year (\$83,860)... Halls of History account - \$1,730.74 ... budget about \$24,000 (hospitality separate) ... moved \$6,400 from Halls of History account to membership account ... hospitality cost about \$10,000 (donations covered about \$6,000 of that) ... hope to move about \$1,000 back into HHH account ... Sack asked if we are operating in the red; Edwards noted that we are OK outside of the cost of hospitality (Brunch + game hospitality for football, men's basketball and women's basketball).
- Membership Committee (Jared Holland, Chair) — not present ... Just noted some memberships for 2018-19 have been coming in
- Recognition Committee (Pam Herriford, Chair) — not present
- Development/Marketing Committee (Matt Idlett, Chair) — not present
- Special Projects Committee (Mike Montgomery, Chair) — not present

5. Old Business

- Membership for 2018-19 — emails for renewals, new memberships will be going out shortly

6. New Business —

- W-Club Brunch — Just - have been selling seats to Brunch/Hall of Fame at \$15 each based on a sub-\$10 Club cost per plate; sell additional seats (beyond 12 comps) to Hall of Fame Inductees at cost rounded up (recently \$10) ... our cost per plate is up to \$9.99 each; and, will need to find out if we will have to pay sales tax on tickets sold (tbd) ... suggest we consider changing charges for the above to \$20 (all seats other than comps -- 2 per paid member + 12 per each inductee) and \$11 for additional guests of inductees ... motion to approve by Couch; 2nd by Lowder — APPROVED.
- Board of Directors — terms of Anthony, Bird, Meyer, Montgomery, Newton and Rascoe expire at Homecoming ... Newton has asked to be replaced and Hudson has offered her seat (new work schedule will prohibit her from participating) ... Montgomery has also expressed concern ability to attend meetings due to work responsibilities ... suggest we re-appoint Anthony, Bird, Meyer, and Rascoe; and, be prepared to work with Montgomery to determine status ... motion to approve by Just, 2nd by Edwards — APPROVED ... Just will work with Executive Committee to identify interested candidates to fill openings ... also in need of candidate(s) for president-elect (anyone interested please contact Just)
- Game Hospitality — Just is working on sponsorship renewals ... anyone interested in participating (or, with any suggestions on sources) please contact Just
- Members of the Executive Committee reviewed meeting with Associate AD Matt Morrison regarding the relationship of the W-Club and the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation ... proposed concept of a merger that might benefit both programs in the future ... a good meeting with good back-and-forth Q&A+discussion ... but generally no support for serious change at the moment; however, left meeting with mutual agreement on interest in future discussion ... comments from Moore, other members of the committee, Stewart.

7. Next Meeting — 8:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 6; Conference Room, Meyer Mortgage

8. Motion to Adjourn

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