

DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1965 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 9:30AM  
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261 DOGFORD RD., ETNA, NH 03750  
AGENDA / MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Don Bradley--Pres; Mike Gonnerman--VP; George Wittreich--Treas.; Roger Hansen--Reunion Chair; Jim Griffiths--Sec'y. Pro Tem; Tom Campbell; Ken McGruther; John Tobin. No Zoom call available.

9:30 Opening remarks: Don Bradley: President Bradley thanked V.P. Gonnerman for his outstanding organizational skills in putting together this Mini Reunion. Mike in turn thanked Griffiths, Wittreich, and others who assisted him in specific areas of the planning. Don mentioned that Jen Hardy, D'65A hoped to attend this weekend, but had other commitments in her new job at Skidmore. Beth Kelly D'96 will be our new DCF Rep.

1. Reports:

a. Treasurer: George Wittreich: 207 dues payers in FY '22 brought in \$13,000, with \$5700 in Class contributions to College programs leaving the total accounts (bank and paypal) to about \$103,000. The number of dues payers is 40 fewer than previous year. The first request for Class Dues will go out in November. Don added the following updated values relative to our Class' financial contribs:

'65 Scholarships: \$444,000

Moosilauke Maintenance Fund: \$402,000

'65 Cabin Fund: \$168,000

b. Newsletter editor: John Rogers

No report, but we all need to help John get more classmate news. Roger suggested we make calls to old '65 friends and report news to John. It was suggested anyone with photos of this weekend send them to Don at [DBradley@wsgr.com](mailto:DBradley@wsgr.com), so he can get them to John.

c. Dartmouth College Fund: Don reported for Joel Sternman:

The most recent DCF numbers for FY'22 are as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:	\$ GOAL:
<b>\$539,000</b>	<b>\$570,000</b>
PARTICIPATION	PARTICIPATION GOAL
<b>38.9%</b>	<b>40%</b>

FY '23 goals have not yet been established, but are expected to be about the same. For our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the goals will be increased by a factor of 1.7.

- d. Bartlett Tower Society / '65 Scholarships: Don reported for Hank Amon

The number of '65s signed up for the BTS grew from 68 to 69 since the July ExCom meeting. The class has received "thankyou" notes from Catherine and Francesca, two current '65 Scholars. Roger mentioned the actual amount each one receives yearly is variable based on need, but \$1000 seems to be the approximate number. A general discussion followed about Scholarship aid vs. reductions in Tuition / R+B fees and its relation to attracting applicants.

At this point, Ken McGruther brought out a new book titled "Dartmouth College Architectural Tour" that he's donating to Pierce's Inn on behalf of our class for all the years of great Pierce family service to our Class. Cindy and Bruce came out for the official presentation by Don, and were grateful for the recognition and gift.

- e. Webmaster / Projects: Don reported for Stu Keiller

Website: No report, but Tom Campbell suggested a classmate directory on the Website. It was mentioned this, along with activity signup web capabilities might create privacy problems, and be "A long run for a short hop"(Roger H).

Projects: Don discussed with Stu and Mike various '65 Cabin + Moosilauke maintenance projects presented by Katie Colleran (head of Outdoor Programs). These included Electrical (dangerous overhead wire), Plumbing ("Destroylet"), Carpentry, Safety Lighting, and Baker Bridge replacement. Trustees were supposed to meet at Moosilauke, but it was postponed. Mike met with TTEE Jim Frank '65 who is aware of Moosilauke needs and stated it will be discussed, time appropriate, during a future meeting.

- f. Secretary / Breakfasts in Hanover and OOH: Don reported for Bob Murphy

Bob has promised to continue "Breakfast" gatherings in Hanover and SW Florida, as well as lunch minis at Lake George.

- g. Hanover Mini Reunion: Mike Gonnerman

Mike reported that 2023 Homecoming Harvard game is the weekend of October 20-22, but Bruce and Cindy will be out of town at a wedding, so it was suggested we make the 2023 Mini Reunion the weekend of the October 7<sup>th</sup> Yale game. This date was approved by the group, and Pierce's Inn has already been reserved. Griffiths mentioned that several classes are providing FREE reunions (except Lodging) in an effort to increase participation. Compliance with our Tax Exempt status was discussed, and it was agreed without a vote to pay for next year's Mini Reunion expenses (minus Lodging) from our treasury as an experiment within our exempt purpose "TO ENHANCE ALUMNI INTEREST AND SUPPORT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE". It was further agreed this benefit

should only be extended to prior-year dues-paying classmates, and George acquiesced with a hearty laugh.

Reminder from Pete Frederick: This year's UNH game at 1:30 Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> will include a celebratory 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the 1962 Dartmouth Ivy Championship Football team.

- h. OOH Mini-Reunions
- i. 2022 and 2023 Winter trips to 1965 cabin – Mike Gonnerman Mike reported on the February 2022 trip to the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge by he and a group of hardy souls, including Jen Hardy, our DCF representative who is now at Skidmore but remains an adopted member and strong supporter of the Class. Mike also indicated that he will undertake planning for the Winter 2023 trip to the Lodge in February.

2. Other business

- a. 60<sup>th</sup> reunion – Roger Hansen

Roger reported the dates: Monday-Thursday, June 9-12, 2025. It was decided that a "Save the Date" postcard should be sent. Graduation weekend is immediately preceding our Reunion dates.

Class Projects for the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion were discussed, and attention turned to a two-page "Funding Request" from Linda Fowler and the Pine Park Association. Don will research possible conflict issues with the College, since it is not officially affiliated with Pine Park Association, but has been collaborating with and supporting the work of the Association. Other possible projects were discussed under paragraph "e." above, and Don agreed to speak more with Stu about Outdoor Program Projects.

- b. Ongoing Program Funding:

It was agreed the Class will renew FY23 funding for programs - (total of \$5,700 made in FY22), including: Freshman trips (\$1,000), athletic sponsors (\$1,200), library (\$500), Native American awards (\$500), 1965 Cabin student assistance fund for Winter trips (\$2,500). A brief discussion followed regarding accountability for the funds donated, and George mentioned he received "Thankyou" notes from Library and Athletic Programs, but not the others.

Ken moved we add \$2500/Year donation to Pine Park Association subject to Don's aforementioned research with the College. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. It was noted that while this gift does not benefit Dartmouth College directly, Pine Park "has been central to the Dartmouth experience throughout its history". Mike and Don will converse with Linda to have the donation fund construction of a Kiosk at the "4 Corners" trail intersection near the Connecticut River.

Tuesday, July 12, 2023 was chosen for the next ExCom meeting at Bill Webster's home in Old Saybrook, CT. Griffiths called Bill and confirmed the date. John Tobin asked to be added to the email list for the summer ExCom.

Meeting adjourned: 11:09am

Jim Griffiths, Secretary Pro.Tem.