

Minutes, EXCOM Meeting. 6 September, 2017

The Chairman, Dick Schonberger, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM at the Waskowicz home. Present were Pete Kusek, Jack Gordon, Tony Smith, George Sibert, Frank Waskowicz, Betsy Hall, Audrey Webb, Margie Downing, Andy Andreson, and Dick. Participating via telephone were Jack Bradshaw, Tom Claffey, PD Vanture, and Garry Roosma (to update the EXCOM on planning for our 60th reunion.) Jack Downing joined to discuss the disposition of class coins in his possession.

New Member. Dick opened the meeting by welcoming Andy Andreson to the meeting to replace Tony Smith on the EXCOM. The class will be asked to approve Andy at the 60th. (Tony has indicated a willingness to continue to closure on First Class Club initiatives and [less willingly] to continue "ownership" of the gift presentations to class grandchildren.) Presuming class approval of Andy's membership at the 60th, the EXCOM will most likely vote — with Dick's departure — Andy to be Chairman. Dick's departure opens a new vacancy. The EXCOM will solicit recommendations from the class and put a name to the class for approval to replace Dick following the 60th.

Recognition of Special Classmates. One of Andy's early actions has been the recognition of special classmates at the 60th. Several designs of a certificate were considered. The preference is to use the AOG template shown below.



Treasurer's Report. Pete Kusek reported on our operating Fund.

USAA Checking Account	\$1,193.03
T. Rowe Price	\$79,970.57
Total	\$81,163.60

Operating Fund Expenses	
Hugh Trumbull – Capelle Award	\$315.94
EC commo	\$18.79
Postage	\$9.80
Betsy Hall – postage reimbursement	\$102.78
Doug Sedgwick memorial	\$100.00
Ted Childress memorial	\$100.00
Bob Meals memorial	\$100.00
Carl Sullinger memorial	\$100.00
Sibert — VN memorial flowers	\$71.55

Admin fund (deposited with AOG) \$2,022.93

(The last is money to kick-start reunion activities and is drawn on by Garry Roosma as needed.)

Pete discussed moving the class administrative funds to AOG management as has been done by numerous other classes with great satisfaction. The EXCOM directed Pete to proceed with that action this year, rather than waiting until after the 60th. Frank said that George Lawton, the new chair of the Perpetual Endowment Fund Board (PEFB), cautioned that we ensure understanding among the class, the PEFB, and AOG regarding our intent to transfer control of class funds to the PEFB, with ultimate deposit of all remaining funds to the PEF, when the class is no longer a viable entity. Pete will work with George to accomplish this.

60th Reunion Planning. Garry Roosma provided information regarding reunion. The housing situation is that all of the 148 rooms allotted to us by the Thayer have been reserved. Interest in the reunion has exceeded expectations based on historical experience. As reported last month planning was based on the expectation of 140 classmates and their family and friends, and the demand has exceeded that.

The Thayer retained only 3 rooms/suites; namely the Presidential Suite and wedding suites — both in the \$700 range. So there is no capacity there to adsorb new requests. Given that we will experience some losses prior to the reunion, Garry is

urging classmates to put their names on a waiting list. In the meanwhile he has made arrangements with other establishments, namely:

- Holiday Inn Xpress – 15 rooms
- The West Point Motel – 10 rooms
- The Hampton – 15 rooms

Other tidbits mentioned by Garry:

- 14 widows have made reservations
- Tom Sands will be organizing the golf tournament
- Audrey Webb is coordinating a Widows luncheon
- Stewart airport is operating commercially and provides car service to West Point
- Registration forms will go on-line in the January/February timeframe; it will include information of AOG services to ease entry to the Academy if one does not possess military ID

The Way Forward: Class actions and activities post 60th Reunion. Recommended changes to the White Paper based on individual comment and critique from various class leaders were discussed. The next step is to send a version reflecting those inputs and the EXCOM's perspectives to the class before the end of the year for comment and discussion. After that review, the paper will be finalized and distributed to the class as an agreed-upon vision of how we will handle class affairs in the decade following our 60th.

Dick Schonberger said that there was considerable interest in our long range planning, and that the AOG and several classes at the recent Leadership Conference at West Point asked for material to help spur their efforts in this vein. Dick has provided copies of the matrix that started up our effort, and some of the subsequent drafts that emphasize the broad nature of our effort.

Frank Waskowicz is charged with getting the most recent draft out to the class — probably in the December time frame, allowing 30-days for review and comment.

First Class Club (FCC). Tony recently sent photos of the interior of the FCC that incorporated the “athlete” theme that was central to our original design. All



agreed that they appreciate the inclusion of the athlete theme, and those that have been there remarked that the facility seems larger and more open. All in all, it's been well done.

Tony Smith continues to work with USMA Cadet Activities Director (DCA) to provide the best use for the funds that were raised by the class for the refurbishment of the First Class Club. We have agreed to use the approximately \$120,000 not yet committed in our gift fund with the WPAOG to construct an outdoor extension of the patio, which will be fitted out with a new surface, fire pit, and club like furniture.

Tony reported that the DCA is proposing a mobile "Class of 1958 Wall" to be displayed at the FCC during our 60th. It can be moved to other class events if appropriate.

Class Grandchildren. We're fortunate to have class progeny continue to enter the Academy. At present there are five grandsons and one granddaughter at the Academy. Tony Smith has had the con on this project for an extended period. Actual presentation of the trays to grandchildren has been a shared duty; most recently by Jack Downing in conjunction with his presentation of the BG James Ramsden Award in Chemistry. Tony will take steps to add to our inventory of trays for future use.

CCQ Coordinator's Report. PD Vanture provided the status of memorial article preparation and publication providing detailed lists of various categories. The lists were not discussed in detail at the meeting, but the data that PD provided deserves as much publicity as possible in hopes a volunteer will step forward. Notable is the fact that 39 classmates have or intend to write their own living memorial article. 10 have already been sent to AOG. One — would you believe — was judged "too long", and rejected. Wonder who?

PD also detailed information about articles "in progress" (14), a listing of classmates who "wish no memorial article" (12 in number), a list of deceased classmates with no memorial articles for lack of contact (4), and a list of deceased where nothing is underway . That list of 32 classmates needs obviously needs attention — a volunteer to take the job on. Those classmates with no contact or no identified author, their company and date of death are provided below in hopes someone will step forward to do what is right:

Floyd Likens, B-1, Died 16 Dec 2007 NO CONTACT
Bob Bier, B-1, Died 7 Jan, 2011 NO CONTACT
John Raymond, E-1, died 1 Dec 2016 — NO AUTHOR
Dick Garlick, G-1, died 21 Feb, 2017 — NO AUTHOR
Doug Sedgwick, G-1, died 30 May, 2017 — NO AUTHOR
Albert MacLeod, G-1, Died 29 July, 2012 NO CONTACT
Bill Ganey, H-1, died 1 Sept 2015 — NO AUTHOR

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Tony Munger, H-1, Died Jan 1012, NO CONTACT
Dan Clark, H-1, Died 15 June 1017 — NO AUTHOR
Jay Tirre, L-1, Died 22 Dec 2014 —NO AUTHOR
Joe Paes, L-1, Died 21 Jun 2016 —NO AUTHOR
Jack Peters, L-1, Died 11 Jan 2014 — NO AUTHOR
Bob Miller, L-1, Died 11 Jan, 2014 — NO AUTHOR
Joe Shea, L-1, Died 31 Aug 2016 — NO AUTHOR
Bob Lindquist, L-1, 22 April 2017 — NO AUTHOR
Dave Kyle, M-1, 5 April, 2013 — NO AUTHOR
Frank Smith, M-1, Died 11 July, 2009— NO AUTHOR
Ed Dodd, M-1, Died 22 March 2015, NO AUTHOR
Dick McManigell, A-2, Died 6 August 2018, NO AUTHOR
Willis Smith, A-2, Died 3 Feb 2018, NO AUTHOR
Dave Coury, A-2, Died 1 Jan 2002, (Skeleton article only.
Vanture waiting for family input)
Arv Doucette, F-2, Died 19 May, 2008 — NO AUTHOR
Claude Fernandez, F-2, Died 24 May 2015 — NO AUTHOR
Paul Klempnow, F-2, Died 19 April, 2013 — NO AUTHOR
Bob Meals, K-2, Died 22 July 2017 — NO AUTHOR
Joe Brandl, K-2, Died 2012, NO CONTACT
Dick Simmers, K-2, Died 2 Dec 2015 NO CONTACT
Bill Reynolds, L-2, Died 20 Oct 2014 — NO AUTHOR
Billy Mathews, M-2, Died 24 March 2017 (waiting to hear from widow)
Ash Haynes, M-2, Died 16 July 2017 — NO AUTHOR

Social Chairman Sitrep. Jack Gordon said that the response is building for the next luncheon at ANCC in Fairfax. There was a discussion about creating a committee so that responsibilities for local social events could be shared. All felt that while a group could provide good ideas, the responsibility could not be shared. It required a “single belly button.”

Widow’s Outreach Team. Audrey Webb provided a detailed discussion of activities, specifically actions to include contact with seven new widows since our last meeting last May. Audrey, Betsy Hall and Margie Downing have held many working meetings to plan activities. A fall luncheon for local widows is planned for Monday, October 17, at the Olive Garden.

What follows are Audrey’s remarks to the EXCOM regarding three specific items for consideration.

- “ ... we made the decision with the guidance of Garry Roosma to hold our Widow’s event on Friday, April 27, for the mid-day luncheon. The venue will be in a small room separate from where the large class luncheon will be held

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at Eisenhower Hall. We are already in the process of planning the program and a gift bag of special items for each widow. “

- Audrey discussed the possible creation of a jewelry memento for widows at the reunion which, after discussion, was extended to encompass wives as well. Informal discussions with Alan and Florence Salisbury resulted in the idea of asking that \$1000 be put aside for this. There was both enthusiasm and skepticism about the idea, but a consensus that the EXCOM needed to see a design and cost before reaching a decision and determining how to cover the costs.
- The third item raised by Audrey was the possibility of providing financial assistance to classmates who might be economically challenged by the expense of the reunion. Audrey recognized that this could be a difficult undertaking, especially in terms of identifying those individual and the logistics involved — requiring the active involvement of the CCQ, a classmate facilitator, etc. She said that an unnamed classmate felt that he could identify donors to defray costs involved. Nonetheless, the EXCOM felt the logistics and timeframe made it an impossible task that it was unwilling to undertake.

Betsy Hall provided a detailed listing people to whom she has provided copies of our “Grip Hands” brochure. At the Leadership Conference, Dick was asked for, and provided, copies of the booklet to members of USMA Classes ’54, ’60, ’73, and ’76. AOG inquired about getting a Word document of the brochure so that “classes could tweak it for their own class needs”. We responded initially that the class has no objection to reproducing or distributing the booklet as it is, and is delighted that others find it useful. But we copyrighted the booklet to preclude the personal nature of some of the entries from being used inappropriately. The issue was discussed at the meeting, and Dick followed up to confirm this decision: use it freely, but do not amend.

Class Coins. Jack Downing said he has nine class coins and wanted to know what we might want to do with them. It was suggested that they be used in conjunction with the Certificates of Appreciation presentations at the 60th.

“To Do” List

- Frank — source and prices for reunion hats
- Jack Gordon — Costs/Feasibility of DC Bus for Reunion
- Frank — revise and send 60+10 draft to the class for review and comment
- Tony — list of grandchildren past and present for 60+ Ten

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Waskowicz
Secretary