**Sport Clubs RE Cord**

**From Leader to Leader**

*By Jon Olson*

At the February 2 sport club meeting, officers had the privilege of welcoming Mark Gold, Texas A&M Student Body President, for a lesson on leadership. Mark educated the officers on several definitions of leadership and polled a group of student volunteers for their opinion on contrasting leadership ideas. These ideas included conflicting views such as: Is a good leader one who stands out and is followed or one who is invisible and effectively leads? Does a good leader inspire or direct? Should a leader accept responsibility for the team or hold the team accountable? Most views were split down the middle. Officers from the same club even chose alternate sides.

Mark also pointed out that building relationships is essential to good leadership. However, being a good leader is not the only requirement for success. To lead well, a leader must have a purpose. Without purpose, nothing will truly get accomplished. He used a quote from Kurt Warner, “I have a purpose in my life, no matter what I am doing.” We should all strive to have purpose-driven attitudes like Kurt Warner.

As he was concluding, Mark discussed integrating the leadership views into Sport Clubs and made a very strong point. In order for us, as sport club officers, to inspire future leaders, “we must find a purpose that's bigger than the scoreboard.” Winning is important, but is striving for a higher purpose will enhance future success.

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**Winter Break Sport Club Travel**

*By Julia White*

While most clubs take time off over winter break, a few clubs continued competing while on vacation. Bowling competed in two tournaments in Las Vegas, NV - the Collegiate Shootout (December 20-21) and the Las Vegas Invitational (December 22-23). The pistol team travelled to Springfield, Missouri, January 15-18 with 13 members to compete against Missouri State University, and won two of the three events, with a high score of 545 by Zachary Nix in air pistol.

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**Administrative News: by Keith Joseph**

It's hard to believe we are already into the middle of February and in the middle of some great seasons thus far for clubs! What a great message Mark Gold sent to the Sport Clubs Association at our last meeting. All of our success on the field is great, but being a strong club and succeeding off the field is far more important. Embrace your opportunities you have today, which will help you become those strong leaders for tomorrow. Congrats to the Women's Volleyball, Women's Lacrosse and Men's Lacrosse clubs for hosting a few of amazing high school tournaments, and good luck to the Men's Rugby club who will host their very large high school tournament March 28. Congrats to all of the clubs for their amazing efforts thus far, and good luck to clubs still in the middle of their seasons.
A Look at the Executive Committee & Upcoming Elections

By Julia White

WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE DO?

The executive committee is a board of six student members who serve as the leadership of the Sport Club Association. These students act as a liaison between the individual sport clubs and the sport club staff. Being a member of the executive committee has made me a better team leader. It offers numerous leadership opportunities and provides a chance to help direct an organization that affects our ‘other education’ as Aggies by influencing and supporting sport clubs. Interacting with officers from every club is also a great way to learn about different methods of leadership and success.

While the executive committee has many responsibilities, the various jobs are split up and shared amongst the committee members so that each member has a specific focus and set of tasks. The officer positions are President, Risk Management, Treasurer/Fundraising, Sports Information Director, and Interclub Relations. The President provides the overall vision and direction for the Sport Club Association and is in charge of determining topics for monthly meetings and arranging speakers. The Risk Management Officer assists the Sport Clubs Coordinator with collection and tracking of items related to club safety. The Treasurer helps clubs with fundraising opportunities and works with the sport club staff relating to budgetary needs. The Sports Information Director develops and distributes the monthly sports clubs newsletter, and the Interclub Relations Officer organizes social events and acts as a mediator for clubs with internal conflicts. Responsibilities shared by all members are making recommendations for sport clubs’ annual funding allocations for each club, conducting disciplinary hearings, providing input for new policies and procedures, reviewing applications for new sport clubs, and providing recommendations for the acceptance or decline of new clubs.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Each spring, executive committee members are elected during the April sport club meeting. Each club is required to nominate at least one member from their club for a position on the executive committee. This member does not need to be a current officer. The only requirement for a nominee is that they will be in a sport club during the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. The current committee and sport clubs staff will narrow the applicant pool to 10 candidates who will run for the six positions. Responsibilities for the new committee will begin with allocation hearings and last sport club meeting in April. Nominees will be taken in the month of March. Keep a look out for that upcoming announcement.

Sport Club Executive Committee Elections—April 6, 2009
VISIT: http://recsports.tamu.edu/programs/sport_clubs/executive_committee.stm

Sport Club Fundraisers – Youth Tournaments

By Jon Olson

Several sport clubs here in Aggieland host high school tournaments and have found that these events prove to be very beneficial. Recently, the Women’s Volleyball club hosted the Aggieland Invitational on Jan 25 that consisted of 59 teams in 3 age divisions. Entry fees and concessions made over $10,000 in profit for the women’s team. The Men’s Rugby Club will host the Gareth Jones Memorial Tournament on March 28, in which around 30 teams from all over the state (and sometimes all over the country) come participate. Money from this tournament goes towards club funds, the Gareth Jones scholarship (for incoming players) and the endowment fund for future scholarships. Also, the Men’s Rugby Club participates in a program called the Challenger Series, where disabled kids, with the help of their Aggie rugby buddy, play in a non-contact rugby match. Last year this tournament made $5,000 for the rugby club. On Valentine’s Day weekend, the Men’s Lacrosse team hosted a high school tournament of their own, consisting of 48 teams, making their largest tournament to date. Other teams that host high school tournaments are Taekwondo, Women’s Lacrosse, and Judo.

The next Sport Clubs meeting is March 2nd at 6:30 in Room 281.

Food will be provided by Chicken Express.