FSR/FO Alumni Society

Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2017 4:55pm-5:55pm

Venue: Land Grant Brewing, 424 W Town St, Columbus OH 43215

Present: Becky Moehl, Nick Zachrich, Mallory Zachrich, Adam Bennett, Brian Tabit, Genevieve (Genny) Groves, Tim Stovell, Craig Fendrick, Kevin King

1. Approval of the minutes from August 17, 2017 – Kevin King moves, Nick Zachrich seconds, all concur
2. Treasurer’s report produced by Clay Rose – Kevin King suggests we talk to Matt Sullivan regarding spending to elevate FSR Alumni level (Gray last year)
3. Alumni Association/CARL report – Kevin King reporting
   Pins provided “#BuckeyeStrong” in response to the Nov 28th 2016 terrorist act on campus.
4. Event reports/plans for 2017/2018 – Becky Moehl reporting
   • Spring, Summer, and Fall Meetings:
     Our May 2017 Meeting was at the Cabin at FSR and was well attended. Advantage: Can bring your own food. The schedule depends on when we need allocation for Scholarships. **March 2018 is earmarked for Spring Meeting.**
     Aug 2017 Meeting was at Mother Stewart’s Brewery in Springfield Ohio.
     Decision to table Summer and Fall meetings later.
   • Mow & Blow/Student Feed – Sept 10th 2017 - Nick Zachrich and Craig Fendrick reporting
     Not the best financially we have had. Fewer lots. We took in $1575 and our best was $1800. Adam Bennett will now be in charge of scheduling the lots and coordinating the mowing and Becky Moehl has taken on the food for the Student Feed as Craig and Karen Fendrick are retiring from these duties.
     Food from City BBQ is the tradition. Some BBQ was left over for students. 1 whole cake was left over.
   • 2017 FSR Overview - Nick Zachrich reporting:
     Farm Science Review was September 19-21, 2017 – 55th anniversary (35th at the Molly Caren location).
     Weather really determines the attendance: Muddy. Attendance down a little bit. Nick has gotten good feedback from exhibitors.
   • FSR changes for 2018 - Nick Zachrich reporting:
     It will be larger: 96 acre Exhibit area (up from 80 acres). Admissions: Ticket Booths will be moved. SR 38 Exhibitor backup was too much for 1 gate. We will get them off the
road and then ticket them when they enter the Exhibitor area. (Walk In vs Vehicle ticketing)

3 Day Pass will be no more. Only Single Day tickets to ease Administrative duties.

- Football Home Game September 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2017 vs UNLV Report. - Nick Zachrich reporting:
  Went well. Scott Schearer, Dept Chair for Ag Engineering, and Curt Cook grilled the prime rib. Sold all 20 tickets.

- Football Home Game/Tailgate 2018 - Nick Zachrich reporting:
  First home game will be Oregon St. ??

- Football Away Game 2018 - Nick Zachrich reporting:
  Away Games 2018, 20 ticket minimum. Experience shows us the closer the game is to Columbus the better we are at selling tickets. \textbf{Purdue Oct 20, 2018? Michigan State Nov 10, 2018?}

- 2018 Events: - Nick Zachrich reporting:
  -The 21\textsuperscript{st} Annual Turf Management Outing – Currently set for June 13, 2018 at Raccoon International. Comments: 2017 Event was less attended. 8 teams about 30 people. Net $ dropped by 40%. Beer sales dropping. Do we want to continue the Golf Outing or try for outings that attract more alumni?
  
  \textbf{We will discuss whether to have the Turf Grass for 2018 at the March Meeting.}
  
  Nick to send out a survey asking for preferences. What attractions?/When/Where?/Wine tasting?/Auctions?/etc
  
  It was mentioned that the LGBTQ Alumni Association has successful fundraisers and gatherings. \textit{Genny} to contact the LGBTQ Alumni Assoc to get ideas.

  -Mow and Blow – September 9, 2018
  
  -Farm Science Review – September 18-20, 2018. 56\textsuperscript{th} Annual.

5. Student crew update and thanks.

  Needs: A second refrigerator at the Review would be helpful. Kevin King suggests looking into a purchase.

6. BOG Nominations

  Adam moves that Pat Whittington (Asst Dean of Ag and Melena Dillingham’s father) be nominated as an Honorary Member. Nick seconds. Vote-all Ayes.

  \textit{Ken Ulrich, Matt Sullivan, Mike Adkins and Elizabeth Leeper Melick all approved as continued honorary members. Mentions of the late Molly Caren and Bill George as honorary members}
Nick moves that Brian Tabit be nominated as an Honorary Member:, Becky seconds. Vote-all Ayes.

7. Update of Alumni addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for future correspondence.

Melena Dillingham is working with Craig Fendrick on this. In Progress.

Assignment left over from Aug 17, 2017 meeting: Genny – Alumni Websites need more monitoring, very muddy out there, can’t find meeting minutes, photos, etc anymore. Genny assigned to contact Melena Dillingham (Office Associate) to discuss website “audits”.

8. Other for the good of the orderly?

Next Meeting – Early in March 2018 at the Cabin.


Brian moved to end the meeting. Nick seconds.