

MINUTES OF THE U. OF M. CLUB OF DOWNRIVER BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING – February 1, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Richardson at 7:42 P.M. Board members present included Richardson, Priskorn, Zick, Don Van Every, Kuchar, and newly appointed member, Katie Hartwell. Also present was Sandy Gidi, a club member who wishes to become involved in club business.

After a brief review of the previous meeting's minutes by Secretary Van Every, it was moved by Zick, supported by Priskorn, that the minutes of the January 2nd meeting be approved as presented. All voted aye.

Treasurer Priskorn then presented the monthly financial report, which indicated that as of January 31, 2001, the Club had \$9,155.37 in the bank account. For the seven months of the fiscal year dating back to July 1, 2000, the club has had \$14,462.75 in revenues and \$12,945.74 in expenses.

It was moved by Van Every, supported by Zick, that the financial report be approved as presented. All voted aye.

Richardson reported that the membership of the Club is stable, at about 1,100 members. Beginning on July 1st, all members of the Downriver Club must become members of the U. of M. Alumni Association.

Katie Hartwell, the new Club Scholarship Chairperson, reviewed with the Board a proposed new Lloyd Carr Scholarship application form. She suggested several changes from the previous application, and Board members were in favor of the changes. A couple of additional changes were suggested by Board members, and these will be incorporated into the final version, which will be sent via fax by Don Van Every to all Downriver high schools about the first of March.

Sports Boosters Chairperson Fred Kuchar and Richardson discussed plans for the attendance of Club members at the February 17th Michigan-Michigan State hockey game and the February 24th Michigan basketball game. About 20-25 Club members will go to dinner at a downtown restaurant prior to the hockey game.

Since the Michigan-Ohio State football game is scheduled for two days after Thanksgiving, on November 24th, 2001, it was decided to try to hold the Club's annual "Beat State" party on either Monday, November 19th, or Tuesday, November 20th. Joe Orlando, manager of the Sportsmen's Den, in Riverview is anxious to host our event again, so Richardson will check with him before deciding on the exact date.

Community Involvement chairperson Matt Zick reported that he had communicated with Katie Foley, the U. of M. student who is the head of a group of students planning a “clean up, fix up day” in Northwest Detroit on Saturday, March 31st. He discovered that most of the work will involve building or remodeling houses, a task that most of our Club members cannot handle. However, Katie is now trying to set up a less vigorous activity for Club members, perhaps as reading tutors. Zick will let us know about the activity at the next Board meeting.

The Annual Meeting and Spring Dinner is planned for the week of May 14th. Richardson has reserved 3 dates that week with Arnaldo’s Banquet Hall in Riverview. He is still working to get U. of M. Athletic Director Bill Martin to come and to be the main speaker. A final determination of the dinner date will be made soon. Both former Lloyd Carr scholarship winners will make an effort to come and say a few words to the group that evening.

The Club golf outing has been set for Riverview Highlands on Sunday, August 12th, which is a much better time than early July. This date will avoid conflicts with art fairs, classic car cruises, and the like. Richardson will convene the Board of Governors as a golf committee, with the first meeting set for March 5th, to plan the event.

Richardson reported that Christina Allen is the new U. of M. Alumni Association representative who will work with Detroit area clubs. She will attend our Board of Governor’s meeting on March 1st. The Alumni Association is now sending out a monthly email newsletter to key members who have email addresses.

Richardson will ask Steve Van Every to prepare a March Newsletter to those who have paid to receive one. It will emphasize the May Annual Meeting and the golf outing.

After a brief discussion, Board members approved to host following their regular March 1st monthly meeting, a presentation by a student member of the U. of M.’s solar car team. All members will be invited, plus members of the general public. The regular meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., and the presentation will be held at 8:00 P.M.

It was moved by Van Every, supported by Priskorn, to donate \$100 in Club funds to the U. of M. solar car project at the March meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Submitted by: Don Van Every, Board Secretary.

