



WPPC - MA October 24, 2015 General Meeting

Attendees: Paula & Tony Burke, Kathy & Bob Ouellette, Donna & Alan Beaulieu, Holly O'Brien, Jeanne McGuire, Patti MacDonald, Kathleen O'Connell, Bob Kerwin, Phil Bedard & David Schultz

Paula Burke called the meeting to order @ 1:10; introductions by those in attendance were given.

January 25, 2015 minutes were moved by Kathy Ouellette; 2nd by Alan Beaulieu and unanimously approved. March 29, 2015 minutes were moved by Patti MacDonald; 2nd by Kathy Ouellette and unanimously approved.

Paula announced transitions to Webmaster and Transportation roles as Bob and Jeanne will be graduating 2016 and 2017, respectively. **NB:** Paula's President position will also be vacated in Spring 2016 – need replacement. Firstie parent volunteers wrap up their terms before their cadets enter final year.

- Answered question about role of WPSNE – builds connections for alumni and friends can join; host Army/Navy game day event. Parents of West Point cadets are welcome to join the society and their events at any time. They host several events, including the Founders' Day Banquet at which they are the first to welcome the Cadet Candidates to the Long Gray Line. The Patton Picnic in the summer is another favorite event.

Army/Navy Basketball @ Madison Square Garden, Jan 23, 2016. WPPC-MA secured block of 10 tix to this event. 10 tix **will be** secured to start (more if necessary). Both academies have played at the Garden before, but not for decades. Army's men most recently played there during the 1985-86 season, and Navy last played there in 1971-72.

- 2015 Army/Navy Football in Philadelphia. WPPC-MA secured a block of discounted rooms @ the Doubletree.
- 2016 Army/Navy Football in Baltimore. WPPC-MA secured a block of discounted rooms @ the Sonesta for \$189/night.

Kathy O. presented Final FY15 and FY16 Treasurer's Reports.

September 30, 2015 cash balance: \$11,950.62

FY 2016 activity to date:

Membership dues, net of pay pal fees:	\$523.92
Tailgate donations:	311.76 (additional \$160 cash received by Paula to be included in next report)
Tailgate expenses	(700.00)
R Day 2016 expenses	<u>(37.50)</u>
FY 2016 - Net income through 9/30	\$98.18

FY 2015 final results:

Net income from bus operations: \$1,313.67

Membership dues	1,551.90
Donations	494.10
Firstie flags & coins	(1,164.03)
Deployed Grad boodle mailing	(247.00)
New cadets - picnic, social, r day	(561.13)
Tailgate	(440.00)
Donations	(542.92)
Holly Ball & WPSNE Hockey Ads	(500.00)
Howitzer yearbook - MA page	(723.50)
Name tags	(335.69)
Other	<u>(41.34)</u>
FY 2015 Net Loss	(\$1,195.94)

- The current deficit is attributed to the Howitzer and Hockey Ads this past year costing \$1,200.
- Discussion on name tags, bus discount transitioned to registration & dues payment structure.
- Alan B. motioned fee structure of \$50/yr or \$150 up front starting 2016-2017 school year. Patti M. 2nd; unanimous vote.
- Bob Kerwin will update pay pal to reflect above fee structure.

Holly Ball update by Paula B.

- Sponsored by Navy Parents Club; held 12/27/15 at Seaport Hotel \$139/night; tix \$60/person; posted on our social media
- WPPC-MA hosting in 2016
- ½ page ad \$250, recognizing West Point Firsties, motioned by Alan B; 2nd Kathleen O.; unanimous vote.

Web team update by Bob K.

- Web page hosted by InMotion; contract expires 03/15/16. Renewal cost \$191.76 for 2 yrs.
- Domain name expires 06/2016. Renewal cost \$40 for 2 yrs.
- Phil B. will be new webmaster.
- \$250 payment for both web page and domain name renewals motioned by Bob K. , 2nd by Alan B.; unanimous vote.

Transportation update by Jeanne M.

- Discussion on adding a Hartford stop tabled until Jan 2016 mtg for possible implementation 2016-2017 school year.
- Alan B. will send out an email survey regarding interest in running a MLK bus.
- Patti M. will send out Carpool email after Thanksgiving break (varying exam schedules xxxxx a bus)
- 2 motions approved:
 - \$5 transaction fee applied to bus reservation changes. Patti M. moved, 2nd Bob K
 - Effective calendar yr 2016 (effecting MLK round trip), lunches not provided (to rein in costs). Bob K moved, 2nd Alan B.

Miscellaneous:

- Request Brad Whitehall to provide website (WPPC-MA) link on Facebook

- U.S. Mint Silver coins, minted @ WP nice souvenir for \$48. Kathy O. will send out email w/info & link.
- Received email request for WPPC-MA support of Head of Charles event. Earlier notice would have been more effective. Cannot “sponsor” events; happy to support via member donations.
- Paula B. noted that the By-laws of WPPC-MA need to be reviewed and updated in the new calendar year. Alan B. has physical binder.
- For class specific events, hard copy invites to be sent via USPS. Donna B. as Secretary will be responsible for this.
- 2016 Tailgate Coordinators are the Poirier’s. Contact @ Army Sports is Christian. 2015 was held at South Dock, 5 parking passes were secured and vital to ease of setup. Discussion to continue in Jan 2016 meeting.