

Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Minutes – April 9, 2009

Attendance: Becky Dean, Samantha Pagel, Tim Manion, Ethan Rosen, Elise Jones, Shannon Delaney, Adrienne Reynolds, John Metallo, Kristen Lloyd, Michelle Reinhard, Lori Biastock, Kedra DeLozier, Julie Muse, Melissa Nichols,

Guest: Evan Dexter

Absent: Rachel Steinhaus, Mason Trumble, Rob Dupre, Peter Struska, Charity Swenson, Colleen Goff, Ben Hoover, Steve Thayer

Excused Absences: Will Blanton, Jarid Lawson, George Tagli, Korinne Israel, Ezekiel Leeds, Tim Solarek, Alex Board, Sam Prusak, Greg Taylor

Prayer Requests:

Baseball and Softball teams – travels, injuries, etc.

Stratfords

Alex Board – recovery from knee surgery

Coach Richards – recovery from shoulder surgery

Opening comments:

1. Minutes from last meeting were approved
2. New members in attendance introduced themselves
3. Ps. 46 “Be still and know that I am God”
Everyone one is very busy this time of year, but we all need to take time to “Be Still” and focus on God. God is good. His is in control and everything He does is for our good. We need to strive to be more like Him. Being a SAAC member puts more demands on an already busy schedule. The opportunity to be involved will teach you things you will use for the rest of your life. Even with the World’s problem and Economic struggles, trust God. Whatever challenges God sends into your life, like the Stratfords, they are a good example of Ps. 46 and “Be Still” and know God.
4. New Vice Presidents: Samantha Pagel and George Tagli
5. A Motion was approved to change the current positions of secretary and treasurer to the appointment (by volunteering) of 2 individuals to serve as Communications Officers. These individuals will be responsible to get game and SAAC meeting information to the Communications department, increase exposure on the C-Net home page and work with Mr. Maples on the SAAC website. Consideration will be given to individuals being selected who participate in different sport seasons, so they are not fully responsible during the season they are involved in competition.
6. Miss Bolton will ask George and Jarid if they are willing to serve in this way for next year.
7. Several Issues were discussed:
 - a. Kris encouraged the athletes to be supportive of the Fine Arts program. It isn’t about what we get and what they get. We are all part of the same body in Christ. Both Athletics and Fine Arts are an important part of the College experience. If you hear your teammates or others talking negatively about Fine Arts, please do your part to stop the negative attitudes. Do your part as an Athlete to support Fine Arts.
 - b. Mr. Thompson talked about the recent change in Academic programs and the fact that it and staffing cuts have impacted Coaching positions. This does not show a lack of support for athletics but rather an adjustment to academic programs. Everyone is being impacted by the need to make financial decisions. The Administration is in support of a strong athletics program continuing at Maranatha. Some details still have to be worked out, but all of the Head Coaching positions will soon be filled for next year.

8. NAC SAAC Meeting April 17 at Aurora's Lake Geneva campus. Will be a business meeting and work on project Linus (blankets for needy children). Officers – let Miss Bolton know if you can attend.
9. Fan Club – Ethan Dexter was in attendance and encouraged SAAC to let the student body know when they need help with a plan. There are a lot of students who would be willing to help with things.

New Business:

1. The Motion was approved to reorganize the SAAC Committees into Events Fall, Events Winter/Spring, and Organization. Make sure you let Miss Bolton know what committee you want to be on. She will be contacting you. If you are going to be part of an Events Committee, it would be good to sign up for the one opposite your sport season. If you are in more than one sport, you might consider the organization committee.
2. Kris encouraged everyone to be more committed to getting things accomplished with SAAC. This will mean putting in some work outside of meeting time.
3. The Motion was approved to do a Navy Crusader Crazies shirt with a design by Adrienne Reynolds. Adrienne will submit a few designs to Miss Bolton before April 24th. These designs will be sent out to SAAC members for a vote.

Announcements:

1. Once you have your class schedule for next semester, please send your free hours to Miss Bolton so she can work on finding a meeting time that works.

New Committee Structure:

Sporting Events Fall:

(use spring semester to plan events for fall)

Half-time Contests		Work with Mr. Thompson to get sponsors
		Run events
Special Nights		Approval needed from Mr. Thompson
Take a Kid to the Game	Football	
Local team half time events		
Fan bus to Away games		1 time per sport
Fan Appreciation		Fan appreciation card
Fac/Staff to more games		Free popcorn, half time announcement

Sporting Events Winter/Spring:

(Use fall to plan for winter and spring)

Half-time Contests		Work with Mr. Thompson to get sponsors
		Run events
Special Nights		Approval needed from Mr. Thompson
Take a Kid to the Game	Basketball	
Local team half time events		
Fan bus to Away games		1 time per sport
Fan Appreciation		Fan appreciation card
Fac/Staff to more games		Free popcorn, half time announcement

Organization:

Getting information out about SAAC		Awards Chapel
New Legislation	November	
WOTY MOTY	March	Identify seniors who qualify, find addresses
Annual SAAC Handbook update		April Get Miss Bolton information on changes
Communication of sporting events		2 Communications officers
NAC Food Drive	Fall (Oct-Nov)	Advertise

Crusader Club Crazy's Shirts	Fall and Winter	Collect, count report cans
	Spring	Selling shirts
	Spring	Advertising
Schedule Advertising	Spring	Design, Color, etc.
	Each Season	Help generate sponsorships
Oversight of Events Committees		Take posters around to area businesses
Money raising ideas	Any time	1 person – fall, 1 person – Winter, Spring
SAAC Shirts		Proposal for designated account
Planning & running Meetings		Raise money, design
Team Records Display	Any time	Make sure committees are getting things done
		Will be displayed on lobby board
		Someone needs to research who these are
		See committee notes for what was approved
Fitness Contest – if you want to do it		