

West Point Parent's Club Meeting

March 20, 2011

Attendance:

Jerrie Fath Tim Horan Teesa McKinley Buz Moser Cathy Speight Joe Hornung
Bill Fath Maria Horan Herb McKinley Pam Moser Sharon Hornung

Location:

The meeting was held at the Café Caturra Restaurant in Cameron Village in Raleigh.
Meeting opened with greetings by Tim Horan.

OLD Business: none

NEW Business:

Army-Navy game - Jerrie Fath shared her report regarding the 2010 game. The informal gathering for cocktails the night before the game was not well attended. However, the Fath's began a new tradition by holding a breakfast "tailgate" the morning of the game at the parking lot at Lincoln Field. This event was very well attended and deemed a success. This opinion was shared by other members who had attended. Since the Fath's had funded the entire expense for the tailgate, Tim made a motion to reimburse Bill for the expenses for the morning tailgate. Teesa McKinley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Going forward, Tim and the Fath family feel that \$400.00 is needed from the club to host the morning tailgate.

Teesa mentioned that the 2011 football game will be in Washington DC and due to the fact that many military people live in this area, it will be more difficult to get tickets for the game. Members must be aware that the only method to get tickets early is to join the Army A Club.

Buz Moser feels that our club will need a hospitality suite for one night for this BIG game. Association pick up the cost... this also becomes a point of contact to explain game activities. Tim also feels this would be a good idea.

Teesa mentioned a contact, Hillsdale Travel, to assist with arranging a block of rooms for the DC game. Jerrie will also speak with their former contact at Marriott in Philly to seek out a new contact with the DC Marriott.

Bill wants to be sure to include the cadets who are available to join in the morning tailgate. Tim will supply the email list of cadets so they can be invited to attend.

Treasurer Report - Herb McKinley reported a checking account balance of \$13,167.32 as of 3/20/2011.

There are three outstanding expenses: \$400.00 to the Fath's for Army-Navy tailgate expenses, \$122.50 to Sharon Hornung for postage for Valentine Boodle and \$107.00 to Christy Haas for

Halloween Boodle postage. The current cash balance is approximately \$3000.00 below last year's balance, meaning, the club is spending more than it is taking in. The club needs to reduce expenses and/or increase income (dues).

Dues Discussion - Our current dues structure is \$50.00 per year, if paid annually, or \$150.00 for all 4 years if paid when new members join. The membership rolls are tracked manually and there is not good linkage between membership and fees due and received. Thus, there is confusion if members have paid upfront fee vs. if they are on the annual fee plan. Also, the membership rolls are not effective at capturing cadet families that leave WP early, or if they want to continue to be members after graduation (\$15.00 for graduates or family members). Catherine shared that she is on the \$50.00 per year plan. She sent in her dues this year, although no one contacted her to do so.

Tim shared that there is a list of families who have not paid dues. He also proposed doing away with the \$50.00/year option and just going with the upfront cost of \$150.00 for all 4 years. There was some discussion that not allowing both options would be a problem for some families either financially or not willing to sign up for all 4 years in case their son/daughter withdrew early. It was decided to leave the current fee structure in place.

Tim will contact Jack Price to try and get membership and fees on-line using a web site. This will also allow the flexibility of using a credit card to pay annually or up front.

Fall Tailgate - Jeff Ange will take on the Fall Tailgate with the Horan's providing mentoring. There are only four home games this year: 9/10, 9/17, 10/1 and 10-29. Discussion followed on pro's and con's of various dates which resulted in a motion by Tom to hold the tailgate on Sept 10. There was a second and motion carried.

Tim feels that tailgate expenses should be able to be reduced by \$500-\$1,000 based on his experience of working on the event the last 2 years. He will work with Jeff to try and achieve. Using the web site the last 2 years has worked well for sign up and tickets (all cadets are free). He will work again with Jack Price, our contact at WP.org to build this year's web site.

Hail and Farewell – Teesa will be coordinating again this year. Dates proposed were June 4 or June 11. Some discussion followed with Teesa making a motion for a date June 4th. A second was obtained and this date was tentatively set. Teesa will confirm that the date is as free of conflicts as can be expected during a busy spring graduation, sports, etc. period. The budget was decided to be the same as it was for the 2010 year.

Tim suggested a speaker for the event, but Teesa did not think this was a good idea. The event already has many activities, e.g. introducing new officers, thanking retiring officers, handing out gifts to our new 2nd Lieutenants, having the cadet candidates spend time with the new Lieutenants, etc. The interface time between new cadet candidates and old cadets seemed to be especially valuable.

All Academy Ball – Our turn to host the ball this year. Need parents to take on event. Claire (VP Zone 3) has 2 parents interested. Tim will contact Claire to solidify volunteers. Detail actions, e.g. Flags

needed from Congressman, etc. will be forwarded by Teesa. Tentative date set for December 30th. This will be confirmed once volunteers and venue are secured. However, Teesa has spoken with Cathy White regarding the availability of the Preston Country Club.

Outstanding

Tim Pre-Beast gatherings decision goes to Zone VP's Event at the home or other location
Cook out, light hors d'oeuvres ALL incoming families invited

Board and Officers

Tim made a motion to elect Buz M President elect. A second was obtained. Vote was unanimous.

Membership - Cathy Speight expressed an interest. Tim made a motion to nominate Cathy for said position. A second was obtained and the vote unanimous. Cathy will combine this position with the position responsible for the name tags.

Secretary- There was also a discussion of not filling the secretary position but to ask one of the one VP's attending the Board meeting, to take notes as required. Considering the number of times the board actually meets and the lack of Volunteers, the club agreed that this is the best way to move forward.

Treasurer – Herb McKinley will serve another term.

Zone VP's- Zone 1 Asheville - vacant ask incoming class
Zone 2 Charlotte - vacant ask incoming class
Zone 3 Greensboro - Claire Clark
Zone 4 Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill – Tim will ask Julie Yacynych, 2014 parent
Zone 5 Fayetteville – Has not been filled for years.
Zone 6&7 - Jerrie and Bill Fath

Seeking an Activity Information Coordinator to manage overall communications and maintain a website.

Adjournment - Tim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 2:52 Buzz seconded it. Meeting adjourned.