

**University of Alabama
National Alumni Association
East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Thursday, November 19, 2015 Dinner Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 6:00 PM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. 38 people were in attendance. The meeting was held at the Cherokee Country Club. Jack Bailey led an invocation.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- There will be no December meeting.
- Next year's meeting dates are posted on the ETUA Web Page. All 2016 meetings tentatively are scheduled at Cherokee Country Club as follows:
 - January 15 – luncheon
 - February 18 – evening
 - March 18 – luncheon
 - April 14 – luncheon
 - May 19 – evening (Scholarship Banquet)
 - June 17 - luncheon
- Charlie Schilleci introduced our guest speaker, Aaron Vold. As the UA Associate Athletic Director, Aaron talked about various financial aspects of the Athletic Department to include the impact of individual donations to the Department; the costs of administering the various athletic programs; the growth of the Department, the athletic facilities and the various athletic programs; and the impact that our current and past Athletic Directors have had on the University. Aaron concluded by answering various questions from those in attendance and asking everyone to financially contribute to the University whenever possible.
- Bob mentioned that our endowment generates approximately \$30,000/year which we use to award three \$10,000 scholarships annually. We never touch the principal which is all managed by UA. The more money contributed to the ETUA endowments, the more money we have available for scholarships awards.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne gave a brief financial report.
- Members who sign up for our meetings and fail to attend, will be sent an email requesting payment for the meeting to cover the cost of their meal.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

- Bill reported that two new members joined ETUA at the meeting (Karl and Jennie Norton); Jim and Mary Lee Bowers will also be joining sometime after the meeting. In addition, we had two new attendees (Peter and Emily Fowler) who we invited to attend via Jim Bob's alumni membership listing. Chris Lambert's fiancée Riley Landers was also in attendance.

Sports Committee: David Chandler

- David talked about upcoming football games against Charleston Southern and Auburn as well as potential SEC and National Championship games. Last week was Coach Saban's 100th victory since coming to Alabama.
- Jack Bailey talked about Rebecca Stover who was one of our past scholarship recipients and is now the senior captain of the UA Cross Country team. The team came in 3rd in the regionals last weekend in Tuscaloosa and just missed going to the Nationals by one spot.

Scholarship Committee: Jim Mungenast

- Jim reported ETUA has an endowed scholarship fund of approximately \$750,000 which funds our scholarships. Interested scholarship applicants need to register on the UA website by December 15 where they will be evaluated and scholarship awards determined. UA then sends ETUA a list of applicants from within a 50 mile radius of Knoxville which we use to determine who will be receiving our scholarships. We target those applicants who are getting less than 2/3rd's tuition from UA scholarships. Subsequently around March 1st, we will receive the list of potential scholarship applicants from UA after their evaluation process is complete. ETUA's evaluation process will be complete by May 1st. The ETUA annual meeting and scholarship awards dinner will be May 19 contingent on UA speaker schedules. Jim asked anyone interested in participating in the scholarship evaluation process to give him a call.

Recruiting Committee: Diane McCarn

- Bob recognized Diane McCarn and all those who participated in the fall College Fairs. Bob encouraged all members to participate in one or more of these events in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting's date is January 15th at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.