

Minutes
University of Kentucky Athletic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
18th Floor Patterson Office Tower
August 3, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He asked Secretary Barbara Jones to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present: Wendell Bell, Jack Brown, Frank Butler, Ballard Cassady, Joseph Fink, Tom Hammond, Scott Kelley, Kathi Kern, Robert Mock, S. T. Roach, Frank Shoop, Lee Todd, Darby Turner, Bruce Walcott, and Lionel Williamson. Absent from the meeting were Dermontti Dawson and Kumble Subbaswamy. Ms. Jones announced that a quorum was present.

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, members of his staff, and members of the various news media were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

President Todd said that the May 13, 2010 Minutes had been circulated and asked for any corrections to the Minutes. Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the Minutes. Dr. Fink seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

President's Comments

President Todd thanked outgoing members Luther Deaton and Charles Cassis for their service on the Board and introduced new members Wendell Bell, Jack Brown, Ballard Cassady, Robert Mock, and Darby Turner. He asked Mr. Barnhart to tell the Board about his climb of Mount Rainier and the Lighthouse Ministries that benefited from his climb.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Barnhart told about his climb of Mount Rainier and his involvement in the Lighthouse Ministries. He then talked about the community service project that student-athletes will be doing this year which involves delivering food for the weekend to needy children in grade schools.

Mr. Barnhart briefly reviewed the annual report and the Football GameDay Ready packet that had been distributed to the Board. He recognized Deputy Athletics Director Rob Mullens for his service to the Athletics Department, the University, and the community for the past 8 years and wished him the best in his new position as Athletic Director at the University of Oregon. Mr. Mullens made brief comments and expressed appreciation to President Todd, Mr. Barnhart, and the Board for the support that they have given to him. He received a round of applause from the Board.

Finance Committee Report

Executive Vice President Frank Butler reported that the Finance Committee met and approved the proposed basketball K Fund and ticket price adjustments. He asked Associate Athletics Director Mark Coyle to present the details of the proposed increases.

Mr. Coyle reported that the University of Kentucky Athletics Department continues to donate \$1.7M annually to the University and continues to spend approximately 25 percent of its self-supporting budget back to campus. He reviewed the history of the K Fund, noting where UK ranks with its peers. The proposed plan is to increase annual donations to the current K Fund seats to generate \$2.8M and increase ticket prices \$7 a game for all seats to generate \$850K. Both increases have UK equal to or below its peers in men's basketball.

Mr. Butler moved approval of the proposed price adjustments. Mr. Shoop seconded the motion, and the adjustments were approved without dissent.

President Todd mentioned many good things that the Athletics Department has done and continues to do with its budget for the University. He said that he is proud of the Department.

Other Business

Dr. Joe Fink, UK's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA, announced that he had been appointed to membership on the NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits, Expenses, and Financial Aid Cabinet. The appointment is effective immediately and goes through July 1, 2014.

He announced that he has a series of open forums planned to facilitate relationships between academics and athletics. The first forum will be September 9, and it will feature a panel of coaches talking about their roles and expectations of their student-athletes. The forums are aimed primarily at faculty but are open to staff and students. The goal is to have three forums a semester. He invited the Board members to attend the forums.

Meeting Adjourned

The Athletic Association Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Jones
Secretary