

# West Point Parents' Club of Northern Illinois

WPPC-IL Meeting Minutes – Conference Call 11/10/15

**Attendance:** Kim Vander Yacht, Brian Vander Yacht, Jane Wilhelm, Bob Ocasio, Kristen Howard, Bill Binkley.

**Call to Order:** President Kim Vander Yacht called the meeting to order via conference call at 7:07 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Kim Vander Yacht stated that Nancy Shares had emailed the minutes out prior to the conference call for review. The July 13, 2015 meeting minutes (with revision) were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Brian Vander Yacht to approve them, with a second by Bill Binkley. The August 18, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Brian Vander Yacht to approve them with a second by Bill Binkley.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane Wilhelm stated that there are 3 reports to look at. The 1<sup>st</sup> report is the bank statement showing \$16,292.77 currently in the checking account. The 2<sup>nd</sup> report shows the recent financial activity, specifically, income and expenses for the month of October. Income was from membership dues and name badges ordered and donations for the Tailgate held after the Army vs Duke game at West Point. The 3<sup>rd</sup> report is the proposed budget. Of note, the revenue for membership now exceeds the amount budgeted by \$867. Regarding the Tailgate, Bill Binkley is going to meet with Kim and Brian to discuss donations and expenses and then will submit his numbers to Jane Wilhelm.

**Membership:** No Report. Brian Vander Yacht agreed to contact Cathy McNally to reconcile deposits made for membership dues with the number of members.

**Field Force Team:** Bob Ocasio reported that he had recently attended a prospective candidates meeting. He stated that that there was a really good turnout. Regarding the number of applications for admission to West Point, he reported that there is little change in the numbers compared to last year.

**Alumni Group:** Class of 2014 graduates are now 1LTs!

**Women's Soccer Team in Chicago:** Kim Vander Yacht reported that there was a great turnout of West Point alumni, current West Point families and friends at the two women's soccer games in September against DePaul and Loyola.

**Fall Member Picnic:** Kim Vander Yacht reported that the picnic was a great success. Approximately 50 people were in attendance and everyone had a great time.

**WPPC-IL Football Game and Picnic:** Bill Binkley reported that despite the miserable football score, the afternoon was a complete success. 83 tickets to the football game were sold, 27 parking passes were sold and there were over 100 people at the tailgate after the game! The food was great, however there was a lot left over. Bill has some ideas on how to do a better job of ordering the correct quantity of food. He mentioned that the club was able to secure a number of good monetary donations. In addition, Windy City Novelties donated the awesome banner that greeted everyone at the tailgate AND also the tablecloths. Kim Vander Yacht will write a thank you note to Paul and Cathy at Windy City Novelties on behalf of the club, expressing our thanks and gratitude.

**Army-Air Force Watch Party:** This year's watch party was held at the Arena Sports Grille in Elmhurst. It was originally going to be held at Toby Keith's in Rosemont, but the restaurant closed not long before the watch party, and Arena Sports Grille is what Air Force was able to secure given the short notice. There was not as big a turnout to this year's watch party as there was last year however everyone had a good time. Some noted that the venue is more out of the way and that the service was not the best. Others noted that the set-up was nice, and that there were huge tv screens for viewing the game which were great.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Army-Navy Watch Party:** The watch party will be held at the Bringer Inn in Morton Grove. A friend of Phil Falk's owns the bar and is excited to be hosting what will hopefully be a big crowd.

**All Academy Ball (AAB):** The All Academy Ball is fast approaching...The date is December 27<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Union League Club. Invitations for the ball will be assembled tomorrow, so look for your invitation in the mail towards the end of the week. Kim Vander Yacht said that she had asked all Firstie parents to ask their cadets if they would be interested in giving the Firstie Toast at the AAB. Cadets Will Oakley and Stephen Ocasio both expressed interest. All present on the call felt both cadets were equally qualified, so it was decided that a coin should be flipped to decide who would give the toast. Bob Ocasio called heads on behalf of his son, Brian Vander Yacht flipped a coin, it was tails, so Will Oakley will give the Firstie Toast.

**Boodle Party:** Kim Vander Yacht reported that Dave and Jackie Kroc have agreed to organize this event. The date is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2016. More information will be available by the next leadership call.

**Firstie Brunch:** need to confirm a date and a venue. Using the last two years as a guide, a potential date is April 24, 2016.

**Class of 2020 Welcome Picnic:** The date and venue have been confirmed. The picnic will be held on June 5, 2016 at Central Park West Recreation Center.

**Fall Family Picnic:** Kim Vander Yacht stated that we need to nail down a date and venue for the fall picnic. Everyone agreed on September 18, 2016 as a date. Bob Ocasio suggested The Thatcher Pavilion in River Forest. He agreed to call and ascertain their availability.

**Adjournment:** Brian Vander Yacht asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. Bill Binkley made the motion to accept, Bob Ocasio seconded the motion. All were in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Vander Yacht  
Co-President