

Minutes West Point Parents Club (WPPC) Oregon/SW Washington - Executive Board Meeting January 21, 2012

Attendees: Kathy & Milton Stahmer, Mike & Deb Mihalik, Deborah Brown, Mark & Kimberly Landsem, Larry Weber, Michael Barnes

General Meeting Attendees: Kathy & Milton Stahmer, Mike & Deb Mihalik, Deborah Brown, Mark & Kimberly Landsem, Mike & Susan Barnes Sonny & Koann Tan, Tom & Robin Holt, Young & Carol Shin, Glen & Mary Jo Hess, Nancy Davis, Julie Banning, Gary Smith, Larry Weber, Geary Michels, and Craig Scheitzen.

Board Meeting

- Call to order at 11:10 a.m. by Kathy Stahmer. Seconded by Deb Mihalik. Motion carried.

President's Report

Kathy & Milton Stahmer

- The October minutes were reviewed and accepted. Kathy Stahmer made a motion to accept. Seconded by Deb Mihalik. Motion carried.
- Kathy recommended that the silent auction stands from the 2010 All Service Academy Ball be given to the 2012 host, Air Force Academy Club. In addition, a file with the 2010 ball information will be passed on to an Air Force Club representative by Mike Mihalik. The Navy Club will host the 2014 ball and the Army Club will host again in 2016.
- It was stated that the Club would be asked to contribute a silent auction basket and possibly \$1,000.00 seed money for the next ball.

Vice President's Report

Mike & Deb Mihalik

- Mike will talk with both the Air Force and Navy clubs to see how they handle their tax exempt status. Deb Brown will forward the Air Force and Navy email addresses to Mike.
- A \$40.00 donation was submitted to the Treasurer.
- Mike asked the board members if they had received an email invitation to the 2012 USMA Founders Day Dinner from Kevin Byrne, OR WPS President. Everyone except the Landsem's had received the email. Mike will forward the email to Mark and Kimberly. Mike also mentioned all were invited to attend as Kevin was encouraging more participation from the WPPC. This year's dinner occurs during the WP Cadet spring break. Mike will check with Kevin to see if the cadets might be welcome to attend.

Treasure's Report

Larry Weber

- Budget balances checking/savings as of 12/31/2011.

Checking Account Balance:	\$4,239.64
Savings Account Balance:	<u>\$2,729.26</u>
Total:	\$6,968.90
- Fiscal Year 2011 financial report indicates a negative balance of \$3,929.30 resulting from a cost overrun from the WPPC sponsorship of the 2010 All Academy Ball.
- The average annual cost to run the WPPC is a little less than \$5,000 per year. If an organization averages gross receipts less than \$5,000 annually, that organization would be exempt from having to file a Form 1023 with the IRS. (Ref: IRS Publication Instructions for Form 1023, (Rev. June 2006)).
- WPPC Internal Revenue Service non-profit status, a 501c3 organization. The WPPC by-laws will need to be modified to include a statement regarding club assets should the organization liquidate. "Statement of Liquidation" and "Purpose of the Club", non-profit vs. social. It was recommended that the WPPC get copies of by-laws from other states such as; Virginia, Michigan, Texas, or Illinois organizations as possible examples of appropriate language for the OR & SW Washington Parents Club. Focus on those examples that received a legal review for IRS compliance.
- A motion was made by Deb Brown and seconded by Deb Mihalik to update the Club's official address with a recommendation to acquire a P.O. Box to provide for the IRS, banking documents, and general mail, etc. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Kathy Stahmer and seconded by Mike Barnes to appoint a mail carrier and set-up the mail box in Wilsonville. Mark Landsem volunteered to get the box and pick up the mail. Motion carried.
- The annual Tulip Sales raised \$125.00 for the club.
- The appropriate receiving of cash is to be counted by two members of the board and sealed in an envelope with member signatures to insure accountability.

Kathy Stahmer made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mark Landsem. Motion carried.

ALL MEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Milton and Kathy Stahmer called the general meeting to order at 12:15 P.M., welcoming all club members. Milton and Kathy then thanked the outgoing board officers for their service with special recognitions followed by the introduction of the incoming officers.

- Installation of New Officers:
Presidents – Mike and Deb Mihalik (Mark 2014)
Vice Presidents – Bill and Nancy Sampson (Kevin 2015)
Treasurers – Mark and Kimberly Landsem (Hope 2015)

Secretaries – Mike and Susan Barnes (Ian 2015)

- Kathy & Milton Stahmer turned the meeting over to the new presidents Mike & Deb Mihalik.
- Mike presented Milton and Kathy with a 2012 Silver Dollar proof minted at the West Point officially recognized as one of the U.S. mints. Each year the WP mint produces a limited edition of the silver dollars representing a highly collectable coin.
- Mike stated that following our meal the club would pack troop boxes for an Oregon 2008 WP Graduate Captain Cody Pitman and his company deployed to Afghanistan two days prior to Christmas 2011. We will continue to keep track of where our past cadets are stationed and use them as recipients of our troop boodle boxes. After the troop boxes were complete the club would pack boodle boxes for our WP cadets.
- Mike then asked each family provide a progress report on how their cadet was progressing this school year. There were some great entertaining feedback and success stories provided by each family.
- Mike Mihalik suggested that everyone try to attend at least one Army/Navy Football game. Next year's game will be in Philadelphia.
- It was noted this year that the plebes were required to travel in uniform to and from the winter break, a change from the previous year.
- The schedule of 2012 WPPC meeting is being reviewed and some dates may be revised as the August 25 meeting date coincides with WP Ring Weekend – Class of 2013.
- Next scheduled WPPC meeting will be on April 14 – Hail & Farewell to our Class of 2012, who will graduate on May 26, 2012.
- The annual Sandhurst Competition will be held this year on April 20-21, 2012. Several Oregon cadets will be participants.
- 500th night – January 21, Class of 2013.
- Yearling Winter weekend – February 4, Class of 2014.
- Plebe Parent Weekend – March 9-11, Class of 2015. Mike Mihalik will be sending out an email with some tips for parents along with a short video of a previous year's event.
- Raffle drawing for a WP 5X7 picture-frame. Deb Mihalik encouraged everyone to purchase tickets.
- Several programs highlighting WP were broadcast over the last several months. They can be viewed via "On Demand". One of the programs featured in *American Experience*, *Robert E Lee*. Another was Showtime's *Game of Honor*.
- The All Service Academy Ball will be held in December following Christmas. It will be sponsored by the Air Force Academy Parent Club.
- Mike Mihalik made a motion to adjourn the general meeting. Kathy Stahmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Cadet Prayer read by Mike Mihalik.
- Luncheon
- Packed troop boxes for company deployed to Afghanistan.
- Packed Booodle Boxes for West Point cadets.