



WPPC - MA April 3, 2016
General Meeting – Connors' Home, Belmont MA

Attendees: Paula Burke, Alan & Donna Beaulieu, Kathy Ouellette, Denise Kenneally, Phil Bedard, Brad Whitehall, Sharlene Stansbury, Kevin & Carole Martin, Bob Sun

Paula B. called the meeting to order @ 1:15 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.

January 31, 2016 minutes were moved by Kathy O.; 2nd by Denise K. and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Rpt (thru 3/31/16) Kathy O.

- Spring Break Return Bus, broke even. Firstie gifts of flags & coins (those minted @ WP not available) purchased (to be presented later today).
- Year book ad and balance of R-Day expenses are outstanding.
- One person has signed up for the full 4 yr membership @ 150. For separated cadets a refund will be processed when Leadership Team is notified of request.

Phil Bedard – Webmaster Update:

- Gmail groupings complete (by class, grads, leadership, boosters, incoming class)
- Requests limiting email senders to webmaster and co-presidents only
- use "bcc" to avoid reply all and protect privacy; will add "this account is not monitored" to signature block
- will add "WPPC-MA" to Leadership Team email title
- will suspend use of "WP.ORG" email and will not maintain

Sharlene Stansbury – Transportation Update:

- Proposed 2016-2017 bus schedules. Cost = \$1425 for 47 seat bus and \$1811 for 55; with 1 week lead time required. ADB motioned that we hold on Veteran's Day and accept all other dates; 2nd by Brad W.
- Discussion on pros/cons of bus vs. carpool notifications (general email or FB thread)

Bob Sun – Membership:

- updates of members thru website can be extract to excel and sorted as needed
- Brad will need administrator credentials for updates

Denise Kenneally – Holly Ball:

- will be held Friday, 12/30 @ Seaport Hotel, Boston
- 40 rooms available (more can be made available as needed) \$149/Friday night; \$199/Sat (New Year's Eve)
- Start up account has \$2,000-3,000 for deposits. Within next month, DJ and event insurance will be secured. Photo booth and solicitation letters also to be secured.

- will hold organizational meeting on 4/16; 2nd meeting to be held in July. Solicitation letters to go out in July. Once ticket cost established, web invites will be sent with payment available thru PayPal.

- need a Charity designated ; Fisher House suggested – will hold off deciding until our 1st meeting in the Fall for all classes input

- possible guest speaker options – Boston Police Commissioner Bill Evans, Joanne Patton, Author Tom Carhart

General Discussion: Poirer's (class of '19) are tailgate coordinators. Tix now available for Sept 10th game vs Rice Owls. Seats are in Section 19.

- Still need host for July 16th Ice Cream Social gathering

- Paula will create a Plebe specific newsletter for June 19th Hail & Farewell @ St. Mary's in Shrewsbury

- Paula reported that both 2019 and 2020 classes are linked with affiliate members

- per Deb Dalton, WP Parent Liaison, RI parent group has expressed interest in joining MA group – their numbers are small. Questions about doing so: location of meetings? Membership dues?

Alan motioned that RI be invited to the June 19th Hail & Farewell; 2nd by Denise; all approved

- Brad will add a document file to FB as a conduit for information and procedures; investigating “pinning” options on FB to allow for ease of locating information

- Founder's Day recap = held 3/19 @ Deven's Common – all who attended agreed it was a better location and facility. Future consideration may be given to the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Silent auction items were created by Diane Bedard with Plebe centric theme for both the parent and cadet basket.

- Open positions: Co-president (Paula will stay on thru Holly Ball and will continue with newsletter responsibilities)

- Membership coordinator

- Event coordinator (tailgate is separate, see above)

- Carpool coordinator (for non-Bus run weekends. Ex. Spring TEE's)

- Firstie Gifts

- R-Day coverage at Ike Hall. Denise, Kathy & Brad volunteered, will work out a schedule as cost to club for hotel stay a concern

- Discussion on By-Laws was tabled til Fall meeting to include 2020 parents.