

REDCOAT BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Meeting Minutes (Saturday, August 13, 2016)

Meeting called to order by President Leigh Tompros at 10:09 am in Edge Hall of the Hodgson School of Music.

UPDATE ABOUT CURRENT REDCOAT BAND - DR. MIKE ROBINSON

- 9th year
- instruments and uniforms- upgraded
- invitation to today's practice
- never been a stronger sound
- only 4 days of full band camp this year
- 435 members - limit of 440 because of bus capacity
- retention rate- 94% return rate above national rate of 50-60%
- Winter Drum Line - Equinox World Class based at UGA - new free instruments for WDL will then be used by Redcoats the following fall as well as amplification for front ensemble
- Field update: completed except for sideline area/fence which will be completed in the next two weeks
- Saturday rehearsals will be at Redcoat Field.
- Jacket - available for purchase
- Exhibitions this Fall - Cass HS & Cedar Shoals

UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR OF BANDS - DR. CYNTHIA TURNER

- 3rd year
- assistance from UGA president
- widespread curriculum change/culture change in School of Music
- Wind Ensemble - NBD Conference
- secure conditioned storage at Redcoat Field is a priority
- support Redcoats by using Amazon

Leigh Tompros introduced Board members.

Linda Butts announced results vote for new Board member slate of nominees. All confirmed - Danny Roberson, Daniel Peach, Morgan (Rappatta) Micetich

Motion made and Vote was taken to approve minutes from the 2015 meeting. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT / DONATIONS -DAVE HANSON

- 37,446 for 2015
- support for field and scholarships

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOMEcomings- ELLEN BLACK

- Our Homecoming rehearsal will be at new field
- 270 currently registered for Homecoming
- call time/game time - TBD
- encourage people to register now and not as walk ups
- Jim Black is producing a hype video for Alumni Band

REDCOAT EXHIBIT @ UGA LIBRARY - Rebecca Yardley, Sara Emery, Jacob Weinstein

- Exhibit is open
- Thank you to Jacob for his efforts
- Jacob compiled 100+ pages of research for Hargrett - digitized audio files - The exhibit will be the foundation for a History Hall in the School of Music
- Sara - Franklin College Board of Advisors will see exhibit and hear from Jacob
- Rebecca/Sara - Friday Oct 14 following HC parade, there will be a Gala event at the Exhibit to fundraise for a tower at Redcoat field
 - in Rotunda- charge \$50 per ticket for the catered event, of which \$25 will go to tower fund - would raise \$6000 - 200 people attending - Dean of Franklin College and Dr. Robinson will be in attendance - Derbies will play an outside concert

WAYS & MEANS / FUNDRAISING - LEE BUTTS

- photos shown of tower, bleacher stands, and bricked area
- plan for bricks to be installed

TRADEMARK / ROYALTIES

- Red Zone- shirts, hats, Tervis®
- UGA Bookstore- T-shirts, Tervis®
- Oasis Embroidery - Official Alumni uniform, RBAA shirts, hats, jackets, licensed vendor
- Universities Forever online store - www.universitiesforever.com – “Redcoat Band Collection”

AUXILIARIES - CASSIE MOATES & JULIE HAYES

WGI – AYOP Nationals in South Bend (UGA Majorettes won)

YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE (YAC) -CHRISTINA SWOOPE

- Build bridges between current members and alumni - to create a seamless transition
- introduced YAC Council members
- homecoming participation - 120 young alumni
- countdown to homecoming - share on social media
- senior gifts - presented at band banquet - small poster print
- Redcoat Network - making connections for new graduates
- The PRE-GAME – come tonight

PEP BAND - MARK PERRY

- pep band performances - 9 events
- 133 participants
- 50 different individuals
- 8-10 new players
- \$6,100 raised - lower because there are no UGA Alumni Days opportunities any more
- work to re-establish Alumni Association connection
- work in progress to create a Pep Band alumni music folder that can be accessible online
- work with YAC to appeal to younger alumni
- need “Pep Band Opportunities Development” leader

COMMUNICATIONS - BRIAN SUGRUE

- channels of communication- web, email, social media
- teleconferencing- new platform
- email - new platform

NEW BUSINESS:

Ellen - Jacob Weinstein has worked thousands of hours in recreating the history of the Redcoat Band. Thank you to Jacob. Redcoat Band History Preservation Award.

Discussion and Motion for Daniel Peach to explore state license plate possibility. Motion approved.

Leigh expressed her appreciation for all who worked with her during her term as President of the Board and passed the gavel to Christina Swoope.

Christina presented Leigh with a personalized gavel in appreciation for her service.

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie (Thacker) Hayes
RBAA Secretary