

SAAC Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 5th, 2008

Mission Statement (adopted 10/5/08)

The mission of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at Stevens Institute of Technology is to act as a liaison between student athletes and athletic administration, as well as the campus community. We aim to promote positive sportsmanship and leadership through community service, civic involvement, and academic excellence. GO DUCKS!!

Duckling Program

- First visit with the cross country and track/field teams went really well
- Met with the other schools that we visited last year, currently setting up dates for women's lacrosse, both basketball teams, and both volleyball teams
- There's now more of a structure for the program, already a set of 5 different programs for each grade (this allows for no repeats)
- Ultimately we would like Mary to only run the administrative side (calling the schools, setting up dates, etc) and the committee would actually run the program: make up the packets, tell teams about what they have to do, go on extra visits if they can, and create any additional programs
- Eventually the program might hopefully run itself, when teams have gone multiple times and know what they are supposed to be doing
- New this year:
Track & X-country are going to go to the elementary school in Weehawken
The program is going to be run slightly differently because of the size of the school and what the principle wants
- Last year 10 teams participated, this year we already have 16 probably 20
- If anybody wants to help out, email John Dennon at jdennon@stevens.edu

Flying V Program

- The goal is to build a more unified athletic community on campus by resolving underlying issues and improving communication barriers between athletic teams
- Had kick-off event already and it went really well
 - A person from each team was selected to come
 - People admitted they didn't know everyone but everyone seemed more comfortable after the event where they did icebreakers
 - This is a small-scale event of what they want for all the teams
- Want to continue with the program but needs SAAC support in order to do this, a similar program fell through a few years ago so really trying to push it now
- Teams that don't generally interact will be grouped together in order to get to know each other better and create a stronger athletic community
- Groups will be asked to complete 3 out of 14 events (or create their own)

- This is not a mandatory commitment, but once your team is signed up, please make every effort to complete the program
- Possibly get shirts after completing the program
- Looking to have one rep from each team, if interested in being that rep, email Michael Bertucci at mbertucc@stevens.edu or Dani Dudek at ddudek@stevens.edu

Duck Country / Midnight Runs

- First Duck Country Event (men's soccer) went really well but after the attendance started dwindling off, maybe because of weather and/or location
- Chalk might be the best way to promote the games, so really try to cover all of campus and if it rains that night, but stops in the morning, try to redo as much as you can
- By signing up to hold a midnight run, it's not just you: recruit your friends, team, SAAC, and the team that the game is for to help you chalk
- Ideas for Person in Charge of Attendance:
 - Possibly should get something for the person to wear such as a crazy hat or reflective construction vest
 - Can have multiple sign-in sheets, get a friend or two to help you
 - SAAC reps can direct their own teams to the attendance
 - Be there at least 30 minutes before the game
- Upcoming Events:
 - Field Hockey on Wednesday, Oct 8th (theme is costumes)
 - Women's Volleyball on Saturday, Oct 11th (theme is pink)
- If anybody would like to help out with any part of Duck Country please email Summer Hamilton at shamilt2@stevens.edu or Paige Armstrong at parmstro@stevens.edu

Voting

Vice President – Derek Mulvey

Secretary – Emily Woo

Duck Country Committee Head – Summer & Paige

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Trainers' TV

- Training room would like a TV, they spend a lot of time there as do athletes and they would like SAAC's help to raise money because the Athletic Department can't actually give them one
- Talk to your teams and ask for any donations
- freecycle.com?
- Make a donation box?
- If you have any other ideas or if you want to donate contact Ellyn Griggs at egriggs@stevens.edu

Meeting Time

- Sunday at 6 every other week
- Next meeting is Oct 19th at 6:00
 - If you can't come send somebody else from your team