

# University of Georgia Redcoat Band Alumni Association

## Board Meeting – April 13, 2004

### In Attendance:

Amber Weldon-Stevens  
Marion English  
Rebecca Willoughby  
Lee Butts  
Linda Butts

*From UGA:*  
Brett Bawcum

Held at O'Charlie's near Mall of Georgia – 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Amber Weldon-Stevens

Agenda handed out by Amber (copy attached to these Minutes)

Amber welcomed the Board and thanked each member for attending.

Minutes from the January 20, 2004, board meeting were available from Linda Butts but due to time constraints, Marion asked to waive the reading of the minutes.

Brett Bawcum brought the Board up to date on a number of performing schedules:

- They are currently in the second round of concerts for Spring
- G-Day is on Saturday, whereby the second round of Drum Major auditions will occur (25 are auditioning, including 3 freshmen)
- The next Wind Ensemble CD entitled, “American Influences” will be cut tomorrow

Officially, David Romines has been confirmed as the Director of the Redcoat Band. There will now be a search for the Director of Bands.

### **By-Laws and Election Committee**

Laura Moates recently became engaged (*congratulations!*) and will have her committee report for the next meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Laura asked Amber for a copy of the By-Laws, and Lee reminded the Board that the By-Laws are posted on the web site ([www.redcoatalumniband.com](http://www.redcoatalumniband.com)). If any changes need to be made, we need to set procedures. The fiscal year for the Redcoat Alumni Band organization mirrors the Alumni Foundation: July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Brett responded to a question about handling the quarterly honorarium for the Executive Administrator: Rebecca has been paid for 2003 and reimbursed for expenses, but Brett needs to process both first and second quarter, 2004, payments to her. Kristie is aware of processing details, and will handle expense reimbursements.

### **Practice Field**

The recently-acquired Hardin property will not be available for the future Redcoat practice field after all; President Adams has designated it to be a Green Space. As of this Board meeting, there is

no solution for Fall 2004 practice facilities for the Redcoats. Discussion ensued about using the Parking Lot and Intramural Practice Field #8 ... neither of which are good options.

### **100-Year Celebration**

Much discussion took place about the upcoming 100-year anniversary of the Redcoats. Homecoming is designated as Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. If an event is held on Friday night, similar to the Sudler Award, then concerns were raised not only about attendance from Redcoat alums who are high school band directors, but also about having enough hotel rooms available. Current Redcoats have a commitment to march in the Homecoming Parade (6:30 pm) which would press them for time to perform, change and arrive for an 8:15 dinner. The possibility of having the Homecoming Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, after the game, was discussed enthusiastically by the Board. Brett attempted to call Rusty about changing the Classic Center venue from Friday to Saturday night, but was unable to connect with him ... but will pursue. Brett is also checking on the block of hotel rooms that may have been reserved. He stressed that we must break even with costs for the anniversary event; it is not an option to incur a deficit. Brett was asked about the costs of the Sudler event in October, 2000 – Brett will advise.

### **Update Concerning Homecoming Tickets**

Brett mentioned an email from Kristie (attached to these minutes) which outlines her organizational thoughts for Homecoming tickets. There were issues with the Athletic Department concerning payment for the 2003 ticket allotment; there may be repercussions for our 2004 tickets.

### **Reflector Update**

The target date for the next Reflector post card is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion centered around having a “call to action” for this communication, as well as pointing Redcoat alums to the web site for a list of hotels, specific times, celebration details, and event registration etc. Lee reported that the database has been merged with the Alumni Foundation database, and is available for Rebecca to update via a secure web link. All database functions were operational as of April 10<sup>th</sup>. All name and address updates will be date-stamped automatically and then cross-referenced with the Alumni list before future mailings are sent. This should minimize our mailing costs for duplicates and incorrect addresses (another “thank you” to Jeff Delk for his Foundation assistance).

### **Other Business**

The unauthorized Redcoat Anniversary “Book” is still underway, without the funding that was requested by the independent author.

Amber summarized this board meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The next meeting was set for 6/3/04 at 6:30 at O’Charlie’s, their Pleasant Hill location.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Lee; seconded by Marion; unanimous vote to adjourn*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Butts, Secretary

## **Agenda**

### **Redcoat Band Alumni Board Meeting**

**April 13th, 2004**

1. Welcome Everyone
2. Reading of the minutes from our last board meeting
3. Bylaws update
  - Election Procedures
4. Administrative Assistant Payment Issues
5. Report from the Treasurer
  - Lee Butts
6. Report from the Development Officer
  - Jeff Delk
7. Redcoat Practice Field Project
  - What is the latest?
8. Redcoat Celebration Anniversary
  - Committee Development
9. Reflector Update
  - Rebecca Willoughby
10. Next Meeting
11. Old Business, New Business, Issues, Concerns
12. Adjourned

## Supporting Document

Subj: **Homecoming -Vanderbilt on October 16.**  
Date: Tuesday April 13, 2004 12:07:40 PM  
From: ksartain@uga.edu  
To: dromines@uga.edu, bbawcum@uga.edu  
bcc:

Homecoming ticket info. The Athletic Association had four checks returned for the homecoming tickets. I have recovered 3 of the 4. The fourth one has not had enough time to respond but I do expect to recover it as well. Last year I did not get the checks until after homecoming and several of them were made out to the wrong payee, thus delaying the time in which we could get the athletic department paid.

This year we need to be able to turn in the payment for the tickets when we pick them up. I will do a check request for the payment out of one of our accounts and then deposit all the alumni checks into that account. This will insure that the athletic department gets prompt payment. Please see my suggested timeline for homecoming tickets below.

ASAP Reflector with Homecoming info/orderform  
Late July/Early August Reflector with Homecoming info/orderform

September 24 Postmark deadline for order form

September 30 Deadline for order form to Rebecca

October 4th Deadline for ticket to Kristie (Kristie, could help Rebecca stuff envelopes in band office)

October 5th Email to alumni if we have tickets still available. (credit card payment only call the band office, first come first served)

October 16th Homecoming!

Just my thoughts,  
Kristie