

# University of Georgia Redcoat Band Alumni Association

## Board Meeting – January 9, 2007

In Attendance:

Lee Butts  
Linda Butts  
Marion English  
Lyn Olliff  
Laura Stanley  
Rebecca Willoughby

From UGA:

Jeffrey Delk  
Tom Keck  
David Romines

The meeting was held at O'Charleys on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Highway in Lawrenceville and started at 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Laura Stanley

The minutes from the October 24, 2006 Board meeting were e-mailed to each Board member so they could review them before tonight's meeting.

**Motion: Moved that the minutes be approved. (Moved by Lee Butts, seconded by Marion English) Passed unanimously**

### **Treasurer's Report – Lee Butts**

The balance in the RBAA Homecoming 2006 account after expenses and donations is \$3,579.78. The UGA Alumni Association gave us \$750.00 to help cover the expenses of Homecoming. The expenses covered included mailings, signs, nametags, and supplies.

Homecoming 2007 will be the Troy State game on November 3, 2007. Lee will contact the ticket office to find out the deadline for getting the money for the family tickets to the Athletic Association. There will be no priority lists this year. Family tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis. One of the suggestions we got last year after Homecoming was that our "marching position" be posted on the website 7 days before Homecoming, We will try and have that done this year.

## **Homecoming 2007**

Marion English talked to Tom Wallace about arranging a song that would be for the Redcoat Alumni Band and would be played each year as the feature song at Homecoming. Tom was very agreeable to the idea. The RBAA would pay Tom for the arrangement. The price Tom charges is based on the number of pages in the score. A 2 minute song could cost from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00. Tom was receptive to the idea of doing a short medley of 2 or 3 songs that are familiar to everyone. Marion suggested that it needs to be an arrangement that would interest those players who still play, yet not be too far over the heads of those people who don't really play their instrument any more.

**Motion: Moved that the RBAA fund this project up to \$1500.00. (Moved by Marion English, seconded by Laura Stanley) Passed unanimously**

Jeffrey Delk brought up that we should contact the UGA Alumni Association now about support for Homecoming 2007. By contacting them now, they might increase their support for Homecoming 2007. It was suggested that they might be interested in funding the arrangement by Tom Wallace. Laura Stanley, Lee Butts and Jeff will meet with the UGA Alumni Association about support for this year.

## **Redcoat Practice Facility**

Jeffrey Delk e-mailed the Associate Dean for External Affairs and asked her what was happening with the proposal for the practice facility. The Dean has had several conversations with the Provost about the facility, but has not heard anything official from the Provost Office. Many hours have been invested by the Committee Members (Music, Intramurals, Housing, Planning & Architecture) to come up with the best location for the practice facility. There is now some concern that the location might be changed without any input from the RBAA. The Board decided to send a letter to Provost Arnett Mace requesting him to quickly make a decision on a location for the facility.

**Motion: Since the Redcoat Dedicated Practice Complex issue has been thoroughly defined and alternatives prioritized (and refined) by all departments concerned, and since the "right" location that fulfills the**

**logistical and space requirements has not been announced, our ability to raise money from enthusiastic alumni is blocked. Based on the current history of decisions that have been delayed, I move that the Board of the Redcoat Band Alumni Association send a letter (signed by the President and Treasurer) to Provost Arnett Mace expressing our concern for the facilities problem that has not been properly addressed for three years – the problem that the Redcoat Band is one of the largest and most visible “classes” at the University of Georgia and still lacks adequate practice facilities to accomplish their goals. (Moved by Lee Butts, seconded by Marion English) Passed unanimously**

### **Redcoat Band Update**

The band performance at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl went well. The band practiced at Northview High School. Peter Zervakos opened the facilities at the school to the Redcoats and even had the school's janitorial and cafeteria staff come in to cook and clean-up for the band.

The Director of Bands position has been offered to John Lynch, but they are still in the negotiation stage. Several members of the Board expressed their disappointment that Dr. John Culvahouse, Interim Director of Bands, was not selected as one of the four finalists for the position.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the O'Charleys on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road in Lawrenceville.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Olliff, Secretary

Attachments:  
Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report – Lee Butts January 9, 2007

### Goal: Improved Communication with Alumni and Friends

#### Web Site Activity

Month	Daily Average Visits	Monthly Visits
	Visits	Visits
Dec 2006	69	2166
Nov 2006	80	2414
Oct 2006	162	5025
Sep 2006	106	3087
Aug 2006	87	2702
Jul 2006	93	2892

#### Homecoming 2007

- Goal: Postcard mailing and emails distributed mid-April
- Goal: to have alumni registration starting mid-April
- Goal: to have registration for Family Tickets open from mid-April to the end of May
- Goal: to allow easy contact updates, homecoming registration, and confirmation via the web site
- Goal: to have music available on the web site 2 months before Homecoming
- Goal: to have “marching position” on web site 7 days before Homecoming

### Goal: Accurate Accounting for Funds

#### RBAA Homecoming 2006

- Balance after expenses and donations to Redcoat orgs. - \$3,579.78

#### UGA Alumni Association Participation

Thanks to the UGA Alumni Association for their financial support of the Homecoming 2006 festivities by delivering a check for \$750 to support the expenses of the day, which include mailings, signs, nametags and supplies.