

August 28, 2010

Tim and Maria Horan
Joe and Sharon Hornung
Bill Fath
Herb McKinley
Laurette Wharton
Sandy McNeilly

The August meeting of the WPPC-NC was held at the home of Tim and Maria Horan. The board appreciates the fact that they hosted the meeting and provided refreshments and hors d'oeuvres prior to the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 13:52 pm

The minutes from the last board meeting in February 2010 were approved.

New business:

Army Navy Game - Bill

Bill and Jeri Fath have agreed to take over the responsibilities for the Army/Navy game and the board wishes to thank them for this.

Bill gave an update on the number of rooms still available to book at the Courtyard Marriot in Philadelphia. Out of the block of 45 rooms, there are 18 still available.

There was discussion regarding the best way to provide a room for the NC families/cadets to get together on Friday night. The club could reserve a hospitality suite at the hotel for a rate of \$455 or the hotel could provide us with a list of local restaurants/pubs where we could host a gathering. A third option could be to just meet in the hotel lounge area. Herb mentioned that attendance for the Friday night get together has been good some years and not so well attended other years.

Tim motioned for the club to use the hotel lounge/bar area for the families to meet on Friday night. This would be at no cost. Sharon seconded this motion. This would be the best option for giving everyone a chance to get together without the money commitment. It was suggested that we could have everyone meet from 9-11 pm for a happy hour at the Marriott Courtyard Annex/Juniper Street Lounge.

Sharon also mentioned that last year a reservation had been booked at Maggianos which was a convenient location for dining. This also avoided a long wait for food since we had reservations. Bill will get a definite number of people and book for 8 pm. This way everyone (including the cadets) could eat and then meet afterwards at the hotel for the get together.

Bill will send another email and update everyone regarding any deadlines regarding tickets, booking rooms, etc. Anyone who still plans on booking a room will need to specify the NCW code when speaking with the booking agent to ensure that NC parents get their rooms from those set aside for the WPPC-NC club reservations.

It was also noted that it will be \$40 a night to park at the hotel.

Bill said that those interested in sitting with the NC group at the game should let the ticket agent know that block 1148 has been set aside for the NC group. Tickets are approximately \$65 apiece.

Membership Update - Laurette

Laurette Wharton has offered to take over the responsibilities for the web page as well as the membership duties. The board thanks her for doing this.

Laurette reported that of the 2014 cadets there are 30 new memberships (29 cadets). To date, we are still waiting for 4 of those membership payments to be made.

As she is trying to update the membership list, she is still missing some information regarding the 2014s from NC that have accepted their appointments. Tim will forward her this information so she can bring everything up to date.

Tim said we average 20-23 families joining the club per year so having 30 join is a major achievement.

Laurette was wondering how to handle the 2010 families. There was some confusion about who pays. They are given the option to stay on as "grad parents". It is \$15 to do this, however, there is a difference between a graduate from West Point and the parent of a graduating cadet. The parent of the graduating cadet pays the \$15 fee. Sharon made a motion to clarify : We will not charge graduates who want to remain members of the WPPC-NC club and the parents (per family) of graduating cadets will pay \$15. This was unanimously approved.

Laurette was also wondering when she should be collecting dues. For parents who do not pay the full \$150 for the 4 year membership there is an option to pay \$50 per year for membership dues. It was decided that June 30 would be set as the payment due date for the \$50 per year membership dues.

Laurette will put together a list of people who have not paid dues and they will be contacted to see if they want to renew their membership. Tim also mentioned that if parents resign their club membership before the full 4 year membership is paid, they need to be informed that their cadet will not receive a graduation gift from the WPPC-NC.

Laurette had questions regarding when she should put together a membership directory. Tim would like to have the directory finalized after the September 11 tailgate.

Treasurer Report - Herb

On June 7 the WPPC-NC received a \$1000 donation from GSK. A thank you was sent to GSK to thank them for this gift and their support. Thanks also to Trevor Scott for coordinating this donation from GSK.

Herb updated the board regarding the current financial status.

As of 8/17/10, there was a total of \$16284.31 in the account. There was only one outstanding check of \$24 to E and J which is the magnetic name tag company. No deposits are outstanding.

\$3272.74 has been spent since last meeting in February 2010.

WP.ORG is working with us on the online tailgate sign up. As of today, the only check Herb has received from WP.ORG for the tailgate was for the amount of \$249.85. This should change since registration numbers for tailgate have increased substantially.

Some of the expenditures the club has had since the last meeting include:

- \$940.00 to Danny's Barbecue for the Hail and Farewell
- \$737.00 to Wake Forest Awards for engraving
- \$199.00 to E and J for name tags
- \$200.00 to West Point.org for the fund drive
- \$107.00 Tom Wells for Valentine boodle boxes mailing
- \$137.38 to Staples for plebe packets (Herb and Teesa)
- Reimbursement to Tim for awards/gifts at Hail and farewell

This year as in the past, the tailgate will be the largest expenditure. Herb feels that the club should continue to be in good standing financially after the tailgate.

Herb has filed the IRS form for the tax exemption for the organization. It will be due again next June 2011.

Tailgate – Tim

Thanks to a push by the NC cadets encouraging registration for the September 11, 2010 Tailgate, the registrations have increased to 225 registrations. 43 paid tickets have been purchased, the remaining 225 of those registered are cadets and the number is still increasing as we approach the August 30th deadline. We currently have \$1419 of donations/tailgate revenue coming in to help offset the cost of the tailgate.

Tim reported that the cost for the tent rental is \$1504. The cost for barbecue this year will be higher since we have added items that we will be purchased from the barbecue supplier such as cole slaw. The cost will be \$1400. The West Point Club is requiring us

to purchase items from them and this has a \$500 minimum (last year we went way over this amount) but this year we will try to stay as close to this amount as possible. Last year we used the West Point club to get our cake, beans, fruit salad, and brownies. This year we will use them for the cake, fruit, and beer. Everything else will be brought up from North Carolina. We will not rent a grill this year which will save \$400 and will use several propane burners. The chow line will be set up like last year. Tim expects with expenses (minus donations) we will be paying around \$3800 for the tailgate. This \$3800 includes \$400 for cigars.

The club will set up in the same spot as last year. Herb will check to make sure the potable water tank is still at the site for us to use which will help with the water situation. Last year we brought our own water.

Tim mentioned an inquiry from South Carolina's WPPC president asking to participate in the tailgate event. He told the president that parents/cadets were welcome to register this year and support the event by contributing an attendance fee and next year perhaps we can work together to host a "Carolina" tailgate. There has not been a response since she made the initial inquiry and no one from SC has registered for the tailgate. Tim will reach out to her again and tell her that we would like to extend the invitation and would hope that the SC members that would like to attend could contribute to our club to help offset costs.

Tim and Joe will take things up to West Point for the tailgate. Herb will also assist. Rick and Jacquie Holcombe will supply the coolers, tea and bread this year. The beans will come from Sam's Club. Tim is going to try to keep on budget as much as possible.

Zone 4 report - Sharon

The "Pre-beast party" in June was well attended at the McKinleys. There was no interest, however, in the "Laugh and Wail" that was to be held in August. There was no response for this event and it was felt that in the future, it should be held earlier in July so it doesn't conflict with the upcoming A-Day.

Sharon will host the Halloween boodle but wants to make sure people will attend. Tim commented that the boodle parties should be organized by new parents coming in with one older cadet parent helping with the event. Also, if someone wants a boodle box sent to their older cadet they need to let the club know. Sharon stated that while boodle is targeted towards the plebes, if the parents of older cadets want a boodle box packed it can be done if the parents pay the postage. Tim will send a note out to 2014 parents that someone needs to take the lead on this and host a party in early October. The club will pay the postage for the plebe's boodle box. Tim will send out the notice and include 2014 parents from around the state who may be interested in participating.

Sharon felt that a reminder needed to be sent to zone VPs to host their own zone parties before this invitation be sent. Tim said zone VPs need to reach out to these 2014 parents. The zone VP doesn't have to host the party.... just find someone to host the party.

Army/Duke Game

It was also noted that Tanya Berrara (President of the local chapter of West Point graduates) would like some help from our club at the Army/Duke football game on September 25.

Sharon and Maria would be happy to volunteer for this game. They will put together a booth to promote our club during this time.

Tim was wondering if we should put an email out to ask for volunteers and Sharon will check with Tanya regarding particulars as to what is needed volunteer-wise.

Succession of Offices

Tim will put email out to the club asking for someone interested in the president elect position. This also brought to light the current need for finding interested parents to take over leadership roles within the club. The goal for the WPPC-NC is for the parents of firsties who hold offices within to club to find a successor by the time their cadet starts their last year. This enables these parents to enjoy all the activities/events of the year.

The role of the WPPC-NC in providing support to families is invaluable and we must see that it will continue. Each officer needs to take an active role in reaching out to potential replacements and work to make the transition a smooth one. Any parents of younger cadets who are interested in taking over an office should contact a board member.

Adjournment

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim seconded this motion .
The meeting was adjourned at 15:15.

The next meeting will be planned for after February 2011.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandy McNeilly