

**West Point Parents' Club of Massachusetts
General Meeting (4th for 2020/21 Academic Year)
Meeting held by ZOOM video platform
March 21st at 11:00 AM**

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions **(Sonja)**
2. Leadership Team Status **(Sonja)** [See items 4 and 5, below]

Exiting Co-President:	Sonja Loar '21
Current Co-President:	Sheila Rosazza '22
New Co-President:	Colleen Zenkus-Holmberg '24
New Co-President:	Christen Holmberg '24
Treasurer:	Patrick Fitzpatrick '22
Secretary:	Kelly Jackson '24
Webmaster:	Melinda Rothstein '24
Event Coordinator:	Val and Mike Evans '21 – this position is still open
Transportation:	K.C. Butt '23
Membership:	Rachel Foster '23
Firstie Gifts:	Tracey Turco '24
Social Media:	K.C. and Mark Butt '23
Holly Ball Liaison:	Sheila Rosazza '22 & Barbara Fitzpatrick '22
Email / Carpool List Coordinator:	Melinda Rothstein '24
Army/Navy Hotel Coordinator:	Alan Shute '23

3. OLD BUSINESS: Boodle Update **(Sheila)**
 - Online voting supporting expenditure: outcome: 33 Yes / 2 No
 - We are working with Jones Farm Store in Cornwall for the Boodle
 - There is usually a \$5 delivery fee, but they are waiving this for us
 - There are also no taxes on anything that we choose
 - Our cadets will receive salsa, chips, pretzels, dip and other items
 - We will have four weeks of deliveries – each on a Thursday:
 - Firsties – April 8th
 - Cows – April 15th
 - Yuks – April 22nd
 - Plebes – April 29th
 - Sheila has made cards for our cadets which Jones Farm will staple to the outside of the bags that are delivered
 - We are currently waiting for Deb Dalton to provide us with some emails so we can notify all the cadets directly to expect this delivery.
 - The bags will be delivered to Central Guardroom – please inform your cadets
 - Sheila will let us know the approx time the food will be dropped off
4. NEW BUSINESS: Voting on New Officers **(Sonja)**
 - New Co-Presidents - Colleen Zenkus-Holmberg and Christen Holmberg ('24)
 - Colleen and Christen both have military backgrounds, they provided a brief introduction
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept this couple as new co-presidents
 - All were in favor
 - Congratulations to Colleen and Christen!

5. Other New Roles Accepted (**Sonja**)

- Melinda Rothstein ('24) Webmaster & email list coordinator
- Tracey Turco ('24) Firstie Gifts Coordinator
- K.C. and Mark Butt ('23) Social Media coordinators
- Alan Shute ('23) Army-Navy (Hotel) Coordinator
- Thanks to all!

6. Amy-Navy Hotel (**Alan**)

- Scheduled for Saturday, December 11th in New Jersey
 - We have 50 rooms secured at the Embassy Suites in Secaucus-Meadowlands
 - Double room - \$189 & Suite room - \$209 (double occupancy)
 - \$10 charge for each additional person, each night
 - Friday, December 10th – 4pm check-in
 - This includes parking, shuttle to the game, and breakfast
 - An email with details for reserving your room(s) will be forthcoming
 - Please note that ROOM PRIORITY is given to paid members
- Extra information:
 - It is mandatory that all cadets go to the game; their uniform is their “ticket in”
 - West Point will provide a bus that takes them to and from the game on Saturday
 - In the past, parents were able to pick the cadets up on Friday and drive them down for the game. The cadets are also able to stay with you in the hotel and you will be able to drive them back to West Point on Sunday after the game.
 - There are normally events on Friday and Saturday around the area. However, this is a new location and not sure what events will be happening
 - Usually, the WPPC-MA try to get together Friday night at a local bar. Breakfast in hotel is also an option for parents to get together
- Tickets to the game:
 - Your cadet has the opportunity to purchase up to 4 tickets for the game, which are normally available in the Spring. Please contact your cadet.
 - You can also purchase tickets directly from West Point earlier if you make a donation to the Army A Club, we will send more information on this as well
- Motion for 2021 parents to secure rooms for 2021 game
 - Sonja motioned and all were in favor

7. Website Updates (**Melinda**)

- New membership form has been updated on the site, which works directly with the PayPal payment system
- Other information is being checked and updated, and some areas reorganized
- The Calendar will be updated with dates discussed today
- The area will officer names and contact information has been changed, so no personal emails of Leadership will be listed.
 - Just need to click one button to reach anyone in a Leadership Role
 - Also, one click to reach the Webmaster
 - We think this will help eliminate spoofing / pfishing emails
- You may receive some test messages.
 - You do not need to do anything; we are just making sure everything works

8. Hail and Farewell (**Valerie**)

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021 at St. Mary's church in Shrewsbury
- We have the function room reserved from 10am – 3pm
- After a brief discussion, we all agreed that due to graduations, we will get a bigger attendance if we hold the event from 10am -12pm
- We have been asked that if we plan on serving any food or drinks, that they are single served and wrapped – due to COVID-19. The Church is very concerned that we follow the protocols.
- Our Webmaster will add a registration button on our website when we get closer
- Couple of other notes:
 - We are hoping to get a 50 year affiliate grad to come speak at this event

- We are looking into making this event a live zoom event for those that can't make it or are not yet comfortable attending such an event
- Anna LeMoure has volunteered to be the 2025 liaison and will post information on the West Point 2025 Facebook site about this event and about joining the club.

9. Firstie Gifts (Tracey/Valerie)

- All of the flags have been ordered
- We are just waiting for them to come in so we can pull it all together

10. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- We need to promote our membership to the club and the discount you get for the bus
 - We normally get a good amount of money for both
 - Not only do you get the discount on the bus, but we provide name badges
 - Priority for Army-Navy rooms goes to paid members
- Currently we are in good shape
 - Citizens balance: \$12,078.45
 - PayPal balance: \$3,735.5
 - Total: \$15,814.03
- Different places we normally send money to and are on the list for this year, normally around \$2,500 in donations:
 - Director of Cadet Activities Fund
 - West Point Society of New England
 - West Point Association of Graduates
- Taxes have been filed and all of our paperwork is up-to-date

11. Upcoming Events

- April "Leadership Team" Meeting
 - Will be either April 18th or 25th – will send out to vote on dates
- June 12th - Hail and Farewell
 - Saturday, June 12th – please refer to information above
- June 28th – Reception (R)-Day
 - WPPC-MA will have a table if such tables are allowed for parents' clubs this year
 - Sheila, Karima, KC & Mark have all volunteered to staff the table
 - Others have also expressed interest depending on when their cadet will be home
 - Sonja motioned to purchase three hotel rooms for the volunteers for the evening of June 27th
 - Christen second it and the motion was carried by voice/video vote.
- July 17th - Tame the Beast
 - This is a social event that is held halfway through Beast, it is meant primarily to support our Plebe parents
 - Historically held at someone's house
 - Would like to centralize this event at someone's house this year
 - Maybe someone with a good size yard, so it can be an outdoor event
 - Sonja stated that she is will to host unless someone else would like to step up
 - We normally try to have this event the day before the cadet's ice cream social -- that is the day the cadets have a break and will be allowed to call home during an unmonitored call.
- August 14th – Tentative A-Day for 2025 Cadets
 - This is for information purposes only and is an unconfirmed date
 - Parents of class of 2025 cadets are encouraged to go to assist their cadet with purchasing school supplies, doing BEAST Laundry, and allow the cadets to nap in the hotel room. Cadets will not be able to spend the night at the hotel, but historically are allowed to leave post. You may also want to take along other cadet friends whose parents live further away and are unable to attend.

- September 25th - Tailgate
 - As long as we are allowed, we will plan this year's Tailgate after the football game
 - Patrick will take care of securing/renting the site for the club.
 - More information will come as we get closer
 - We need someone to organize/lead this effort
- October 23rd – Parent Weekend
 - This date is speculative and not confirmed
 - The Club will NOT have any events this weekend
- December 30th – All Academy Holly Ball (Sheila & Barbara)
 - Sheila is waiting to hear back from some of the academies to make sure we will be hosting this year, since last year we had to cancel
 - If we do host, we will reach out to the A.C. Marriott, Worcester again for this event
 - We are in need of donations for this event
 - Any amount will be wonderful, but hoping for \$50-\$500 donation amounts
 - Sheila will keep us updated
- May 22, 2021 Graduation!
 - West point has not yet announced if parents/guests are allowed to attend, but last year they had a goal to announce by April 25th.
 - FUTURE GRADUATIONS: The site for local homes to rent is www.USMA-rent.com

12. Closing

- Next full meeting will be held on **TBD**
- Meeting ended at 12:14pm