

Abbreviated SAAC Minutes from January 28, 2009 Meeting, at 8pm

The student-athletes in attendance were: Kara Kreutzer, Leann Barber, Dianna Meyer, Amy Hunt, Tamara Luccioli, Anna Lindeborg, Brendan Gillins, Evan Smith, Alex Sickman, Tom Wright, Daniel Dixon, Guilherme Wu Ferraz, Giovana Fensterseifer, Brittany Torain, Asha Gwynn, Angii Verbeelen and Mitch Krywulycz.

The committee members discussed the **date and time for the next SAAC meeting**, and decided on **Monday, February 9, at 7:30 pm**. Other dates of note are the **nutrition seminar for all athletes on February 26, at 5:30pm** and a **speaker in the JSAC Ballroom for all athletes on April 15 (time TBA)**.

The committee received a reminder that **Facebook profiles, comments and photos should be appropriate and tasteful**, also bearing in mind that underage drinking is not tolerated by the university, and that athletes, especially the SAAC representatives, should set good examples because they are representing Augusta State.

The committee reviewed the proper venue for filing a complaint with the Athletic Department, especially more minor ones. **A complaint should first be directed to the student-athlete's coach**, even if the complaint is regarding the coach, before seeking other administrative staff.

The committee **followed up earlier concerns about hazing** among the athletic teams with the **agreement to perform a skit** in front of other student athletes in hopes that educating other athletes about the subject will reduce its occurrence.

Angii gave an update on Make-A-Wish fundraising: **\$750 has been raised, of a projected goal of \$1000 for the year**. Dianna gave the committee information on the dunking booth idea. The booth will cost \$75 to rent for the day, so as long as the event raises at least enough to cover the cost of the rental, the event would be worth doing as an additional fundraiser. With advertising and cooperation of the coaches, this should be no problem. For the next two home basketball games, two teams volunteered to man the Make-A-Wish table near the front of the door. Volleyball will be at the Saturday, February 7th game, and Cross Country will be at the Wednesday, February 11th game.

The committee voted on whether or not parents would be invited to the Awards Banquet. At first, there was a tie, but then it was broken by teams that had abstained. **The committee agreed to hold the banquet, for athletes and coaches only, on April 30, at 6pm in the JSAC Ballroom**. The Tennis team agreed to be responsible for finding the menu options from the catering coordinator at the JSAC. The committee agreed on the **"black and white" theme**. Tamara agreed to get started on the decorations ideas. Another idea in place of or supplementing team pictures in the slide show is that each team make a **short video highlighting their team in action, a "back stage pass"** for other teams to understand each sport better.

Amy brought up the **problem of drinking and driving in Augusta** and expressed the lack of safe, affordable rides home for partying (over-21 year old) students. She agreed with the point that students should be responsible and designate a driver, but emphasized that a cab ride is preferable to driving

with an impaired driver. However, it seems that taxis are not prompt, accessible or affordable, and Amy **suggested that SAAC try to partner with a local cab company to give a student rate.** In turn, the company would receive more student services from advertising and hearsay for being the “preferred taxi service”, even for around-town or airport services, etc.

Coach Mullins mentioned that the T-shirt design had been submitted to a company, although she had not yet given all the sizes to the company. The committee looked at the music survey prepared by Leann and also reviewed song lyrics and song lists for some pre-game music suggestions. Coach Mullins also provided information regarding the new Camp Twin Lakes facility at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, as they are seeking camp counselors for next summer.