

## HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**March 2, 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**.

**President's Report**-Bob Mosher. Bob advised of an innovation on member name tags: blue tape on each new member's badge. The tape will be removed upon the member's induction. The tape is a way of fostering Club interactions between the new member and "veteran" members.

Bob also presented two (2) motions with detailed explanations for consideration: a motion to give the Deputy Treasurer (who will be Cliff Matthews) signing authority on Hobbyist accounts and a motion to allow online voting. Both motions passed on a voice vote with no objections.

We must park our cars within the **white** lines of the parking lot. We cannot park within the **yellow** lines or otherwise create parking spaces where there are **no lines**.

**Treasurer's Report**-Gary Englehardt. We are taking in many checks from an array of activities. The Club earned overall interest in February of \$117.00 and is in sound financial shape.

**Membership**-Cliff Matthews. Total membership: 405; Life members: 42; attendance: 86 (including 8 on ZOOM); new inductees: Gerald Bucci (Bill Leahy) and Matt Harold (Dan Grieco).

**Hobbyists Concerned**-Peter Philip. Hobbyists Raoul Gersten, Rajinder Mehta, and Paul O'Leary passed away in the past month. Ed Daly is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

### **Activities Reports**

**Book Club**-Peter Philip. Chairman Peter will present Hitler's American Gamble by Brendan Sims and Charlie Laderman-on **March 17** at 10 AM in the Church Library.

**Bowling**-Gary Don. Congratulations to Session 2 winners (Sharks)-Bill Raftery, Dennis Portsmore, Joel Sachs, and Ian Coburn. The season ends on April 26 followed by two weeks of playoffs. The bowling luncheon will be on **May 10** at Fiona's in Midland Park. All regular bowlers will be invited.

**Chess**-Rick Pascal. The club meets every Wednesday in the Church from 10 AM-noon. The club will have more experienced players tutor less experienced players if requested.

**Dinner/Dance**-Bill Healy. The next event is on **May 15** at Seasons. Cost is \$195.00 per couple. There will be two (2) dinner/dances in 2023: May and December.

**Fellowship Luncheon**-Dave Smilon. **April 27** at noon in the Church. The cost is \$15.00. There are 50 registrants and time for more Hobbyists to sign up.

**Golf**-Paul Fazio. There are 104 registrants. Look for an e-mail on April scheduling. **If you are unable to play at any scheduled event, it is important to notify the coordinator (Gary Don-Tuesday; Giancarlo Bisone-Friday) ASAP. A player is responsible for providing his own substitute from the list).** Bergen County cards for 2022 are good for 2023 until late May 2023.

**Keep in Touch**-Bob Stevenson. There are 18 volunteers to contact our 42 Life Members. Look for future e-mails on group activities.

**Movie Lovers**-Richard Oswald. "Somewhere in Time"- a time travel fantasy- will be shown on **March 14** at 1:30 PM in the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall.

**Music Lovers**-Jim McKeown. "Irish Three The Birth of a Republic" on **March 10** at 10 AM in the Church Auditorium. Check the website to see the wide range of musical selections which trace Irish history from 1922 (Independence) to 1948 (Republic of Ireland).

**Newsletter**-Rick Pascal. The newsletter for the first quarter of 2023 will go out in 2-3 weeks. Chairmen are urged to submit reports for inclusion in the letter **ASAP**.

**ROMEO**-Cliff Matthews. The next luncheon will be on **March 17** (noon) at Justin's, 234 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne. BYOB

**Special Event**-Bob Stevenson. The St. Patrick's Day luncheon will be on **March 15** at the Hearth and Tap in Montvale. There are 45 registrants and room for 60 people. If interested, contact Bob at [robtstevenson@hotmail.com](mailto:robtstevenson@hotmail.com)

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:45 AM.

**Program**-Pat Schuber, a Professor of History at Fairleigh Dickinson University, presented a lecture on the two (2) terms of President U.S. Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein