

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9 January 2018

The 59th Reunion Committee conducted its fourth meeting on 9 January 2018 at the Naval Academy Club commencing at 1300.

Committee members in attendance were: Gary Smith, Charlie Pease, Bob Beaton, Frank Pipkin, Pete and Elaine Stout, Bob and Sandy Reifsnnyder, Bill Garrett, Dan Truax, Walt Szczypinski, Jay Bainbridge, Paddy Ford, Jim Wilson, Dolf Lekebusch and Holly Powers.

Because of the recent death of Committee Chairman Jerry Welsh, Backup Chairman, Gary Smith, announced that he is now Chairman. Gary solicited a volunteer to be Backup Chairman. It was also sadly announced that Linda Hamilton, wife of Hotel Chairman Griff Hamilton, had passed away this morning.

Gary announced that the purpose of this meeting was to resolve any issues prior to commencement of registration for our Reunion on 1 March, 2018. He further noted that our Reunion will be held at the same time as the Annapolis Sailboat Show which may affect parking at the Stadium, transit times to Reunion events, etc. This should be noted in the Gouge.

Tentative Schedule of Events. An updated version which includes the Trolley Tours should be added to the 1959 Reunion web page by Pete Stout.

Committee chairmen then reported on their respective areas, noting where changes would have to be made to the Draft Gouge.

Company Parties: Gary Smith reported that he had recently exchanged correspondence with all companies (company representatives, their backups or both) except for the 7th and 9th Companies. Eleven companies reported on their planned location for their party. Jim Wilson will be the Company Party Chairman and will provide coordination assistance to Company Representatives.

Correspondence: Charlie Pease has provided Reunion information for the class column in the Jan/Feb issue of Shipmate as well as a full page advertisement of the Reunion. He will provide, for each subsequent Shipmate issue, reference to our 59th Reunion in the class column. A more detailed one page advertisement for our Reunion, being prepared by Pete Stout, will be submitted by Charlie by 29 May 2018 for the Jul/Aug issue of Shipmate.

Data: Elaine Stout provided a handout describing the incorporation of class data in the Class website (www.usna1959.com), including Reunion hotel reservations made. For security reasons, Reunion related data will eventually migrate to a new Reunion website being created but progress is slow.

Favors: Pete Stout proposed adding a box of individual class contact cards per couple to the Budgeted favors and this was approved. Class crest embossed sport shirts were discussed but not approved. Instead it was decided to let individuals order class crest embossed items online individually via Anchor Enterprises. Holly Powers will provide the details. As a result it was

decided to reduce the Favors budget from \$50 to \$25 (A mouse pad with our class crest and a tote bag with class crest to stuff with Reunion items were previously approved.)

Finances: After much discussion it was decided that each guest would pay a registration fee of \$59 (the same fee as widows.) Paddy Ford estimated that this change and the favors change would result in a new registration fee for other than widows and guests of \$95 per person. (vice \$120 per person). Individual cafeteria items are: N* Banquet \$80/person, Sunday Brunch \$40/person, Trolley Tour \$16/person (vice the previous \$15/person). A proposed one page registration form for mail-in registrants will be so modified by Holly Powers and Paddy Ford.

Hotels : Pete Stout will receive monthly updates from our three hotels as to who has reserved rooms in our block of rooms and will incorporate this information in our data base. Presently all 65 rooms at the Garden Inn are booked, 14 of 60 at the Courtyard and 3 of 20 at the Residence Inn have been reserved for 59ers.

Printing: Bill Garrett plans on printing 400 copies of the Gouge.

Registration: Bob and Sandy Reifsnnyder will handle check-in in the lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn (HGI) on Thursday from 1530 to 1830 and have contracted for two assistants for Friday and Saturday. Friday check-in hours are 0900-1800 at HGI. Saturday check-in hours are 0900 -1200 at HGI. Check-in will then shift to the N*Room at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, resuming there at 1300 and remaining open until 1600. A lockable storage room will be provided in the Hilton Garden Inn for the Reunion packages.

Jay Bainbridge will investigate the availability and cost of renting a room at the Garden Inn to use for Registration vice doing it in the lobby as presently planned.

Sporting Events. Ray Art needs to confirm with Holly Powers that four tennis court(s) in the yard will be needed on Saturday. (Subsequently confirmed.) Golf and tennis committee chairmen confirmed (post meeting) that bus transportation will be required for these events.

NAVY vs AIR FORCE AWAY Football Game N*Buffet. Frank Pipkin announced that doors to the N* Room at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium for this event will open at 1300. Based on a game start time of 1530 (EDT), the N*Buffet will be held from 1400 until the end of half time (approximately 1730). The game is expected to end between 1830 and 1900. Beer, wine (included in the price) and snacks will be provided until near the end of the 4th Quarter. The cost is \$80 per person and this is a cafeteria event.

Transportation: Holly Powers repeated that, about two weeks before the reunion, she will provide a list of registrants and request USNA approval for shuttle bus access into the Yard to enable disembarking at the Chapel for the Memorial Service on Friday and Main Chapel church services and Farewell Brunch on Sunday. Holly indicated that approval is iffy, especially for Friday. The Class will not provide transportation to Company Parties. However, Company Reps may individually arrange and pay for bus transportation to their respective parties. Company Reps may contact Walt to assist in making these arrangements with Annapolis Bus Co.

Trolley Tour of Historic Annapolis: Jay Bainbridge, announced that people desiring to take this one hour tour can sign up when registering and specify the number of riders and three desired tour times in order of precedence (#1,#2, #3). In the interest of fairness, the assignment of tour times will be by lottery. Tours will be offered on Thursday at 3:30pm, Friday at 1:30 and 3:30 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Each tour will consist of two Annapolis Bus Company buses, each leaving from the Hilton Garden Inn. 219 persons on the survey indicated their desire to take this tour. The cost is \$16 per person (changed from \$15 per person to include a tip) and this is a cafeteria item.

Yard Events: Bill Garrett has contacted Captain Jim Minderlien to make arrangements for the Virtual Tour. Holly Powers announced that the new Columbarium kiosk which was paid for by the Class of 1959 will be dedicated with a brass plaque crediting our class gift. Attendance during our reunion at this event was not deemed to be worthy of becoming a Reunion event but it should be noted in the Gouge.

Handicap Arrangements: Dolf Lekebusch is coordinating requirements with Walt. Holly Powers cannot provide him with a list and/or map of the handicapped parking spaces in the yard as they change frequently.

Registration for the Reunion will commence on 1 March 2018 and close on 1 August 2018. Holly will coordinate with Gary Smith and Paddy Ford to produce the Gouge and Registration Form which will be mailed to the Class of 1959 by the USNA Alumni Association in February.

The next Reunion Committee meeting will be held on 10 April 2018 at 1300 in the Club. This meeting adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Smith