

*Dartmouth Class of 1962  
Class Meeting Minutes  
The Brothers Room  
The Shaker Inn, Enfield, NH  
Saturday, October 9, 2004*

President John Walters called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. There were twenty class members in attendance

*Minutes of Class Meeting October 25, 2003:* John asked for comments and corrections. **There were none and the minutes were accepted as written.**

*Treasurer's Report:* Charlie Balch distributed a report summarizing financial resources as of September 30, 2004. Cash and Investments total over \$49,000. An asset (of sorts) is a \$1,150 deposit at the Shaker Inn for the weekend at hand. The Faculty Fellowship market value stands at \$779,807. \$34,304 was distributed for a one-semester sabbatical in 2004. Charlie observed that some members who have been dropped from the subscription to the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine have been reinstated. John Walters observed that thanks to Charlie Balch—and to good class spirit—our dues participation rate is excellent and the treasury is in good shape. Memorial Book Fund balance is \$26,039. This provides adequate funds to donate \$40 for a book purchase by Baker Library in memory of deceased classmates. Paul Weinberg asked if this was an “inchoate” list. Secretary Hannah scrambled for his OED. John Walters, Dan Tompkins and Charlie Balch, more literate than Hannah, already knew the word and answered “yes.”

*Secretary's Report:* Richard Hannah had distributed notes about the Class Officers Weekend of Friday and Saturday September 10-11. There continues to be a crisis of declining subscriptions to the alumni magazine as classes—mainly younger classes--drop members who do not pay class dues. The most striking example is the class of 1996 that dropped 692 members recently. There was some discussion. The general sentiment was that the college administration in conjunction with secretaries and treasurers should remedy this foolish situation.

*Association of Alumni:* Richard explained that John Walters was the official nominee for President of the Association of Alumni. This association comprises every living person who matriculated at Dartmouth College. It is more than 62,000 strong. There is a vocal group of disgruntled alumni who are unhappy with administration. They assert that the official slate is not representative of the alumni at large and they have proposed an alternative slate. They assert that the official nominees might be controlled by the administration. John Walters spoke well at the meeting, presenting his considerable credentials and his views as to how the Association would work under his presidency. The speeches of candidates and questions were lengthy. Finally, the official slate was elected by a wide margin. Two amendments to the constitution of the Association of Alumni had been presented:

1. Electronic voting (which would allow every alum to vote rather than limiting the vote to alums present at the meeting) and
2. Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order for Association meetings.

These motions gained a majority but lacked the 75% vote required for a constitutional amendment. More to come...

*In Memoriam:* Christopher (Kit) Nissen died of pneumonia complicating a long battle with cancer in York, Maine on December 3, 2003. Stephen Kennedy died in a bicycle accident in Acadia National Park on April 3, 2004. Richard reported that Charlie Balch had received notice of three member deaths from the library memorial book fund people but has received no notice from the Alumni Records Office. David Smith, co-webmaster, spoke of the *In Memoriam* section of the class website. He explained that in some instances there were links from the name of a deceased classmate to obituaries, letters of condolence and other testimonials. Richard said that he felt it would be better if every class member had this treatment. He wondered if there might be a Class Project in the making. It would require very little cash, but would involve a huge amount of work. Any volunteers?

*Newsletter Editor's Report:* Al Huck explained that the cost of newsletters has gone up this past year. He proposes to reduce the number from six to five per year. The newsletter goes to every classmate, dues payer or not, unless they have specifically requested to be dropped from all college communications.

*Head Agent's Report:* John Walters explained that Doug MacPhail took on the position with the idea that there would be two head agents--but that did not materialize. Doug is busy with work at a St. Charles, IL law firm and has had limited time to organize assistant class agents, meetings, etc. John observed that one generous classmate contributes over forty per-cent of our annual giving which this past year came in at the \$240,000 range. There was discussion about calls from the "Green Corps" (students who are paid to do telethons.) Some present said they enjoyed the calls but others disliked them. It seems that a phone call from an assistant class agent to a classmate is the best method for encouraging gifts to the College Fund but that this is tough to do these days with everyone busy and with an answering machine always plugged in.

*Tripmaster's Report:* Tom Komarek reported on the New Orleans sixty-fifth birthday party. We stay at the Hotel Monte Leone with festivities beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2005. There will be walking tours, a jazz evening, special gifts and more. The New Orleans visit ends on Sunday February 20, 2005 but a cruise to Cozumel and other ports will be an optional add-on excursion beginning Sunday.

*Regional Activities:* Tom noted that Charlie Balch and others have started a successful tradition of regional Class fetes in the Washington, D.C. area and urged members to step up to do similar regional class parties. Alan Rapaport volunteered to organize something for classmates living in Connecticut.

Co-Webmasters Report: David Smith and Dan Tompkins talked of improvements in the Class Website, which is fast becoming the leader among all the classes. David hopes to expand pictures, links to obituary articles, links to class trips and mini-reunions. The Class listserv is alive and well. At times there are spirited but cordial debates. There are somewhat more than one hundred classmates who participate in the class listserv—a relatively small fraction of the class membership. Perhaps there are ways that more could be enlisted. The members present expressed their appreciation for the hard work of Dan and David in both of these important communication vehicles.

The Shaker Inn, Dowd's Country Inn, or the Queechee Inn for the Mini-Reunion Next Year: There have been problems this year with new management at The Shaker Inn and alternative sites have been considered. It seems that Dowd's Country Inn in Lyme, NH will be available for the Homecoming Weekend beginning Friday October 21, 2005 through Sunday, October 23, 2005 and probably for our class in subsequent years for Homecoming Weekend. There was some discussion about the advantages of the earlier weekend such as this one when fall foliage and the long Columbus Day weekend present distinct advantages. **After discussion it was voted to settle on Dowd's Country Inn, Lyme, NH for Homecoming Weekend, October 21-23, 2005.**

Adjournment: There being no other business John Walters adjourned the meeting at about 10:35 a.m. to be continued for further discussion and caucusing at the lawn of the Alpha Delta House in Hanover before the football game. Non spirituous beverages and healthy foods in abundance were featured.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hannah, Secretary