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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Silver Creek Country Club, Hellertown

Board Members Present: Dennis Zehner, Diana Colahan, John Berseth, Trevor Colahan, Sean Hart, Charlie Lieb, Bill Trotter; **Guest:** Jennifer Gonzalez of Young Alumni Council; **Representing LUAA:** Monica Timar.

Note: Board Secretary Martha Sullivan had an excused absence from the meeting due to the illness of one of her sons. Board President Dennis Zehner and Board Vice President Diana Colahan provided the minutes presented here.

Board President Dennis Zehner called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Guest from Young Alumni Council: Jennifer Gonzalez '08 of the Young Alumni Council (YAC) told the board about YAC and some of its activities. The council was seeking feedback relating to an upcoming Caring Down the Coast event in which alumni would create care packages to send to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Similar events are to be held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Jennifer asked if the board has suggestions as to a restaurant and bar in which this event could be held. Board members provided suggestions, including the Copperhead Grille in Allentown, at which the Home Club had a very positive experience with its Lehigh-Lafayette football telecast.

Minutes from Dec. 3 Board Meeting: After reviewing the minutes from the Dec. 3 board meeting, Sean Hart moved to approve the minutes, and John Berseth seconded the motion. The minutes from Dec. 3 were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Berseth reported that there had been little activity in the club's treasury since the Dec. 3 meeting. The treasury's balance was \$6,790.05 as of December 30, 2008. Dennis mentioned he will be submitting a

request for re-imbusement for the Yahoo web-fees he has been paying since the club's previous credit card had expired.

The board discussed its annual contribution to its scholarship fund. Dennis moved to contribute \$2,000 to the scholarship fund. John Berseth seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Board Membership Update: Dennis reported that board status forms had been sent to members who had lost contact with the board. These so-called "lost sheep" had until Dec. 30 to reply or they would be considered to be resigned. Stephen Wagner replied and re-pledged his involvement with the board. A few other people on the list still had to be contacted for various reasons. The following people who were contacted are were considered to have resigned as of Jan. 14: Anthony Caciolo, Bob Campbell, Herbert Campbell, Bill DeCamp, Brian A. Dillman, Richard Guyer, Bob Hoerner, Nicholas Pitsilos, Christopher Reilly, Jyotin Sachdev, and Andrew Schantz.

Strategic Planning Update: There was no further development since Diana lost contact information from everyone interested in participating since her purse was stolen. She will follow up with them.

Event Report – Happy Hours: Dennis reported that Starter's Riverport has agreed to host Happy Hours for \$150 each evening with a cash bar and drink specials to be negotiated. Available dates include Feb. 3, April 7, and May 5. Dennis shall pass this information to Diana Colahan, who is the point person for this project.

Event Report – EIWA Sendoff: Dennis reported that Starters Riverport had been tentatively booked for the EIWA Sendoff of Wednesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. The pricing structure would be the same as for the happy hours described above. The club would charge \$4-5 per person for such an event. Because the likelihood of having members of the wrestling team attend are remote, Dennis suggested asking "legends" of Lehigh Wrestling, such as Mike Caruso, to participate in a panel discussion on their EIWA tournament experiences. The board liked the idea and agreed that Dennis should pursue it.

Event Report – Career Networking Reception: The Lehigh Valley Career Networking Reception (CNR) will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 24, at Lutron Electronics Company in Coopersburg. Dennis will attend the CNR on behalf of the Home Club, and all board members are encouraged to attend as well. There was a brief discussion and concern about the registration cost of \$20.00 for students. Monica Timar of LUAA noted that proceeds benefit the alumni association's career service activities, including the work of LUAA career professionals Lori Kennedy and Robin Dougherty. Dennis shared that Lori Kennedy was a tremendous resource to

him in early 2002 when he was between career opportunities. Monica asked Dennis to say a few words about the Home Club at the CNR, and Dennis agreed to do so.

Event Report – Earth Day Forum: At its previous meeting, the board discussed the possibility of holding an Earth Day panel discussion in the style of the “Bethlehem to Bagdad” program held in conjunction with other local colleges in Dec. 2004. There was a discussion of the difficulties LUAA faced in putting together such an event with limited commitment by other schools. Charlie Lieb suggested that the Home Club and LUAA work by themselves to create Lehigh-focused forums of a timely nature. John Berseth mentioned that he would like to see a forum on the recent Congressional economic stimulus plan titled “Where’d it Go?” The board discussed potential speakers for such a forum, including Congressman Charles Dent, himself a Home Club member. Dennis asked Charlie to chair this effort, and Charlie agreed. This idea will be discussed at the February board meeting.

Event Report – Spring Student Theater at Zoellner: No report.

Event Report – Golf Outing: It was reported that the golf outing’s date was changed successfully to May 12 to coincide with Alumni Weekend. Monica Timar also noted that the Class of 1959 will have a golf outing on Sunday, May 17.

Event Report – Night at the Ballpark: No report.

Event Report – Freshman Sendoff: Dennis will work with Ann Coy at LUAA to arrange a meeting in the near future with members of the Air Products alumni affinity group. There is a possibility that Air Products would sponsor the sendoff.

Other Business: Dennis re-iterated the need for a new web specialist to work with the Home Club. Dennis asked Monica if a note about this need can be added to an e-mail blast going out. Monica indicated that she thinks that such an addition would be possible.

Meeting Schedule: The February meeting will be moved to Feb. 11 at 6:30 because of the potential for a Happy Hour in the first week of February. The board agreed not to hold an abbreviated meeting before the EIWA sendoff in March. The other meeting dates for the year are April 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.; and the Annual Meeting on May 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Dennis Zehner and Diana Colahan

Lehigh Home Club

Treasurer's Report – Jan. 14, 2009

Opening Balance	11/30/2008	\$6690.05
Receipts	Memberships (Life)	0.00
	Dues	0.00
	Program Deposits -Telecast	100.00
Disbursements		
	Yahoo Web	(0.00)
	Event Costs Telecast	(0.00)
	Guests	(0.00)
	Contributions	(0.00)
Balance	12/30/2008 (reconciled)	\$6790.05