**Minutes 4/16 Meeting**

I. Events

1. Crew Fan Appreciation Saturday 4/19

2. Tennis Fan Appreciation: Wednesday 4/23 at 4pm

3. Track Saturday 5/3 at Swarthmore (taking a van)

4. Cookie Hour—Wednesday 4/23 12:30pm-1:30pm in Campus Center

5. Board of Trustees meeting: Friday 4/25 at 2:25 pm in Taylor (C?)

6. Rubgy: drag ball Friday at 8ish in Radnor common room

II. Candidates’ speeches

Rachel Hager: rising senior, crew and indoor track, running for treasurer

-Hey y'all, I'm Rachel Hager, a rising senior on the crew and indoor track teams. I'm running for the position of SAAC treasurer. I've been a SAAC rep for three years and am excited to take on a leadership role with Bryn Mawr SAAC.

I'm organized, I stay on top of all of my commitments, I'm energetic, dedicated, and passionate about life including athletics.

One of the main responsibilities of SAAC treasurer is drawing up a budget to submit to SGA. I have successful experiences writing budgets for external grant funding for research. And know I can learn the ropes of SGA using the experience I already have.

I am proficient with excel and statistical programs. And I keep a detailed record of my own finances down to every penny I spend as well as save all my receipts, and will certainly do the same if elected as SAAC treasurer.

I will also bring diversity and new experience to the SAAC board as a crew and indoor track athlete.

So vote for me to keep the budget in good order, so we can continue cookie/cupcake hour and hopefully set aside money for more fun athlete activities like a watermelon eating contest, a carnival athlete social, and any other fabulous ideas y'all come up with.

Kelli Breeden, rising senior (abroad in Australia this semester), soccer, running for treasurer

-Wants to represent BMC athletics to best of ability, driving force as promoting us as scholar athletes, wants to be part of it, served as soccer SAAC rep previously, help and support the growing number of athletes at Bryn Mawr, help others the way she’s been supported in the past

Phoebe Jordan, rising senior, swimming, secretary

-Served as secretary for the past year, takes minutes, communicate information to everyone as fast as possible, continue community service like Relay for Life and Fight for a Cure, gets reps more involved

Holly Constants, rising senior, field hockey and basketball, Public Relations

-Cheerleader/mascot, communicate information about upcoming games, extremely organized, fan appreciation events have been successful and more participation this year, also organize other events, aware of values of different forms of communication, commited to sports at BMC, make sure supporters are appreciated, good ideas for fundraising and community service like Owls fight for a cure, co-president of community service committee, key to position is being supportive, upbeat, share what athletes do to rest of campus

Allie Nagelski, rising sophomore, volleyball, vice president

-Great experience as athlete and wants to continue to improve athletic experience, excited to plan events (high school planned prom), contribute to SAAC in different capacity than in past, really supports SAAC and values its importance

Mikah Farbo, rising senior, field hockey, president

-Seen athletic department grow over past years and thinks it is awesome how we’ve come to support athletics; wants to increase commitment to each other through all athletics; change the way we sit at SAAC meeting into circle to bring more openness; change involvement by creating committees (social media committee) to give more active roles; give an all-year calendar; get speakers for National Student Athlete Day, etc; experience as VP, wants to increase leadership role

Questions:

1. What would you do in your role to increase athletics visibility on campus?

-Holly: Do stalls, send emails to athletes, help plan, word of mouth, facebook posts, been trying to increase also, sister teams take on lead to make flyers and advertise

-Phoebe: hope to disseminate information through representatives, each rep can use their other roles on campus to help get outsiders involved

-Mikah: create committee, visibility committee; help give out incentives for attending games; make fan squat to effectively increase outside student

-Rachel: connection to SGA, can use that to help spread word and get non-athletes excited to come support; sister team messages posted on dorm rooms not just in locker room

-Allie: support each others’ sports teams which will help increase visibility of athletics on campus, build community

2. We’ve done a lot of outreach in past, what can we do to increase our competitiveness to better our rep in conference?

-Mikah: hard to take on, out of our control to extend but could try to get more skilled athletes by sending emails and being active on admitted students day

-Phoebe: retention a big piece, make sure athletes feel appreciated

Suggestion: send cards to accepted students with SAACs help

-Mikah: suggests make that committee duty, send cards with names/major/sport

-Rachel: Accepted student weekend broadcast upperclassmen support, give out emails and be resource

3. Along with idea of increasing involvement, how would you increase involvement for sport-side activities like relay for life?

-Holly: each team rep really get team involved so it comes from within the team; then other teams will feed off that involvement

-Rachel: sister teams play a big part; crew and track really supported each other and created community feel; show support

-Phoebe: incentives play a big role, inter-team competition so team that raises most gets prize

III. Cycle-a-thon: Friday 4/25

-If you raise $30 you get a t-shirt!

-Gearing Up: really great organization that helps incarcerated women (gives them

bikes, helps with recovery)

-Link here: http://www.gearing-up.org/

IV. Banquet: MAKE SURE YOUR TEAMS RSVP

-Teams make their own centerpieces (8 people per table, so figure out how many

you need)

-Due day of banquet

-Look for the link to vote for Sportsmanship award this Friday

V. Centennial Conference SAAC recap (Melina and Kendall)

-Conference call last weekend (in-person meeting got cancelled)

-Check-in with other institutions, talked about National Student Athlete Day and

National Women in Sports Day, Relay for Life, what speaker they wanted in the

fall

-Centennial Conference Sportsmanship Award: if you have any nominations email Melina, allowed to nominate one team and one individual (doesn’t have to be from BMC)

VI. Customs week

-Discussion with Customs Committee: anything that stood out to you in particular that you want discussed? Trying to better coordinate schedules

-Also DLT training

-Really hard to communicate with coaches (DLT schedule came out really late)

-Important to get more athletes involved in DLT (increase visibility)

-Talking to Customs-people about being accommodating of athletes’ schedules, putting games on Customs schedules

VII. Faculty outreach

-Faculty meeting today: discussed 4 to 6 time block (supposed to be reserved for athletics)

-Trying to raise awareness to professors (labs, TA hours, events that aren’t on the syllabus, TEAS)

-Professors’ questions: scheduling issues (which days to offer classes), acceptable number of classes/practices to miss (even balance), field trips

-Getting athletes to be more upfront with professors: sit down and talk with them so they can understand that you’re not blowing them off

-Figuring out ways to catch up on the material

-Reach out to your first-years

-Ongoing conversation (probably go again in the fall)

VIII. Owls of the Week

-Claire Johnson: scored 4 goals, lots of assists

-Georgina Dominique

-**Megan Kilmer: scored 2 goals against Rosemont**

**-Kendall Baller: clinched the win against Washington College (won doubles**

**and singles that day)**