

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2023

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

President Bob Mosher called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Bob Paoli led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

President's Report-Bob Mosher. Bob advised that the Executive Board approved an amendment to the Hobbyist Constitution which will provide an avenue for a non-sponsored candidate to obtain membership. The amendment will be found at **Article IV Section 2** (second sentence) of the Constitution. Policies, Practices, and Procedures will contain language to explain the application process (see **Membership** paragraph 3 and following). Bob also introduced the Officers for 2023 who briefly described their respective roles.

Membership-Cliff Mathews. Current membership: 411. Life Membership: 41. Meeting attendance: 75. Dues payments: 95%. New members inducted: Mike Riff (Mark Singer), Bart Heminover (Bob Reilly), Jeff Kresky (Dennis Stefanelli), Tom Melville (Peter Finlay), and Claude Vesnaver (Vince Giovinco by Peter Finlay).

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Jean Navas, wife of Hobbyist Fred Navas, recently died.

Activities Reports

Bocce-Steve Friedman. The club meets every Friday morning from 10-noon until further notice at the Superdome, Fair Lawn from 10 AM-noon. Cost is \$15.00.

Book Club-Peter Philip. **January 20 at 10 AM** in the Church Library. Cliff Mathews will present The Few- the story of American volunteers who flew in the RAF during the Battle of Britain.

Bridge-Ray Chuebon. The club meets Thursdays from noon-4 PM in the Church auditorium.

Chess-Rick Pascal. The club meets every Wednesday in the Church from 10 AM.

Cribbage-Bob Mosher. Thursdays from 1-3 PM at the Church. If interested, contact Bob Mosher at rmosher895@aol.com

Dinner-Dance-Gary Englehardt. Because of low attendance at the recent fall event, the Club may reduce the dinner-dances to two (2) per year: spring and the Holiday gala.

Golf-Paul Fazio. Online registration is now open. The fee is \$15.00 if paid by February 28 and \$20.00 if paid after February 28. Check the website for tournament schedules and other information about the coming golf season. Simulated indoor golf-Mondays from 9 AM-noon through the end of March. Check the website for details and cost of simulated golf.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "The Mudlark" will be shown on **January 10** at 1:30 PM at the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall. For movie details including plot and cast, please check the website.

Newsletter-Rick Pascal. Look for an e-mail in March for scheduling.

ROMEO-the next luncheon will be at Justin's, 234 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne on **January 20** at noon. BYOB.

Wine Appreciation Group-Bob Stevenson. There will be a luncheon on **January 27** at Aldo's in Wyckoff. Look for an e-mail.

Special Report-Bob Stevenson advises of an informal Club group called "Keeping in Touch" which reaches out to our Life Members (90+ years of age). Bob has also been working on a demographic study of club members which tracks distribution of members by town among other facts. The median age of club members has risen to 80 years. The average club tenure is 10 years.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:55 AM.

Program-Jack Warner. Jack will discuss his most recent novel-**The Amateur Assassin: A Tale of Deception and Delusion.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein