

Dartmouth College - Class of '65 Meeting
Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall, Hanover
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Officers present: Roger Hansen, President; Ken McGruther, Vice President; Mike Gonnerman, Treasurer; Tom Long, Secretary; Hank Amon, Class of 1965 Scholars and Bartlett Tower Society; Ted Bracken, Alumni Council; Steve Fowler and Mike Bettmann, 50th Reunion Chairs; Dick Harris, Newsletter; Stu Keiller, Webmaster and Class Projects; Don Bradley, Dartmouth College Fund; George Wittreich, In-Hanover Mini Reunion Chair; Bill Webster, Class Agent, Steve Waterhouse – Ski History Project
Others Present – Many – perhaps 100 classmates, family and friends

President's Remarks/Class Activity Overview – Roger Hansen

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

Roger expressed his thanks to the officers who have served for the past five years and especially to Steve Fowler and Mike Bettmann for their work on the 50th Reunion.

Minutes of Last Class Meeting – Tom Long

The minutes of the last executive committee and class meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Gonnerman

Mike summed up our financial situation up as “We’re doing fine.”

As of May 31, 2015, we had assets of \$190,000, most of which is earmarked for reunion and cabin expenses, some for the Passion for Skiing project, and the remainder is for general use. Most is cash. We have accounts receivable for the Ski Project books and movies. Dartmouth is processing the money received for the 50th. Most of our activity is from the 7-year Passion project. Over \$400,000 donated to the college for the cabin project does not appear on the sheet since it was handled by the Development Department of the College.

We have 290-300 dues payers.

By the end of June we should have about \$40,000 left after paying the expenses for the Cabin and the 50th.

Detailed financials were made available.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

50th Reunion Summary Report – Steve Fowler and Mike Bettmann

The planning for our 50th focused on events highlighting the talents of our classmates and on reconnecting with College and each other.

Steve and Mike tried to balance our budget on the reunion, and initially feared that attendance would be too low, but it turned around as the date approached.

As the work progressed it became apparent that this is a special class – with great talents and contributions to the college and the world, much of which has not been recognized.

Steve and Mike expressed their thanks to everyone for coming and being part of the 50th.

Class Activity Updates

Dartmouth College Fund Update – Don Bradley

Our goal is \$1,965,000. At this point, we are at \$1,391,000 now and can collect till the end of the month. And we raised \$600,000 for the cabin that is not counted toward the DCF goal.

We are at 52% participation.

Restricted gifts don't count here but do count for the 5-year aggregate gift, with amounts to approximately \$16 million.

Class Bunkhouse and Class Website – Stu Keiller

We had 175 people at the dedication of the new Class of 1965 Bunkhouse at Mount Mooselauke. About 30 classmates and guests hiked to the top of the mountain in the Jim Hamilton Memorial Hike. We raised \$592,000 for the project. Project cost was \$462,000. 148 classmates contributed. The balance will be used as endowment for the cabin and maintenance of the Lodge.

The endowment is already at the college and not in our numbers.

The \$25,000 will pay the finishing costs and the outstanding bills. We are within \$1000 of breaking even.

Stu has set up the new Website, which is up and operating and quite user-friendly. Stu can readily update it, and he requested that information be sent to him for posting. He can also put links to other sites on it. It can be found at Biggreen65.com

Newsletter – Dick Harris

Dick thanked everyone for their contributions and to Stu for taking over the website. He urged everyone to send in the Green Cards – give him news and he will include it.

Bartlett Tower Society – Hank Amon

Last October we did not have many members in the Bartlett Tower Society. It includes anyone who has left money to the college in any way (Wills, trusts, IRA, etc.). There is no limit for tax purposes. We had 25 and set a goal of 50 by this meeting and we now have 50.

Bartlett tower is not included in class annual giving numbers. We are tied with the class of 1964 and ahead of the other near year classes. Expectancy from ours is about \$11.5 Million and that leads all other classes that graduated near us.

Life income trusts we have 2.3 million, which is double the next class.

Dartmouth Alumni Council/News of the College– Ted Bracken

On April 19, 1962, Robert Frost talked to us. He said, “Home is where when you go there they have to take you in.” That is the College.

The Alumni Council (about 125 members, representing each class, regional clubs and affinity groups) serves as liaison to the College. They meet twice a year for 3 days. All are invited to submit materials on any issue. Ted sends it to liaison committee to coordinate with others. They are submitted to the trustees.

There is a lot going on with Phil Hanlon: Key issues are student safety, health, and inclusiveness (binge drinking, social life, sexual assault, and racial and gender equality are priorities). He is also urging academic reform and excellence.

Ted serves for 3 years. Ed Keible has also been on council.

Mini Reunions – In Hanover – George Wittreich

The minis have been very successful, with more people attending this year than any other year in the past five. We now have several local residents who make the events more exciting than ever.

Class of 1965 Scholars Status Report – Hank Amon

We fund one student in each class and that grant is endowed in perpetuity. We have letters from each thanking us. As of December 31, the book value was >\$200,000. The market value is nearly \$300,000. The grants are about \$5000 per year, per student. We don't get to pick the students, but it is going very well.

Class Projects –

Class Cabin – Stu Keiller

Discussed above. It was a phenomenal success and will last for generations.

Bonding with Class of 2015 – Bob Murphy

Our connection with the 2015s has gone very well. In addition to breakfasts and major events, like the etiquette dinner, many volunteered to work on the 1965 Bunkhouse project.

Ski History Project - Steve Waterhouse

This is a very complex project in which the class has acted as caretaker for the book and film – we have contributed about ½ of the total donated dollars. Rauner Library now has a digital film archive and we are the point on that project with this film.

Election of New Officers

Proposed New Officers – Bill Webster (per Nominating Committee)

The process of developing a slate of officers for the next five years has gone on for over a year. At least 12 former presidents and others have been involved.

The new officers, elected by unanimous acclamation are:

President: Mike Gonnerman

Vice President – Roger Hansen

Secretary: John Rogers

Treasurer: George Wittreich

Out of Hanover Mini-Reunion Chair: Ed Keible.

Newsletter: Dick Harris

Webmaster: Stu Keiller

Planned Giving Chairs: Bill Webster and Hank Amon
Head Agent: Don Bradley
Class Scholarships: Hank Amon

The positions of in-Hanover Mini Chair and Class Projects remain to be filled

Dave Milkowski has a spare copy the 1965 Aegis that someone could have.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am and everyone left for Dartmouth Hall for the Class Picture to be taken at 10:15.

9/18-19 Class Officers Weekend (Hanover NH)
10/9-11 Next In-Hanover Mini-Reunion (Pierce's Inn)
10/11 Next Class Meeting (Hanover: Pierce's Inn)
Late May – Early June 2016 – Mini/trip to Normandy Possible