



WPPC - MA January 29, 2017

General Meeting - Beaulieu's Home, Reading MA

Attendees: Paula Burke, Alan & Donna Beaulieu, Kathy Ouellette, Phil & Diane Bedard, Brad & Denise Whitehall, Sharlene & Bernie Stansbury, Terry Downing, Yon Wie & Jeanne Lin, Nancy & Vin Sutera, Teresa Leahy, Patti MacDonald, Mike & Karen McKinney

Meeting called to order @ 1:15 with introductions made by Alan B.

October 2 ,2016 minutes were moved by Terry D.; 2nd by Kathleen O. and unanimously approved.

Phil B. provided Status of Leadership team. All 2017 positions are filled except for Event Coordinator. They are responsible for finding a host/contact person for event and assist only with logistics - not running event. To prepare for future team departures, brief descriptions and time commitments will be summarized and made available on website.

Board Member Updates: Alan B. is our liaison to the WPSNE, which meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday. WPSNE is open to all alumni parents and host the Founder's Day dinner (3/25/17) at Deven's Common; the Patton Picnic and the Army/Navy Tailgate at a Boston restaurant.

Treasurer's Rpt (thru 1/25/17) Kathy O.

Report presented, indicating bus revenues in good shape now that we are no longer providing lunch. \$2-3k outstanding for Firstie Celebration and yearbook ad. Budget amended to remove \$250 from Hockey advertisement as well as the Holly Ball donation of \$1,250 for hosting. Paula B. motioned to accept budget as amended, 2nd by Terry D., unanimously approved.

Webmaster Update by Mike M.:

Broken link and functionality issues with website access for new member signup and bus usage (member vs non-member) suggests need for new procedure. Two options through PayPal are: 1) PayPal button which garners 2-3 fields of data. 2.) Ninja forms which allow for data sorting and inventory management, with annual cost of \$49. Alan motioned, Patti provided 2nd with all in favor.

Sharlene Stansbury - Transportation Update:

Discussion on incentive pricing, roundtrip or one way, and member versus non-member. Pricing of bus to remain as is. Phil motioned, Terry gave 2nd with all approving. Car Pool coordinator is now Terry Downing.

Paula Burke - Membership:

Membership drive will be in June through email. Club has seen an increase of 7-8 people taking advantage of 4yr membership pricing. Vin Sutera stepped forward to lead Membership Drive.

Kathleen O'Connell - Holly Ball:

This event was a huge success with attendance >200. This allowed for a \$1,500 Fischer House donation. USCG to host 2017 event, with \$2,100 seed money. Earbuds, donated by Paula Burke, were given to all attending cadets/midshipmen.

Iris Sobchak - WPSNE Liaison:

The annual Founder's Day event will be held March 25 at Deven's Common. At this time, guest speaker has not been determined. Proceeds will benefit Boys/Girls State, a summer leadership and citizen program sponsored by the American Legion. No dates have been announced for the Patton Picnic or All Academy Golf Outing.

General Discussion:

The Deployed Grad Boodle will be held April 26th at the home of Carl and Joanne Vercollone in Lincoln, MA.

Discussion of date and time for Hail and Farewell with proposal of Sat, June 17th at 10a.m. Motion made by Phil; 2nd by Brad. All were in favor. This is a day earlier than historically held to avoid Father's Day conflict.

R Day (7/3) coverage will be Phil who will contact Deb Dalton for table reservation.

New Cadet (2021) Ice Cream Social will be held July 22 at 5 pm. Host still to be determined. Alan made motion; with 2nd by Kathy; all in favor.

Tailgate to be on Sept 9 at Buffalo Bills game. Discussion on site location. Alan will reserve South Dock location at this time however; Diane and Kathy will research other location options.

Army/Navy Game in Philadelphia Dec 8, 9, and 10. We have a block of rooms and will reserve 5 of those for incoming (2021) cadets/families at Mid-Town Holiday Inn Express Philadelphia.

Lastly, Paula was presented with gifts and gratitude for her tireless and enthusiastic efforts as President to better the club and its support of our cadets.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 for the Cow Boodle.