

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

**Minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2016 Luncheon Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 11:30 AM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM with 22 people attending. Don Barksdale gave the invocation.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne summarized the Chapter expenses for March. She hopes to have new name badges for the next meeting with the new Alabama Alumni Association logo.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

- Bill introduced Jordan Schuler, guest of Charlie Schilleci a recent UA graduate in Sports Broadcasting. Bill reported that our current email lists include approximately 300 people made up of ETUA members, non-members, Alabama graduates and supporters most of whom live within a 50 mile radius of Knoxville. Bill also mentioned that in order to encourage more meeting attendance, he has begun calling many of these folks who have not been attending for some time.
- Ann Payne commented that she recently talked with Claire Shepherd who has returned home after convalescing in a nursing home due to some heart issues. Claire is 95 years strong and feeling good although her energy level has been down. She hopes to attend the annual banquet in May. Claire and her husband Joe are responsible for ETUA's Shepherd Scholarship.

Riverboat Committee Report: Don Barksdale

- The Riverboat Cruise is the main fund raising event for the Chapter. The event occurs every other year on the Friday preceding the BAMA vs Vols football game. Don gave details about the event which are also documented on our ETUA.org website. The objective is to sell out the two cruises of 198 tickets each. Raffle tickets will be sold and vendors will set up adjacent to the Riverboat boarding site. All with the objective of raising funds for our East Tennessee Endowed Scholarship. Tickets may be purchased online at ETUA.org or at the May 19 Annual Meeting and Scholarship Banquet

Scholarship Committee Report: Ed Lester

- The Committee interviewed 8 candidates all of whom had a 28 ACT with the lowest GPA of 3.77. Two scholarships (Lindsay Howard from Bearden and Brittany Polson from Powell) were awarded with the third pending additional UA scholarship considerations. The third candidate should be identified soon. Each candidates will be awarded \$10,000 with an additional \$9,000 being awarded to former scholarship recipients provided they maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Two of last year's recipients (Mary Beth Lewis and Brock Jeffcott) were on the President's List last semester; Mary Beth has been on the list each semester for the past 3 years. Anyone interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee should contact Jim Mungenast 865-386-5859.
- Lanny Payne reported that 42 students from the Knoxville area have committed by the May deadline for attendance to the UA.

Sports Committee Report: Jack Bailey

- Jack gave a very interesting talk about his experiences as a member of the A-Club and as a track official in the SEC. Track began at the UA in the spring of 1892 with football beginning in the fall of that year. The first letters were presented to the "A-Men" in 1906 with the first "A-Club" letters presented in 1915; the 100th anniversary of the A-Club is being celebrated this weekend in Tuscaloosa. The first "Women's A-Club" was published in the 1923 Corolla which put the UA well ahead of its time for collegiate women athletes. Jack talked about many of the famous athletes who participated in various sports while at the UA and what they did after graduation to include Joe Sewell who is the only member of the Baseball Hall of Fame from the UA.
- Jack began officiating after retiring and returning back home to Oakridge in 2006. The SEC is considered the strongest track conference in the country even exceeding the strength of the football conference. Jack has earned the title of 'Master Level Official' after 10 years of officiating which means he can work any event in the country up to and including the Olympics. Jack will be the lead Official for the track event at the upcoming SEC Championships in Tuscaloosa in May. Jack has officiated in 4 National Championships and 8 SEC Championships.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- Bob briefly discussed the upcoming annual banquet on May 19th which will be hi-lighted by our speaker and the UA President Dr. Stuart Bell.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be the May 19th annual banquet at 6:30 PM at the Cherokee Country Club.