

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2023

Note: Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in person and by Zoom

President Bob Mosher called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Bob Paoli led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Bob advised us of a Gold Star Family event on **September 24** in Van Neste Park, Ridgewood at 7:00 AM to honor the 34 Bergen County heroes who died defending the United States. Bob also told us of the Gold Star Family monument that will be built in Van Neste Park.

President's Report-Bob Mosher. Bob introduced Pastor Bruce of First Presbyterian Church who advised us of an event at the Church on **September 30**: an evening dinner with music and dancing to raise funds to rebuild the Aleppo Christian Center. The Center will be built on the site in Syria that was destroyed in 2012. Tickets are \$50.00 (adults) and \$25.00 (children).

Treasurer's Report-Gary Englehardt. So far in 2023, the Club earned accrued interest of \$731.00 + and is excellent financial condition.

Membership-Cliff Matthews. Total membership: 409; Life members: 36; attendance: 83 + 1 on ZOOM. Inductees: Warren Gordon (Ben Ryan), Joe Hammer (Mark Singer), Barry Murley (Al Ianacone), and George Johnson-Orban (Steve Seyboth).

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Hobbyists Joe Hovan, Tom Purwin, Ray Cheesman, Peter Seibel, Tony Murray, Denise Pinbell (daughter of Hobbyist Greg Burks), Anne Marie Marquez (wife of former Hobbyist Peter Marquez), and Carol Canariato (wife of Hobbyist Sal Canariato) all recently passed away. George Skau is in Care One. Bert Taylor is in Holy Name Hospital and would appreciate e-mails. Send to rockyb98@verizon.net

Activities Reports

Bocce-Steve Friedman. The club plays every Friday at Waldwick Borough Park from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM. Outdoor playing continues until November. Contact Steve at stefri4@yahoo.com.

Book Club-Jon Sterling. Reconstruction-America's Unfinished Revolution by acclaimed historian Eric Foner on **September 15** at 10 AM in the Church Library. Alan Stein will lead the discussion.

Bowling-Bob Mosher for Chairman Gary Don. We have 14 teams. Check the website for the roster. Bowling is at Montvale Lanes at 9 AM on Wednesdays.

Camera-Dennis Portsmore. The club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 PM at the Church, but the next meeting will be at 10 AM on Thursday, **September 14** at the Church. Bring your summer photos. Club organization will also be discussed. Look for future e-mails.

Chess-Rick Pascal. The club plays on Wednesdays at the Church from 10 AM-noon.

Dinner / Dance-Bob Mosher. The next event will be the Holiday Gala in December.

Fishing-Peter Weinstein for Chairman Gene Boyle. We had a good fluke charter on September 6. Look for future e-mails. Contact Gene Boyle at gbrealty@optonline.net or Peter Weinstein at rodnreel44@aol.com

Golf-Gary Englehardt for Chairman Paul Fazio. The Atlantic City trip is **Sept. 19-21** and has 32 registrants. The Club Championship will be on **October 3** at Apple Green. Please check the golf website for scheduling and registration details.

Habitat for Humanity-Rich Edelman. Paterson is active with the building of eight (8) homes side-by-side on Harrison Street. **We need volunteers.** Contact Rich at 973-389-3536 or at edelmanr@optonline.net

Hiking-Ed Lundell. There will be a September trip to the Poconos. Look for an e-mail notice. The Hiking Club leads hikes on Tuesdays and Fridays with hikes of varying degrees of exertion. See the website for information. If interested in joining, contact Ed at edlundell4@gmail.com

Military History-Tom Heed. The next meeting is **September 25** at the Church at 2 PM and on ZOOM. The discussion will be an update of the war in Ukraine.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "Sabrina" will be shown on **September 12** at 1:30 PM in the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie is a comedy with an all-star cast: Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, and William Holden.

Newsletter-Rick Pascal. The Fall Newsletter is going out by the end of next week.

ROMEO-Cliff Matthews. **September 15** (noon) at Fiona's Restaurant, 118 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. Send Cliff an e-mail at cematth48@optonline.net if you are attending. BYOB. **All attending should wear your membership badge.**

Tennis-Al Ianacone. Starting **September 11**, the Tennis Club meets every Monday at the Fair Lawn Raquet Club: noon-1:30 PM. The format is **doubles** (\$12.00 per session). If interested, contact co-Chairman Al Ianacone acianacone@gmail.com or Bob Kozar bkozar1@aol.com

Walking-Alan Stein. The Club meets every Thursday at 9 AM at the Ridgewood Avenue Duck Pond (the last parking lot around the circle). The walking day shifts to Friday whenever there is a Hobbyist general membership meeting.

SPECIAL REPORT

HOBBYISTS STAY HYDRATED

We had several recent incidents of Hobbyists feeling light-headed and passing out during outdoor activities in hot weather. As Seniors, it is **doubly** important that we stay hydrated. If you are participating in **any** outdoor activity, you should carry a full water bottle with you. Even though tennis is played indoors, you probably should bring a water bottle with you to the court. Do not wait until you are thirsty; take a healthy drink of water **before** you hike, walk, tee off, etc.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:45 AM.

Program-First Vice President Mark Singer introduced Hobbyist Jack Warner who provided an interesting tour of Italian music.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein-Secretary