

Notes from USNA PCCT Board Meeting
January 11, 2008

Attending

- Linda Pirek – Co-President
- Skip & Cathy Creasey – Secretary Team
- Doug & Kerrie Kisling – Fleet Parents
- Paul & Denise Ruzicka – 2011 Parents
- Jim & Barb Yankauskas – Yankee Log team

Teleconference

- Mimi & Larry Leonard – Membership team
- Dave & Colette Bennett - Treasurers

Membership Report

Mimi reported that there are 61 member families for 2007-2008. Of these:

- 41 are current midshipmen families
- 15 are Fleet families
- 5 are honorary members

The membership count is pretty close to that of 2006-2007, and for 2006-2005: 67 families for both years. Mimi and Larry are parents of Martin 1st class '08, have served as membership chairs for the past three years, and would like to transition and mentor a new team for membership. They have a membership binder with letters, timelines, and instructions. Please contact Mimi and Larry for further details, and our sincere thanks for the support they've given to the club over the past three years.

Treasurers Report

Dave reported that there is \$5,461.44 in the treasury. For full details please contact Dave and the co-Presidents.

Co-President Report

Sad news for the club, Ray Pilewski a charter member of the club and the club's historian passed away in January. Flowers have been sent to the family, with our deepest condolences to Roz and their children. The club would also like to invite Roz and family members to the Welcome Aboard on June 8th for a small presentation of our appreciation for Ray and Roz's dedication, contribution and legacy to the club.

Linda reported that Veronica Gibson has been appointed Parent Club coordinator to all of the USNA Parent Clubs across the country, by the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. Linda and the other presidents of the parents clubs across the country receive a multitude of e-mails regarding USNA, vendors supporting families, midshipmen, and the academy. The board discussed and agreed that a vendor tab would be added to the website with pertinent information placed there for members' review. It was felt that this would be a more practical approach than forwarding and possibly flooding club members e-mail addresses with vendor information.

Close to 150 midshipmen have been identified as Connecticut residents, some of them have entered USNA via the fleet, transferred from colleges, graduated from NAPS, and from high school. The board discussed methods for identifying and recruiting the families of the mids into the club.

The club donated 2 round trip tickets from Southwest Airlines to the All Academy 2007 New England Holly Ball.

Next Event Follow-ups

Feb. 2008 - Dark Ages

Cathy had some great ideas about Dark Ages packages not only for the 2011 plebes but also small Dark Ages cards/gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class midshipmen and potentially for all active duty service members from Connecticut. Cathy will follow-up with the Academy and with websites that have been used by other mid parents that send cookies, etc to the academy. Post cards, movie cards, small comical cards, phone cards, Smarties, erasers (“erase” the bad memories), “hold yourself together” rubber bands, etc. were also discussed. Cathy to get back to the board on food details, and a possible second meeting. Linda will contact Mimi to get the eleven Plebe names. Barb to contact Fleet parents, Lark Diamond and Linda Osyf to see what has been done in the past and to also get more fleet information. Will call plebe parents to get midshipmen names, company number, and possible alpha code.

March 30th, 2008

Blue & Gold Meeting
Middletown Inn
Middletown, Ct
Paul & Denise Ruzicka to research, set reservation

June 8th, 2008

Welcome Aboard
Connecticut State Capital
Linda Pirek will setup the reservation. Denise & Paul will look into getting some of the 2011 parents to run the Welcome Aboard. Our webmaster, Matt, has helped us with the Connecticut Parent’s Club Welcome Aboard Booklet. Discussion regarding items for the plebe’s of 2012 and their families included: A USNA decal, US flag and base, Shout Wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser, The USNA PCCT booklet, Speed Pass application, a copy of the USNA Trident, Next Year’s football schedule. Board will need to contact Tom Maxwell for the Connecticut class of 2012 members and their families. As in the past: current mids at the meeting will be meeting with the class of 2012 in a separate discussion panel to discuss Plebe Summer, and other topics. A midshipmen parent’s panel will be held simultaneously to discuss parent considerations with the class of 2012 parents. Flags flown over the U.S Capitol will be needed, Barb &

Jim to pursue. Also name tags for the new 2012 club members will need to be ordered ahead of time.

June 8th, 2008

Commissioning Considerations for New Firstie Parents
Mentors: Fleet Parents & Newly Commissioned Parents
Mayor Mikes
Downtown Hartford, Ct
After the Welcome Aboard
Open to new 1st class and 2nd class midshipmen parents
Karrie Kisling to help the club with this event, (Karrie, many thanks)

June 27th

I-Day

July 18th

Parents Club Picnic. Details to be worked out, want to invite mids also who are home on summer leave, and request members to bring pictures to share.

Oct. 14th

Navy versus Air Force
Club get together at Coach's to watch Navy win!

Nov. 15th

Navy versus Notre Dame
Club get together at Coach's to watch Navy repeat their win over the Fighting Irish.

End of Report – minutes may be revised