

In attendance: 10 members plus 9 Board members. List attached

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:07 am

Minutes: were reviewed by Darlene Upcraft from the previous August 11, 2024 meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Flip Folds and seconded by Rich Guarasce. Motion carried.

Financials: were read by Denise Schneider. August showed a net income of \$7,471.99. Motion was made to accept the financials as read by Jack Vida and seconded by Julie Landy. Motion carried.

Bell Jar Report: was given by Jack Vida. The August monthly net increase was \$5,546. One check was drawn for a donation; \$75 to Pheasants Forever. The motion to accept the report as read was made by Rich Guarasce and seconded by Flip Folds. Motion carried.

Queen of Hearts: was given by Bryan Mattison. The Queen of Heart was found last Monday (September 30th), week #35. The Winner was John Penizotto, who was presented at the meeting a check for \$9,532.20. The next game will start shortly with Sign ups to start on September 23rd and the first drawing on Monday, September 30th.

Membership Jack Vida read the names of one Lifetime and 12 new members approved by the Board at this morning's meeting (see attached list).

Building report: was given by Denise Schneider. The Bar in the pavilion has the electrical and plumbing done. Steve Fayette is going to put up the door. Still need to purchase a cooler and put in drain plugs. Steve Colvin is going to take charge of installing the exhaust fan and moving the heater in the patio. We had ceiling tiles donated for upstairs; Jack Vida is taking the lead on ceiling tile replacement. Denise is going to call three companies about grading the parking lot and driveway. Will at same time get quotes for extending the patio. There are no plans on rebuilding the upper deck at this time. Some repair and painting will need to be done, but the structure is structurally sound. Vicky Gregory asked about a roof to cover the upper deck. Denise will look into it. Sue Young mentioned that it would be nice to have a memorial brick area around the patio if it is extended. Flip and Darlene mentioned the brick walk at the Mexico High School, which began as a fundraiser in 1997 and is still raises money for the Educational Foundation, as new bricks are purchased, engraved and replace plain bricks. Denise will look into the possibility of having a memorial brick area. Denise reported that the second side of the sign, was brought up at the Board meeting, and it may not be possible to add the second side of the sign. Deb Guarasce offered to get information on EMC (Electronic Message Center) for the club. Many Thanks Deb for offering to take a lead on this. Still need to get the handicap ramp painted as well as the patio walls. Discussion on enclosing the pavilion took place. There are pros and cons, one con is losing the income from Boat storage, pros include being able to extend the use of the pavilion for events as well as being able to use during inclement weather during the summer. Steve and Denise will get some facts and do a cost analysis.

Events: Denise reported on the events that had occurred this past month. The Bartender Challenge was a great event, everything went smoothly and many compliments from other bars participating in how well run it was. There were many compliments about the band (Mike Farrar and the House Rockers). The Sandy Creek Fire Department put a thank-you on their Facebook page about the donations and also expressed how much they enjoyed the day. Denise thanked all the volunteers that worked that day with a luncheon at the club on Labor Day. On Sunday September 1st, Dave Domicolo provided entertainment for Sunday on the Patio. Even though there was entertainment in many other establishments around the pond at the same time, we had a nice steady crowd.

Upcoming Events: September and October will be busy months at the club. On September 14th, Steve and Abby Colvin will host the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner to benefit the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association (SPCMA) in the Dining Room from 5-7pm. Paul Vandish will be the entertainment in the downstairs bar from 6-9pm. On September 21st, Bob Martin will be the host for the Wild Game Dinner (noon-5pm) which will benefit the Wounded Warriors. On

September 28th Rachel Kesler will be the host of a new event; The Witches and Warlocks Ball and Bonfire, starting at 6pm in the Pavilion. Rockin with Mr. Nuts will be the DJ entertaining and there will be a food truck. The Annual Turkey Shoot will be noon-5pm will be on Saturday October 5th, with Jack Vida and Aaron Wood hosting the event. On October 12th (noon-2pm) Cyndi Wood will be chairing the Children's Halloween Party. Fall Club Clean-up will be Saturday October 19th (starting at 8am). Harold Golden will be in charge of the Boat Storage. The Adult Halloween Party will be on October 26th 6-9pm with D.J. – 42 Lou as the entertainment.

Bar Manager: Vicky Gregory reported that the bar is doing good, the numbers speak for themselves. Vicky as always thanks her bartenders for the great job they do.

Wellness: Vicky Gregory reported two get well / thinking of you cards were sent to members that had surgery and in the hospital.

Old business: Denise is going to get four or five options for new bar stools and have them available for a vote at the October Members Meeting, in order to make a decision one way or another. A couple of months ago, there was a suggestion to put up a partition (stall) in the men's room around the toilet. The Board made the decision that this is not necessary, the door can be locked for privacy.

New Business: Denise shared the Board agreed that they are going to create a guideline for giving monetary donations when we get requests. This way it will be fair and equitable when donations are requested.

Volunteers – Denise suggested, and the Board agreed that it would be nice to give volunteers a raffle ticket each time they volunteer. The more times a person volunteers, the more tickets they would have in a drawing. The thought is to hand out a raffle ticket for all events that volunteers help at from August 1st to July 31st each year. Then in August have a drawing for a nice prize during Membership Appreciation Dinner. This will be a nice way to publicly acknowledge volunteers.

2025 Calendar – Denise asked the Board to look over the calendar to start planning for next year. Need to have the calendar confirmed and ready to be mailed in November. Anyone with any thoughts / ideas please reach out to the Board Members.

Suggestion Box: Three suggestions this month.

- Why is there only a fishing poster in the men's room? Women like to fish too! (Vicky only got one poster)
- Have Food Trucks (have them at some events, but otherwise there are three nearby restaurants)
- Have another Murder Mystery (Will look at the calendar)

Open Business: John Penizotto reported on the Channel Maintenance Association (SPCMA) Annual Meeting. It was an excellent meeting. He had suggested that a former DEC Officer be used as a consultant to find a long-term fix, and they have since met with the association officers. Denise thanked John for the update and for keeping the club informed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vicky Gregory and seconded by Bryan Mattison. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Next meeting: October 13, 2024 at 11 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene E. Upcraft

Membership applicants accepted on the September 8, 2024 Board Meeting

Lifetime Members

Gary Toth

New Members

David Froio

Karyn Froio

Danielle Lasell

Randall McCoy

Brian Nies

Emily Norton

Greg Sawmiller

Joseph Smith

Elizabeth Stanislawski

Edwin Stark Jr.

Carmen Wilber

Kevin Williamson