

WPPC-MA

October 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Steve Wallingford, Patti & Mark MacDonald, Bob Kerwin, Alan & Donna Beaulieu, Jeanne McGuire, Paula & Tony Burke, Kathy Ouellette, Denise Kenneally, Paul & Lisa Shropshire

Outgoing President, Steve Wallingford opened the meeting by welcoming all.

New Business:

- A brief recap was given of the summer events welcoming new plebes and their families as well as the Opening Day Tailgate that was sponsored by the Club. Reviews were favorable and the hope would be to host an opening day tailgate at the start of each football season at South Dock.
 - Holly Ball: Lead organizer, Denise Kenneally relayed the details of the event. Denise and Alan Beaulieu described the options for the Club to place an ad in the program that would recognize the MA firsties. By unanimous vote, the members present agreed to spend \$125 for a half page ad. Some participants took advantage of the opportunity to purchase tickets from Denise that day. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the prices are quite reasonable (\$30/cadet or midshipman; \$40). The Seaport Hotel has made discounted rooms available for just \$134.
 - Website: Time was devoted to issues of membership and privacy issues. Webmaster Bob Kerwin is the official keeper of the list of MA cadets and families. It was noted that when a family registers for the Club, the email address is not automatically added; new members must be physically added. Steve explained the differences between WPAOG and westpoint.org. In conclusion, Bob will make updates as information is provided to him. Steve offered to assist so that pictures, etc. are current. Bob will work in collaboration with staff at West Point as well as our Membership volunteers and anyone with new information to ensure that our list is accurate. We want to avoid sending emails to families that do not want to receive them because their cadet has separated, graduated, etc.
 - Wayne White, our liaison from the West Point Society of New England, described the organization and his role. Wayne explained that we collaborate in order to support current cadets and their families as well as alums.
- Upcoming WPSNE events include:

Boston Bruins/West Point Alumni Charity Game (supporting the acclaimed Fisher House in Boston) on 3/21 – (UPDATE: confirmed as 3/22)
Founder's Day Dinner on 3/28

New Board was developed:

President: Paula Burke '17
Vice-President: Open
Treasurer: Kathy Ouellette (will transition with Nicole Burkel) '18
Secretary: Donna Beaulieu '18
Events Coordinators: Alan Beaulieu '18
Bus Coordinator: Jeanne McGuire '17
Webmaster: Bob Kerwin '16
Social Media: Jeanne McGuire (update existing pages and create WPPC-MA page) '17

Future Holly Ball Coordinator: Denise Kenneally '18

Consultants: Past-President Steve Wallingford; Past-Secretary Carl Vercollone; Past-Treasurer Nicole Burkel

Next meeting - will take place prior to the Cow Loan Social, which will be held on January 25, 2015 at a location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 so that the Yuk Boodle Bash could begin!

