Blaze Kalilikane Memorial

Blaze Kalilikane was employed at the Masters when, at age 20, he died in a traffic accident in December of 2012. Former Board President Roger Ross has been collecting donations for a scholarship in his memory since 2013. Each year a $1,000 donation has been given to a Lahainaluna High School graduate in Blaze’s memory.

Preference is given to student-athletes with the student’s GPA not being considered as a factor.

This is indeed a very worthy cause. In past years, owners have donated by writing checks which were then deposited to a special account with our managing company, DMI. Although this type of account is legal in Hawaii, it is not considered a best accounting practice as it mixes private money with Association funds. In addition, it appears as though it was counted as Masters income and we were taxed on it. For these reasons, a check for the balance in the account was given to the Lahainaluna High School Foundation (LHSF) for this memorial fund on May 7.

Going forward, owners can donate directly to the the LHSF. This method has several advantages to owners. Owners can donate through their website either by charging a credit card or by a bank account transfer. Since it is online you do not have to be physically present to write a check, although you can still do that if you want to. Finally, the LHSF is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit which means your donation will be tax deductible.

Below is a link to the LHSF donation website. There is a big yellow “Donate Now!” button at the upper right of the page which will take you to the online donation page. Indicate your gift is in memory of “Masters at Ka’anapali-Blaze Kalilikane Memorial” in the appropriate box.

http://www.lahainalunahighschoolfoundation.org

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