

## **Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee**

Minutes from Meeting of October 11, 2008

107 Dartmouth Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

In attendance: Ron Weiss, Bill Rich, John Everett, John Engelman, Gerry Bell, Greg Marshall, Parker Beveridge, Joe Grasso, Ed Heald, Mike Lenahan, Cliff Groen, Joe Nathan, Dave Walden, Jim Lawrie, Peter Fahey and David Peck.

1. President Ron Weiss called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. The meeting July 26, 2008 had had two sets of **minutes** prepared, one by the President, one by the Secretary. Both were approved
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Lawrie reported that he is still coming up to speed in his new role. There is \$22,500 in the checking account, and that the recent dues cycle had included \$1,900 in new donations toward the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift.

He was asked if there are remaining 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion books. The answer is yes. It was suggested that Zimmerman and the Hanover Inn be provided one copy each, for review by a wider public. John Engelman to contact them for interest

**It was unanimously voted to authorize a \$350 donation to the Athletic program, as we have in the past.**

4. **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift:** Bill Rich is the new 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift Chair. No particular news at this point, but he plans to have a fuller report at the January meeting. There was wide discussion of ideas on how to grow support (and donations) for the fund.
  - Work with DOC leadership, although it was noted this is in transition
  - Using future mini-reunions as an opportunity. Mike Lenahan and Bill Rich to talk further on this idea.
  - All Executive Committee members should personally contribute each year and/or contact one or more classmates specifically on this gift.
  - Contact Alumni Affairs for list of all '68's who took a Freshman trip and followup with them.
  - Contact other classes (Class of 1980 specifically mentioned, as they have Freshman trip donations as well, and ask to direct toward or support ours
  - Class of '65 doing a book/movie on the history of skiing, and there may be some overlap with Freshman trips
5. **Head Agent Report:** Dennis Donohue was unable to attend, but plans to continue to develop strategies for the upcoming annual fund effort

6. **Secretary's Report:** David Peck reported recent deaths of Wayne Wadhams and Peter Steven's wife Gayle. He also had learned that for the first time in years, no '68 legacies had been accepted into the recently enrolled Freshman class of 2012.
7. **Newsletter:** Greg Marshall, new Newsletter editor, distributed a handout on proposed deadlines for 3 remaining planned newsletters this upcoming year: November 9, February 1, and May 1.

There was continued discussion about mailing policy : it was agreed too many classmates still need hard copy and for now, keep things as they are.

8. **Mini Reunions:** Mike Lenahan and John Engelman reported.
  - a. **Class Ski Trip** will be at Steamboat, February 28 through March 7, 2009. A good sized house has already been reserved. Gerry Bell felt very optimistic on the long term success of these ski trips, noting many new classmates came to Whistler in March 2008.
  - b. The group supported the ideas noted above of having focused mini-reunions around the country: Boston, Los Angeles, Washington, New York City, San Francisco. These would be partly social and partly as platforms for advocacy for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift
  - c. Ed Heald advocated for some golf mini-reunions, in destination locations that could appeal to both golfers and non-golfers. John Engelman noted classmate Jerry Hills lives in the Virgin Islands...possible destination?
9. **President's Report:** Ron Weiss reported he had no President's Report for this meeting
10. Ed Heald and Bill Rich request that there be a hard copy of current names on the list serve, and that from that everyone review for accuracy. The goal is to make that a more effective tool. It was noted that Jackie Bell should be removed as Owner.
11. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Hanover, tentatively on January 24, 2009., Location and details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Peck  
Secretary