



## West Point Parents Club of Massachusetts Meeting Minutes—13 September 2009

A meeting was held on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at The Globe in Boston. In attendance were: Martha Laughna, Marc Davidson, Chester & Pam Chin, Maria & Warren Phillips, Greg & Nancy Hart, Anne & John Walsh, Diane Miller, Dan & Marianne Dugan, Nicole Burkel, Carol Hannenberg, David & Susie Wall, Harry & Eleanor Mezer, Alan & Pat Small, Sharon Verash, Maurice Rowe, Prescott & Debra Wright, Tom Poole, Richard & Margaret Primack, Bill Yeo, Monica Dube, Mark & Jodi Deuger, Jim & Vivian Rezendes, Travis & Jean Veigas, Don & Kathy Cherry

**Announcement:** Bill Yeo was introduced as the new vice president of WPPC-MA. Thank you, Bill for volunteering.

**Summer Events:** Club president Tim McMahon spoke about the New Cadet letter writing party which was held in July at the home of Kathy and Jerry Bowling. Over 100 letters were written to 34 New Cadets who were enduring the rigors of Beast. Also during the summer, many attended the Patton Picnic at the home of Joanne Patton in Hamilton, MA. This has been an annual event which is enjoyed by the families of current cadets as well as local West Point grads. Joanne, daughter in law to General Patton, has been extremely generous in making this beautiful property available for this event. Thank you.

**Cadet Bus:** The cadet bus ran at full capacity during the Labor Day weekend, enabling many cadets to arrive home safely for the weekend and relieving parents of having to deal with Labor Day traffic. The bus ran at a \$1000 profit for the parent club. The next bus will be run for the Thanksgiving Leave. Parents are urged to respond early when the Thimbles announce the details for this bus as it may fill up quickly. There is a possibility of running two buses if there is enough interest.

**Army-Navy Game:** Members of the Club have reserved all 24 rooms in the WPPC-MA block at the Doubletree Hotel. Rooms are still available at the hotel but not as part of the block (and will be more expensive). If you are no longer in need of your room, do not cancel through the hotel. Members are asked to contact the McMahons as there may be other people in the club willing to take your room off your hands. If you are in need of a room and would like to reserve at the Doubletree, please contact [Carla McMahon](#) to see if anyone is unloading a room. **Inserted by Secy—If no rooms are available through the McMahons, rooms are still available at the same price as the room block by going to <http://www.armynavyhotelrooms.com/doubletree.html>.** The advantages of the Doubletree include the fact that a subway stop is right outside the hotel. The subway will deliver game-goers right to the stadium. There are also many good restaurants in the area. You do not need a car for the weekend if you fly. A coffee will be hosted by the Smalls very early before the game. More details forthcoming.

**WPPC-MA apparel:** Some shirts and fleece are still available by contacting [Carla McMahon](#). Multiple sizes are available in multiple styles. Items are black with the above club logo on the left chest.

**Membership:** The membership drive will continue until September 30. Membership Director, Martha Laughna, will publish the club directory in early October. Members are reminded the purpose of the directory is to aid in communication among club members and is not to be used to solicit business, call for political action, etc. If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues, contact [Martha Laughna](#). Name tags for new members will be available at the October meeting.

**New Recording Secretary needed:** Martha Laughna indicated that she is seeking a replacement as soon as possible for the recording secretary position as her Firstie will be graduating this year. The job includes attending WPPC-MA meetings (about 5 per year) and taking the minutes for the meetings. The minutes are then distributed via email to the club listserv and installed on the website by the webmaster. The replacement can take over any time.

