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Chairman Eugene C. Spivey brought the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Chuck Lewis moved to approve the August 11, 2016, Athletic Committee minutes. Carlos Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

Director of Athletics Matt Hogue introduced Associate Athletic Director Cari Rosiek. She stated that seven Coastal Carolina University student-athletes and two administrative staffers recently took two days out of their academic and work schedules to travel Lafayette, La., to deliver a truckload of donated items, mostly cleaning supplies, to victims of the recent Louisiana flood. For two weeks, the CCU community was asked to donate items toward flood relief and fill up a truck donated by Lewis Truck Lines, owned and operated by CCU alumnus Ty Anthony.
CCU student-athletes who went on the relief trip were Jenna Stover, Emma Kroger, Kelsey Briggs, Anacia Hines and Cari Pallini, all women’s track & field; Brandon Johnson, men’s track & field; and States Fort, men’s golf. Rosiek was joined by Alex Souza, CCU’s Director of Gameday Experience and Promotions.

Rosiek shared these statistics: items donated - 25,000; cash donated - $1,300; miles traveled - 1,900; hours volunteered – 400; and, lives touched: priceless.

Three student-athletes who are part of the Student-athlete Advisory Board, Nick Clark, Jenna Stover and States Fort, shared the experience enhanced the value of their education and developed life skills. Serving others was a big thrill for them.

Associate Director of Athletic Academic Programs Walter Goffigan coordinates the Coastal Rising Program which helps develop student-athletes become great leaders of the nation and the world was introduced. During the Baseball World Series in Omaha, CCU received the award for the NCAA’s Highest Team GPA. John Vrooman said when it was presented, the team all pointed to Goffigan to express their appreciation to him.

Hogue reported that the changeover to the Sun Belt Conference is going very. The NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision has approved the strategic plan, and we are officially on two-year transition to the Conference.

For three games, the average attendance at the football games was 10,187. Student turnout was great with more seats needed. At the first game, 4,006 students attended.

The University was asked to be the location for the ACC Women’s Basketball Championship Tournament in March. It is quite a compliment for them to approach our University. They were petitioned by bigger facilities and campuses to host the tournament.

Executive Director Chris Johnson presented a Chanticleer Athletic Foundation report:

- After to changes in the staff, training and bringing new staff members up to speed is taking place.
- Student CAF has increased from about 70 members this time last year to 172 today and is continuing to grow—a great sign of significantly growing student interest in athletics. They invest $25.
- Total fundraising this new fiscal year through September 30 is $607,500. The same period last year was $404,900.
- Three seven-figure prospect gifts are being cultivated for the stadium project in addition to a number of other levels of potential gifts. Appreciation was expressed to trustees Larry Lyles, George Mullen, Sam Frink, and Delan Stevens for their leadership commitments to the Brooks Stadium expansion and/or to athletics.
- The CAF Gala has been moved to the spring and will be held on May 18.
- Championship rings/pendants are now available for purchase. As an aside, the sales person for the company selling them is a Coastal Carolina alumnus.
As there was no further business, Johnson moved to adjourn and Bill Biggs seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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