

8 September 2011 EC Meeting Minutes

The EC met on 8 September at the Fairfax Army Navy Country Club. Members present – Hall, Smith, Schonberger, Bauer, Luman, and Raymond. Bradshaw participated by speaker phone. Anne Martin, widows' liaison, was also present.

First Class Club Enhancement

Note: Prior to the EC meeting, Michael Bonura of Roll-a-Cover, International made a presentation to several members of the EC and interested others (Hruby, Johnson, and Mitchell) regarding his company's proposal to enlarge the capacity of the First Class Club.

Tony Smith discussed the Roll-a-Cover proposal to enclose the patio area of the First Class Club, increasing its capacity by 200 persons. He stressed that this is not a "done deal," as Post engineers and the Director of Cadet Activities will be required to do their part. Additionally, the New York Historical Association will have to approve the proposal. There were several proposals for consideration. If West Point can provide labor to assist the company in the installation (6-8 workers) the cost can be reduced by 20%. Additionally, a reduction in the size of the enclosure can reduce the price by approximately \$95 per square foot. The initial estimated cost was \$300,000. With the above reductions, the cost should be on the order of \$230,000 - \$250,000. We are authorized by the By-laws of the Perpetual Endowment Fund to withdraw a lump sum amount of \$100,000 for purposes of club improvements. It was additionally surmised that the Class Gift Fund could provide a donation of \$20,000 to \$30,000. If we get the assistance of Post engineers, we are therefore looking at a fund raising campaign of about \$100,000 - \$120,000.

The Committee gave its conditional approval of the Roll-a-Cover proposal, recognizing that it will require "buy-ins" from the Post engineers, DCA, and approval from the Class to embark on a significant fund raising effort. It was recognized that the proposal to dedicate the enclosure to Butch Ordway would also encourage Class support. Tony Smith was asked to present the concept of the project to the Class at the Orlando Reunion to get Class feedback on proceeding with the project.

Communications

Once again, the issue of the distribution of the Class newsletter surfaced. Oelke had recommended that the next newsletter be the last "snail mail" edition. Subsequently, Classmates would be asked to take advantage of the email edition. The Committee agreed with the proposal, provided that we permit Classmates to request paper distribution at an annual handling fee of \$5.00.

The dissatisfaction expressed by a number of classmates with the emails being sent on the Class Forum was raised. After considerable discussion, the Committee felt that no further action was required and no changes would be recommended.

Orlando Mini-Reunion

Hall announced that due to medical issues he will be unable to attend the reunion as he had originally planned. In his absence, Jack Bradshaw will chair the meeting, the agenda to be:

- Orlando Team Introductions/Announcements – Bob Tallgren
- Washington, DC Mini in 2012 – Palmer McGrew
- 55th Reunion in 2013 – Gary Roosma
- Treasurer's Report – Jack Bradshaw
- FCC Enhancements – Tony Smith
- PEF Report – Gerald Mitchell
- Update Class Database – Jack Bradshaw
- Widow's Report – Anne Martin
- DGA Nominations for 2012 – Jack Bradshaw
- Announce book signing by Will Merrill – Jack Bradshaw (currently envisioned as an elective seminar and book signing in the Admiralty room)
- Communications – Jack Bradshaw

As a matter of interest, Anne Martin indicated that eight widows will attend the reunion.

Distinguished Graduate Award

Schonberger raised the question as to what back-up materials could be appropriately appended to the packages submitted to the Association. Specifically, he was in receipt of municipally awarded certificates in support of Jim Castles' nomination. The Committee agreed that their inclusion would be appropriate. Hall announced that Jack Bradshaw will write individual endorsing letters for each package. Classmates being recommended for the Distinguished Graduate Award in 2012 are: Butch Saint and Jim Castle.

Treasurer's Report

Bauer presented the Treasurer's Report indicating that the balance was \$46,004.42, divided among a checking, money market and equity index account. He further indicated that he had received a check for \$3,964.68 from Art Meyer representing excess funds from the Tucson Mini-Reunion. His report was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.