Dartmouth Class of 1965

Minutes class meeting via conference call

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 12:00 p.m. to 12:37 p.m. EDT

The dial-in number US was (712) 770 5505, the Access code was 905681

Gonnerman called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Attending were Mike Gonnerman – moderator, Dave Beattie, Carl Boe, Dick Durrance, Gary Herbst, Stu Keiller, Ken McGruther, Brian Porzak, John Rogers, Joel Sternman, Korki Terada (Japan), Bruce Wagner, Bill Webster, Allan Zern

Discussion followed the Power Point slides on the class site, www.biggreen65.com.

* Gonnerman reviewed the college’s precautions in face of the coronavirus. Planning for the 55th goes on; it is too soon to tell what June will bring with respect to travel and safety. McGruther suggested that if the 55th reunion is cancelled, we make the Fall mini a replacement for the 55th, and all agreed.
* Gonnerman reported on minis in Hanover (monthly-Skinny Pancake), Lake George, Venice FL and New York City (quarterly). Gonnerman and Pete Frederick worked on the building of the Winter Carnival statue. 70-90 Osher courses are available in Hanover, including one taught by Gonnerman on snow sculpture, and a couple of others by 65’s
* Gonnerman reported that the February trip to the ’65 cabin was successful (but cold).
* The 55th reunion planning is well under way. The committee includes Gonnerman, Roger Hansen, Steve Fowler, George Wittreich, and Dick Harris.
* The class’s cash balance rose to $84k for the Dec, 2019 quarter, about normal for that time of year. $30k is restricted for the 55th reunion project and expenses; $40k is unrestricted.
* Gonnerman reported that the Bartlett Tower Society now has 65 members, unchanged from last meeting, with a goal of 75 by the 55th reunion.
* Gonnerman reviewed donations, which included: Athletic trips ($1,200), First Year trips ($1,000), Library collection ($500), and the Native American program ($500) were proposed to continue from last year unchanged. He proposed to again fund the 1965 Cabin Winter Trips at $2,500, and this was agreed.
* Finally, Gonnerman recognized the passing of Timothy Bryant, Don George Di Dio, and William Chambers Mackey III, as well a Dean Thaddeus Seymour and Nancy Pierce, longtime owner and proprietor of Pierce’s Lodge.
* Gonnerman read a touching letter from Tristan Ray Mitzel ’23 thanking the class for awarding him funding from the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund.  Ken McGruther noted that Hank Amon had instituted the scholarship program while Hank was president.

There being no further business, Gonnerman closed the meeting at 12:37.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rogers, Secretary