



WPPC - MA January 31, 2016 General Meeting

Attendees: Paula & Tony Burke, Kathy Ouellette, Donna & Alan Beaulieu, Jeanne McGuire, Patti MacDonald, Kathleen O'Connell, Phil & Diane Bedard, Brad Whitehall, Sharlene Stansbury, Denise Kenneally, Holly O'Brien, Kevin & Carole Martin, Judith Enegren, Lisa & Paul Shropshire, Marta Rubin, Kevin McGuire and Mark MacDonald

Paula B. called the meeting to order @ 1:55 with kudos all around for everyone's participation. State of the Club is good; stressed that everyone's input is welcome so we can serve all needs.

October 24, 2015 minutes were moved by Patti M., 2nd by Kathy O. and unanimously approved. Hard copy invites sent to family for class specific boodles.

Treasurer's Rpt (thru 1/31/16) Kathy O.

- On income side; new membership fee structure will take affect for 2020 class as per acceptance at October 2015 meeting. Discussion on Friends, Alum and Parents membership proposed \$40 fee motioned by Paula B., 2nd by Alan B. and passed unanimously. Majority of donations are received at the WPPC-MA Tailgate. -
- Firstie class comprises bulk of expenditures. Discussion on Silver Dollars & mint location/cost and availability. Budget approved for West Point minted coins @ \$900 total for 2016 class. Kathy O. will contact Deb Dalton for names of 2016 grads to have nylon U.S.A. flags flown over U.S. capital.
- Jeanne M. moved; Patti M. 2nd and unanimously approved.

Webmaster - Phil B. Presented options for email list - West Point.org vs. Google and respective pros and cons. Per Paula B., leadership team will mull over and vote on in April. For our Website will use WP Moms facebook page to copy pertinent files, such as Plebe parent info, accommodations, things to do, etc. Concern expressed regarding security/privacy of posting Cadet information – Facebook can be restricted, webpage is open to anyone.

Event Coordinator – Alan B.

- Will need replacement for this role as Alan B. is stepping up to the Co-President position. Contact Leadership team if interested.
- Deployed Grad Boodle Bash will be held on Sunday, Feb 28 @ 1:30, at The Beaulieu's, 153 Belmont Street, Reading MA.
- April 3, 2016 – 3rd General Mtg & Firstie Celebration @ Connor's home in Belmont.

Proposed 2016-2017 WPPC-MA Calendar for host opportunities/discussion:

- June 19, 2016 - Hail & Farewell Reception (formerly known as the Cadet Candidate Send-off), will be held at St. Mary's Church in Shrewsbury. WPSNE liaison confirmed that renaming this event Hail and Farewell would be appropriate. Group agreed that not having to be concerned with weather issues is important. During the busy graduation season, Father's Day @ noon determined best day/time. \$100 donation to church proposed and accepted. Alan B. to secure facility.
- July 16, Ice Cream Social – good opportunity for Plebe families to connect, would be great to have a cadet or two to share experience and answer Q's **need host**

- Oct 1, 2016 - 1st General Mtg & Yearling Boodle Bash @ the Bedards
- Dec 10th w/e = Army/Navy in Baltimore. Block of discounted rooms at Royal Sonesta has been secured. The team and pep rally are at the Marriott.
- Dec 30th – Holly Ball, Seaport Hotel Boston (see Denise K.'s update below)
- Jan 29, 2017 – 2nd General Mtg & Cow Loan Boodle @ the Ouellette's
- April 2nd – 3rd General Mtg & Firstie Celebration @ the Martin's

Transportation – Jeanne M & Sharlene S

- Have fielded questions about a CT dropoff/pickup location. After researching, will stay with Sturbridge and Boston stops for cost/logistic efficiency.
- Will no longer be supplying meals on bus trips.
- Will run bus on Labor Day and Columbus Day Weekends IF no home football games

Membership – Patti M. discussion included in Treasurer's Rpt above

Firstie Gifts –Kathy O. included in Treasurer's Rpt above

Social Media - Brad W. will post documents to Facebook when labeled "Final" ; requested pictures/comments be posted to show activity. Best way to communicate immediate announcements. Any Q's contact him at brad.whitehall@gmail.com

Holly Ball - Denise K. – Friday, Dec 30th Event consists of cocktail hour, pianist, military opening ceremony, POW/MIA ceremony. Most Sr. Cadet from Host Academy is the Commanding Officer for evening. Anticipated guest speaker, Joanne Patton . Will have same DJ (past 4 yrs), photo booth and formal photographer.

Financials for Holly Ball managed by Kathy O. - Have \$2,000 startup , ticket price covers dinner & hotel, fundraising to cover centerpieces, program book and DJ. Charity recipient historically is a service related local group. Fisher House (military version of Ronald McDonald house) one option. Can check out Charity Navigator for ratings. Will decide on recipient at April 2016 mtg.

WPSNE Report – Wayne White, UMSA '78

- Annual meeting will be Feb 6th at Holiday Inn, Boxborough with Col Steve Ruth, former Commandant @ USMA Prep School
- Founder's Day, March 19th – new location this year – Deven's Common Center. Details to be finalized at 2/6 mtg – new this year = will include a photographer .

New Business -

- Alan B. named Co-President. Denise K. motioned, 2nd Paula B. Vote taken was unanimous in favor.
- Tailgate – Sept 10th, South Dock location pros/cons discussed, will keep location for 2016. Motioned by Alan B.; 2nd Brad W. Vote taken was unanimous in favor.
- Founder's Day – WPSNE hopes to reduce donations from approx. 120 to approx.. 40. WPPC-MA will donate \$200 for Cadet Candidate Basket, compiled by Paula B. Motioned by Alan B.; 2nd Kathy O. Vote taken was unanimous in favor.
- R-Day Table Coverage – worthwhile presence for support. Kathy O., Denise K. and Brad W volunteered.

Jeanne M. motioned Closure of Mtg @ 3:35 p.m. Patti M. 2nd