

**The Ohio State Alumni Club of Charleston, South Carolina  
Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**Present:** Dawn Bowers, Andrew Stroman, Barry Thomas, Jim Gill, Becky Nida, and Jane Swick

Dawn Bowers, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with a quorum present.

Members Gifts for 2017 – 2018

Ideas suggested: water bottle, Tervis tumbler, travel coffee mug and T-shirt

- Andrew will check on pricing for water bottle, Tervis tumbler, travel coffee mug and the options of using The LowCountry Buckeyes Logo and the new Alumni Logo.
- Discussion on using a large Block O on the front of a T-shirt.
- Barry will check on pricing of T-shirt. If using the new Alumni Logo must use J. American in purchasing T-shirts. He also will check with a vendor on pricing for the LowCountry Buckeye Logo. Board considered a price of \$10 for the LowCountry T-shirt.
- Mid April will be the time for decision by the Board for Member Gifts.

Annual Meeting

- Date – Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Time – TBA
- Where – Beresford Creek Landing Club House, Jim is checking on reserving the Club House.

Buckeye Month of Service – April

- This is going out into the community and helping by cleaning up areas or working on a community improvement support project.
- Alumni Association will send T-shirts to wear. Expenses fall under reimbursement from OSUAA.
- **Barry moved that a Board member step up and run the committee for Buckeye Service Month. Motion passed.**
- Becky will lead the committee and find a Habitat location available for the month of service. Dawn volunteered to help Becky.
- Low Country Food Bank was suggested in case there was a problem with Habitat.

Golf Tournament, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- In need of volunteers from the Board and the Alumni Club in helping to obtain sponsors, donors, items for the gift bags and golfing teams.
- Need six volunteers to work the tournament – Dawn, Becky and Jane volunteered from the Board. Dawn's husband Rob has also volunteered.
- Jim Smith, President, OSUAA will be playing in the tournament.
- The OSUAA will do a postcard mailing to all Alumni located in the seven counties surrounding the Charleston area within two weeks informing them of the golf tournament.
- Barry approached the Board on the purchase of 100 pens with text @ \$0.59. (Golf committee had given their ok) The text reads: The OSU Alumni Club of Charleston, Buckeye Scholarship Golf Tournament. The pens would be used as one of the gift bag items.
- Board informed Barry to purchase the 100 pens for said price above.

Alumni Mailing – A suggestion was made for the OSUAA to do another mailing as stated above in the golf tournament – this postcard mailing would involve the Annual Meeting and the first Game Watch. Barry will check on this. (Per OSUAA we are allotted two mailings a year)

#### Blues Cruise

- Date – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Augusta Club would like to bring a group to Charleston to work with us and to have some experience at an event other than a game watch.
- Barry noted member price was \$39 last year, but will check pricing again and report back to the Board. The Board agreed to charge Augusta Club the same price as members.
- Suggestion was made – could the Alumni Club reserve a section on the boat, this would allow members to intermingle with other members throughout the cruise, especially if the Augusta Club joins us. Dawn will work with Gregg to check on this.

#### Speaker Dinner

- Date – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Speaker – Matt Finkes
- This qualifies as an OSUAA Networking Event with reimbursement up to \$500.
- Cost roughly \$56 per person, with reimbursement applied we will charge \$40 for members and \$45 non members.
- The Harbour Club reserved the upstairs Palmetto Ballroom for us. We now are able to expand our list of attendees.

#### Oyster Roast

- Date – Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Tickets - \$25 members; \$28 non-members and non oyster eaters \$15
- Charlotte Club has inquired on attending the event; their members will be offered the same price.
- Suggestion to have Buckeye music for the event. Dawn's husband, Rob will handle the music.

#### Scholarships

- Current Account 306883 balance \$13,675 (January 24, 2017)
- Renew Scholars – Destiny West, graduating Spring 2018 and Parker Dwyer
- New freshmen (upon being enrolled at OSU) – Anne “Madison” Imbus, Wando High School and Samantha Landwehr, Summerville High School
- Scholarship amounts given: Miss West and Mr. Dwyer - \$2,100 each
- Scholarship for new freshmen upon being enrolled: Miss Imbus and Miss Landwehr - \$2,100 each
- Freshmen Alumni Scholar selected, Anne “Madison” Imbus - \$600 (upon being enrolled at OSU)

Barry approached the Board on an idea concerning the email list. At times Greg is unavailable when an email needs to be out to the membership. Suggestion – divide up the email list among the Board members.

- **Barry moved by a show of hands for the email list to be divided up between Board members. Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm. Next meeting TBA

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Swick, Secretary