

## 9 Dec 2011 EC Meeting Minutes

The EC met on 9 Dec 2011 at the Arlington Army-Navy Country Club. Members present – Hall, Smith, Schonberger, Bauer, Luman and Raymond. Bradshaw, Oelke and Ruud participated by speaker phone. Lawton was also in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report

Bauer presented the Treasurer's report indicating a current balance of \$39,088.01. He noted that this represented a quarterly drop of \$6916.41 which he attributed largely to market fluctuation.

### First Class Club

Raymond reported the results of the survey regarding the acceptance of the proposal to enlarge the Club's capacity through the addition of an enclosed patio as follows: 128 For, 13 Opposed. While it was recognized that this represented an overwhelmingly acceptance, it was also noted that only one third of the Class had responded.

In the discussion of options that followed Smith stated that he had been to West Point the week before Thanksgiving and as a result found that;

- The AOG is on board and will provide oversight
- The DCA (Flowers) is prepared to install a bar in the patio area.
- The DPW who walked the area noted that the installation process will be a bit more involved than we had anticipated in that (1) a drainpipe would have to be moved, (2) the long side pitch of the existing patio is a problem, (3) installation would require a constant flat surface and (4) the space heaters we envisioned wouldn't work.

Smith also reported that Roll-a-Cover will hold the price for 30 days into the New Year and that by reducing the length of the cover to 85 feet the cost of the installation could be held to a range of \$200-\$225k range. It was recognized that there are significant engineering issues to be overcome. Based on monies on hand (gift fund \$23K and a PEF donation of \$100K) and the anticipated success of a Class-wide fund raising campaign, the EC concluded that the project appeared to be financially viable. It would be premature to vote to proceed, however, until all outstanding issues are resolved.

In a related discussion our interaction with the Class of 2008 regarding the transfer of oversight of the FCC was raised. It was noted that in this regard our success to date has been limited. It is apparent that for them FCC oversight is not a front burner issue. The EC recognized the problem and agreed that their 5<sup>th</sup> reunion (our 55<sup>th</sup>) should be our target date to obtain something from them in writing regarding their willingness to assume a greater responsibility in this regard.

### Social Activities

Lumen noted that we generally meet 4 or 5 times a year. Barring input from the class to the contrary, we will continue apace. Of greater concern was the issue of Mini-Reunions. Bauer noted that the Orlando reunion was not a financial success. Additionally, Tallgren reported that he was left with 5 tickets for the Cirque de Soleil at approximately \$80 a piece for a \$400 outlay. While the committee approved Tallgren's reimbursement, the EC recognized that as the Class ages cancellation issues will increase. It was the sensing of the committee that future

reunions should probably be scaled back to include a welcome reception, memorial service, Benny Havens room and perhaps a dinner. A number of Classmates have expressed their preference for fewer tours and more time to get reacquainted with others present.

Luman distributed copies of the current lessons learned/guidance document provided to Mini-Reunion hosts. Hall requested that EC members review the document and be prepared to offer any suggested changes at our next meeting.

### **Review of Policy Documents**

Hall asked the EC members to review the Policies and Procedures document for any necessary updates.

### **Class Communications**

Lawton noted that 71 Classmates, 68 widows, and 23 ex-Classmates are not currently on any Class email roster, as their email addresses were either incorrect, not known, or the individual did not have computer access or the desire to receive class communications. He expressed the concern that some Classmates/widows/ex-Classmates may in fact want to have their names added to the list. The EC recognized our requirement to maintain current contact information, but also recognized that some do not care to be included in Class communications. Lawton proposed that the EC have CCQs canvass those not on the list to ensure that their lack of participation reflects their interest. Hall agreed with the canvass, but wanted to ensure that all participants realize that the roster is understood to be a restricted access roster and to ensure that those not on, in fact wish not to be contacted. The EC similarly agreed noting that the issue was one of reasonableness. In effect, if Classmates want to be left alone, that is their prerogative. Oelke agreed to ask CCQs to conduct the canvass, asking for specific comments on the status of each of the 71 missing Classmates. He felt that he could complete the canvass within 30 days.

### **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

It was reported that Smith has agreed to remain on the committee for an additional 3 years.

### **CCQ Activities**

**A discussion was held concerning the many demands placed upon CCQ's as the "glue that holds the Class together."** We look to them to maintain contact with the classmates, ex-classmates, and widows of their company. We call upon the CCQ's to conduct surveys, get out the vote, and encourage participation in Class affairs of every description. Some have served in this capacity since the CCQ concept was instituted for the graduates of '58. Some may wish for a bit of relief. In conducting the most recent survey regarding participation on e-mail lists, and as the coordinator of CCQ activities for the EC, Karl Oelke was asked to assess the current situation and determine if any changes may be appropriate. He was requested to advise the EC of any recommended changes at the next meeting.

### **55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program Review**

A draft copy of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program was received from Garry Roosma with a request for any suggestions. This was circulated prior to the meeting. A few minor suggestions regarding the time of the Class Meeting and time for a Widows meeting (if desired) were offered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

FCC Update: Tony Smith has advised me that our discussions with officials at West Point are continuing and have not yet come to fruition. Further, we have no indication that Roll-a-Cover has any inclination to adjust its quoted price.