

West Point Parents Club of NC
Executive Board Meeting
February 28, 2009
Home of Rick and Jacquie Holcombe
Cary, NC

Thanks to Rick and Jacquie Holcombe for opening their home to the board meeting. A potluck brunch was enjoyed by everyone and the meeting was called to order by Pam Zornick at 1115.

Attendees:

Pam Zornick
Rick & Jacquie Holcombe
Trevor & Lynda Scott
Dick & Eileen Taylor
Rick & Lisa Adams
Sarah Lanier
Sandy McNeilly
Tim & Maria Horan
Charles & Sharon Kralick
Joe & Karen Callaway
Vicky Currie
Nancy Enloe
Sharon Hornung

Minutes from the last meeting in October 2008 were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Vicky

1. Bank statement of February 2009 showed a balance of \$15,675.43.
2. There have been 3 checks written since the February statement for a total of \$152.69. Deposits made after the February statement totalled \$69.00. The current checkbook balance is then \$15,591.74.

Membership – Nancy

1. We currently have 116 families and 126 cadets represented. There are 231 subscribers to the listserv.
2. Five memberships are pending at this time for the 2013 class.
3. There has been an interesting addition to the courtesy listserv members. The office of Congressman Brad Miller has asked to be on the listserv. It was suggested that this may indicate it is worthwhile to include congressmen and representatives who will be making nominations so they can use it for reference.

4. The courtesy listing for the USNA parent whose son was at WP last year will probably be removed.

Old Business

All Academy Ball – Tim

1. Tim felt that the event was well done and well represented by all the Academies. It was a nice location and setting. He also felt it was reasonably priced.

Army/ Navy Tailgate – Pam

1. The event went well and was well attended by the cadets.
2. A suggestion was made to include a variety of directions to the tailgate since people will be arriving from different locations.
3. A volunteer to coordinate this event in 2009 is needed.

Akron Tailgate – Lynda

1. A thank-you photo collage was sent to Olde Time BBQ.

New Business

Vote was conducted to accept new board members. The vote was unanimous.

Vicky Currie—Treasurer
Sandy McNeilly—Secretary
Stacey Evans—Membership
Rick and Lisa Adams—Hail and Farewell
Nancy Enloe—Web Site
Cindy Winter-Hartley—Nametags
Tim and Maria Horan—Tailgate Assistants
Bill and Jean Marren—Zone 2
Sharon Hornung—Zone 4 assistant
Joe and Karen Callaway—Zone 6 and 7

It was requested that all officers review their addresses and information on the website <http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-nc/index.html> to make sure everything is correct.

Committee Reports

Web Site - Nancy

1. Links have been added to plebe net and parent net.
2. We have added a disclaimer that we are not an “official” website and it is run and maintained by volunteers
3. We will start using the web page as an announcements area and we are in the process of updating it and tidying it up. Trevor Scott will be sending some updated photographs to add as well.
4. Pam noted that there will be an addition of an official letter from Deb Dalton, Parents Club Coordinator. Deb is a West Point approved contact from the Public Affairs Office (PAO). Pam will also make sure that communications from Deb get e-mailed out to the parents group.
5. 2013 Plebe Handbook
 - Nancy and Lynda volunteered to update it.
 - Changes that need to be made include adding dates for '09-'10, changing the date on the book to 2013, changing the officer listing, adding info about not needing to purchase the boots in advance, and including information about PPW which can be done after this year's PPW.
 - It was suggested that this info be posted prior to the Hail and Farewell for the 2013 families to use.
 - Tim suggested that we include the recommendation to candidates to get low quarters broken in before R-day.
 - It was proposed that we develop a constitution for the WPPC-NC and that this be published on the website. After some discussion, it was decided to table this topic for discussion at a later meeting.

Tailgate – Jacquie, Tim and Maria

1. Possible dates for the Tailgate were 9/12, 9/19, and 10/3. We will go with the earliest date available.
2. Tim suggested that we continue to use the 49ers Club. We may have to bring water in 10 gallon containers to solve a previous problem with the water supply.
3. Pam suggested that we go through the WP Organization to address the problems we had last year. Deb Dalton would be able to assist with any concerns. Tara Bailey is also a new contact person.
4. Lisa suggested that it may be helpful to designate people to bring certain cooking utensils since the 49er is not well stocked.
5. The menu will stay unchanged though there will be some adjustments to the amounts (ex. bring more tea if possible).
6. There was much discussion about the providing of cigars. The expense this year had gone up considerably. Discontinuing the cigars was put up as a motion but the board voted in favor of continuing to provide the cigars (7 in favor of

- discontinuing/11 in favor of continuing). Tim suggested that distribution be more controlled and he would look into keeping the cost down.
7. Reservations for this event are expected to be done online through WP.ORG . It is worth the fee and will make the paperwork portion easier. In addition, rather than charging per plate, donations will be requested. The benefits of online registration include making it easier for parents to sign up for themselves and family while the cadets can sign up separately.
 8. There was a suggestion to plan the tailgate according to estimates from now on (ex. plan for 200). A concern for this would be that we would run out of food. It was then suggested that we use the online reservations to help estimate yet still plan for approximately 200 people and then adjust as needed.
 9. It was voted at October 2008 meeting to use the donation system on a trial basis for one year.

All Academy Meeting – Lynda

1. The meeting was held on February 18, 2009 at Cardinal Gibbons. All five academies and ROTC were represented. There were 200 in attendance and 85 candidates. The speaker for the evening was a '82 West Point graduate.
2. Lou Wells assisted with setting up and refreshments. A check for \$28.42 was written to Lou to cover drinks.
3. Lynda has personally funded our portion in the past (\$50-75).
4. A motion was made and unanimously passed to fund these expenses from WPPC-NC's monies.

WP Presidents Conference April 16-17, 2009

1. This event happens every year at West Point. Pam was unable to attend last year and cannot attend this year. She feels that it is important for our club to be represented.
2. Jonathan Jones, Zone 1 VP volunteered to attend. Having Jonathan attend not only represents our club but it allows the western portion of the state an opportunity to be more involved.
3. It was suggested to have a limit on the expense reimbursement and to have Jonathan provide his receipts.
4. A motion was made to support Jonathan as our representative and to reimburse up to \$500 with the submission of receipts. The vote was unanimous in favor of doing so.

Handling Zone VP Expenses – Lynda

1. Lynda feels that in asking people to host these events, we are not only asking them to contribute time but we are putting an additional expense burden as well. She feels that Zone VPs need more support financially.

2. Lynda brought up the subject of having a budget for the club. This way it would clarify what we pay for/fund as well as what expenses can be claimed. Everything would be outlined and a procedure would be in place. For example, it was helpful this year to know that mailing Plebe boodle boxes would be paid for by the club.
3. It was suggested that expenses from the last 3 years could be reviewed. Also we need a cash flow budget review to see what that trends are.
4. It would also be helpful for committee members to email Vicky what their projected expenses may be. A motion was made and passed to ask Vicky to put some numbers together summarizing past expenses (depending on her time) and to ask all committee chairpeople to email her with actual or projected expenses.
5. The board will need to meet again and discuss the budget after A-day when we will know which new families are being added. Trevor and Tim said they would be glad to help in this process.

Financial Support for NC Cadets planning on attending the yearly Founder's Day and All Academy Ball events - Pam for Catherine

1. The Raleigh West Point Society of the Triangle (Tanya Barrera) will fund a portion (half the cost) of cadets and candidates attendance to Founders Day only.
2. We discussed having WPPC-NC also provide some monies for these two events but decided to table this decision until we know more about the budget.
3. In addition, we discussed the fact that Cardinal Gibbons donates its facility and help staff two times a year free of charge. It was noted that a contribution of some kind be made to Cardinal Gibbons in appreciation of their help. This will also be tabled for future consideration once the budget is outlined.

Welcome of 2013 Cadets – Pam

1. By the end of March to mid-April Pam should be getting a spreadsheet from Major McBride. She needs volunteers to help contact these families.
2. The phone calls should be “scripted” in order to keep the contact uniform.
3. Pam needs volunteers to help. Sharon H., Sharon K., Dick, Nancy, Lynda, and Sarah all volunteered to help.

Army/Navy Lacrosse on April 18, 2009

1. Tailgate hosted by the West Point Society of the Triangle and the Navy Society will be advertised on our listserv.

Hail and Farewell, May 30, 2009

1. Lisa will continue to work on the Hail and Farewell.
2. There was some discussion about the Hail and Farewell, May 30, 2009. It was suggested we stay with the same format as last year. The pins and bumper stickers were well received. Plebe parents were given “free” raffle tickets for gifts.

3. If a dignitary attends the Hail and Farewell, we need to give them an opportunity to speak.
4. Sarah will resend minutes to Eileen, Lisa, and Pam to remind them of changes that were considered at the last meeting.

Zone Reports:

Zone 1 –

Zone 1 will not be doing boodle boxes anymore. States that cadets do not want candy.

Zone 2 –

Had a January 31st Boodle party. 15 members attended.
Bill and Jean Marren will head Zone 2 in 2009-2010.

Zone 3 –

Zone 3 had a February 1st Boodle Party. Boodle boxes were sent to 11 cadets.

Zone 4 –

1. Lynda and Sharon reports that there was a nice turnout for the January 31 Boodle Party. 13 families attended.
2. Lynda also reported that she attended Congressman Price's reception for the nominees for the class of 2013 on February 18th.

Zone 6 and 7

Joe and Karen Callaway will head this zone in 2009-2010.
There was no boodle party held but boodle was sent to the plebes.

Zone 5 –

Zone 5 needs a representative. Pam will be contacting a potential rep for this zone.

Miscellaneous Topics/Conclusion

1. There was some discussion on the fact that no one has offered to take over the President's position for Pam. She will continue as President though many offered to help alleviate her work load by assisting her as much as possible.
2. Pam will be checking with other parent clubs who may have a constitution in place for us to model and will ask Jonathan to see what he can obtain at the Presidents' meeting. Anyone else who can bring an example to the next meeting is encouraged to do so.
3. **A major topic of discussion at the next board meeting will be the constitution and budget.**

An August 29, 2009 date was set for the next meeting. Any further discussions or information in the interim will be shared via e-mail.

Meeting was adjourned at 1330.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy McNeilly