

# Red Key Society Minutes

September 16, 2007

8:30 pm

- Welcome
  - Co-Presidents Dan DeSantis (Sprint Football) & Sarah Griffin (W. Crew) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.
  - Members present went around and introduced themselves
  - Red Key Induction Invitations were handed out at that time.
    - Induction Ceremony Date: Friday, November 9, 2007
- What is the Red Key Society?
  - A brief description of what the Red Key Athletic Honor Society is was discussed. (See below paragraph)
    - *The Red Key Honorary Society honors outstanding undergraduate contributors to both Cornell athletics and the Cornell community. The Society stresses the propagation of fellowship and strong loyalty amongst all of the athletes for the Cornell athletic department. The Red Key Society plans and assists in many community service events throughout the year to further its purpose. Membership in the society is limited to juniors and seniors who are selected by the membership, who have displayed tremendous leadership, integrity and responsibility within their varsity program, shown a commitment to academics and have been involved in the Cornell and/or Ithaca communities.*
  - It was discussed that individuals are chosen based on their GPAs in addition to their coaches beliefs that these individuals have great positive qualities that can greatly benefit the Cornell Athletic community as well as the community in general.
  - Requirements for being in the Red Key Society will be further discussed but were outlined that members must be present at all meetings unless an excuse is submitted.
  - Objectives for the society were discussed: This is a student run organization therefore we, as members can shape the direction of the society. Members seemed to agree that the society is driven towards supporting community service as well as fostering inter-team relations in Cornell Athletics
  - Officer Positions: members volunteered for positions within the society
    - Secretary: Katherine Simmons (W. Lacrosse)
    - Community Service Chair: Chris Donohoe (M. Swimming)
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      - Organizes community service ideas/projects that the society will take part in and support
    - “Cornell Cup” Chair: Elly Bucholz (W. Crew)
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      - Coordinates/organizes ideas for creating more team support between all athletic teams at Cornell
      - Cornell Cup

- Athletic Chair: Mike Gavalas (Lt. Crew)
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      - Will help in writing/promoting our society through newspaper press releases about activities we are doing
      - Rework the Red Key Website
    - Social Chair: Lizzie Goldblatt (W. Field Hockey)
      - [egg8]
      - Coordinates society events between members
- Community Service
  - Red Key is searching for community service ideas that we would like to be associated with. If you have any ideas, please correspond with the VP of Community Service, Chris Donohoe.
  - Some ideas that came up in the meeting:
    - Monthly Soup Kitchen visits
    - Sponsor a family for the holidays
    - Relay 4 Life
    - Big Brother alliance (Michele Colacion)
    - Hospice of Ithaca (Jordan Leen)
    - Coordinating with Ithaca Elementary/middle schools to help with sports in support of a 'beat childhood obesity' group (Chris Donohoe)
    - Any other ideas???
- Creating a Cornell Athletic Team Community
  - Cornell Cup
    - Red Key is now in charge of the Cornell Cup (a competition between sports teams throughout the year that gives points based on factors including community service, team GPA, team records, support for other sports teams, etc.)
    - We discussed when we should start is and what the factors will be for the evaluation.
    - Elly Bucholz will be looking into if there are any rules already established and will come to the next meeting with further information.
    - We plan to start it after the next meeting
- Meeting Times
  - Everyone who was at the meeting agreed that Sunday evenings worked well for them.
  - This seems to be the best time due to varying sports practices. However, for those who did not attend the meeting, please email Sarah or Dan if this is NOT a good time for you.
  - NEXT MEETING:
    - Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 pm....Bartels
    - Mark it in your calendar!!!
    - Members discussed that they would like to have Wings next time as a snack!