

WPPCGKC Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2008
GOODBYE TO 2008 PARENTS!!

1. Kevin Fogarty gave his thanks to the Singletons for hosting the final meeting.
2. Secretary's report – Kathie Lemon did not bring the minutes from the last meeting; they were approved.
3. There was not old business to report; Kevin asked for committee reports.
4. Martha Koppe gave the Treasurer's report; as of the date of the meeting, there was \$2,514.34 in the WPPCGKC account. There is currently \$963 allocated for the ball; however we will end up with \$1500 seed money for this year's ball.
5. Barry Bazemore gave a report from the Ball Committee:
 - At the fund meeting groups from the three clubs agreed to rotate the chairmanship annually; the hosts of the ball are to keep \$1500 in a trust account as seed money for the next year;
 - The Chairman of the committee is the final arbitrator;
 - All groups want to be involved and help out the Chairman;
 - There is some disagreement about monetary issues; however the groups are working on rules that all groups can live with;
 - Army has the chairmanship back for the 2008 ball and Carol Bazemore and Mike Mathis are the members of the Ball Committee.
6. Kevin and Teressa Fogarty attended the WPPC meeting at West Point on April 17-19, 2008.
 - Kevin gave an extensive report on the meeting. He commented on the speeches given by the Superintendent, Commandant and Dean on the goals of West Point regarding academics and military and physical training.
 - Nancy Brennan from the Keller Army Hospital also spoke regarding Tri Care and encouraged parents to keep their cadets on private insurance in case of separation.
 - Lt. Col. Flowers gave a presentation on licensing issues of logos; parent clubs need to get permission to use the logos, but they are easy to obtain.
 - Capt. Strasser spoke about the restrictions on gifts to cadets and we will need to be careful of the wording of "gift."
 - Ron Salvatore spoke regarding intercollegiate athletics, the formula for distribution of football tickets, and that only coaches are to be recruiting for teams.
 - Lt. Col. Flowers' son is the Director of Cadet Activities and gave a presentation on the opportunities available to cadets; West Point has the largest cultural and athletic program in the U.S. He encouraged

sponsorship of groups that may come to a particular town by the clubs and stated gifts can be directed to particular cadets' clubs.

- The second day of the meeting clubs spoke to each other and gave excellent suggestions on the benefits of becoming a 501(3)(c) organization: gatherings at WP for R-Day, etc; how to keep parents active in the local clubs; teaming up with the WP Society and the AOG; support for deployed cadets; BOODLE!; shipping to APO addresses; and the potential for using Facebook, etc. for keeping in touch.
- Kevin's complete notes from the meeting are to be kept as part of the minutes.

7. Greg Beck has generously offered to update the WPPCGKC website, but would like help from an "expert."
 - Greg recently attended a WP recruiting meeting and discussed the fact that only 1% of the population are familiar with West Point. WP is looking for prospective students and ways to advertise for new students. He emphasized that football is the #1 form of advertisement for the Academy and the team needs to stay in 1A.
8. Vice President Luanne Eskew gave a report on the new cadets for the 2008-2009 academic year. All have been sent the handbook and have been assigned mentors. She encouraged all mentors to get in touch with the new parents and be sure they are aware of the June 8, 2008 welcome picnic.
9. Carol Bazemore gave a presentation on the goals for the 2008 ball. We will have \$1500 seed money, but we still need to cover the costs of dinner, a DJ, cadet gifts, etc. The silent auction needs to be replaced as a means of making money for the ball. The goal for the upcoming ball is to have the funds necessary to purchase each cadet their dinner and to have them leave with a good gift. The goal of the WPPCGKC is to raise \$8000, which equates to \$2000 per cadet year. Carol then requested pledges from each year.

PLEDGES

- Becks – Captain Level;
- Eskews – Major Level;
- Taylors – Major Level in honor of Lisa's recently deceased grandmother;
- Holts – Major Level
- Pottorff – Lieutenant Level

Mike Mathis gave a brief presentation on obtaining sponsorships and recommended using various contacts in business. If each individual solicited one or two people, it is a great way to raise money.

A folder was distributed with sample letters and opportunities for sponsorship. The goal is to raise the \$8000 needed by September and Carol asked everyone to begin thinking of companies that might be willing to provide cadet gifts. Parents

might want to get on the websites of various companies to see if any of the Board of Directors have a contact with West Point. The Appleberry's suggested someone contact Interstate Bakery, as one of the Board Members was from the WP Class of 1974. Judy Pottorff agreed she would do this.

Sue Singleton is to contact the Age & Treachery Racing Club of Kansas City for a donation.

10. The raffle was held with the Becks winning the Army mule; Critchfields won a West Point bag; the Lemons won a piece of West Point Crocker.
11. Cadet updates were given.
12. A Trivia game about Firstie parents was held, then gifts of the 2008 afghan, letters from each cadet, a photo album with each cadets picture, and parents' "survival guide were given to the Firstie parents Tammy and Denny Appleberry, Luanne and Kurt Eskew and Bertha and Leonard Hachinsky.
13. A champagne toast was given in honor of the Firstie parents and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathie Lemon