

## HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**June 1, 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 reminded us that June 14 is Flag Day and urged us to show fly “Old Glory” on that day. Bob also advised that the June issue of Ridgewood Living magazine has an article on the Hobbyist Club.

**President’s Report**-Bob Mosher. Bob pointed out that the July edition of Ridgewood Living will have a picture of Bob Paoli on the cover. President Bob reminded us about the presentation at First Presbyterian Church on **June 25** (3:30 PM-5:00 PM) featuring Ali Stroker and father Jim Stroker. The show will consist of music, story telling, and a question / answer session. There is no admission charge; the Church asks for a free will offering to benefit several worthy charities.

Bob also showed several pictures evidently taken by homeowners on Hanks Avenue and streets around the Church. A picture captured a car partially blocking a driveway entrance. **Hobbyists parking on the street are urged to exercise caution to not block residential driveways.**

**Treasurer’s Report**-Gary Englehardt. The Club earned accrued interest of \$412.00 + in the first four (4) months of 2023 and is excellent financial condition.

**Membership**-Cliff Matthews. Total membership: 408; Life members: 41; attendance: 66 (and 1 on ZOOM).

**Hobbyists Concerned**-Peter Philip. Past President Bob Norelli, Karen Doherty (wife of Past President Mike Doherty), Tim Desmond (brother of Hobbyist Tom Desmond), Carol Canariato (wife of Hobbyist Sal Canariato), and former Hobbyist Gregory Sullivan all recently passed away. Hobbyist George Skau is in Valley Hospital.

### **Activities Reports**

**Bocce**-Steve Friedman. The club plays every Friday at Waldwick Borough Park from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM. If interested, contact Steve at [stefri4@yahoo.com](mailto:stefri4@yahoo.com).

**Book Club**-Peter Philip. Dave Smilon will present 1940 on **June 16** at 10 AM in the Church Library. The book deals with the Presidential Election of 1940 in which FDR ran for an unprecedented third term against a then political unknown—Wendell Wilkie.

**Chess**-Rick Pascal. The club plays on Wednesdays at the Church from 10 AM-noon and ends this month until September.

**Dinner/Dance**-Bill Healy by Bob Mosher. The next Dinner / Dance will be the Holiday Gala in December at Seasons. The date and cost will be listed in a future e-mail.

**Fishing**-Peter Weinstein. We have a sea bass trip set for **June 14** out of Belmar. If anyone is interested in this trip or future trips, please contact Gene Boyle at [gbrealty@optonline.net](mailto:gbrealty@optonline.net) or Peter Weinstein at [rodnreel44@aol.com](mailto:rodnreel44@aol.com)

**Golf**-Paul Fazio by Gary Englehardt. Upcoming events: **June 6**-Skyview in Sparta (sign up w/ Stu French [stufrench31@yahoo.com](mailto:stufrench31@yahoo.com)); **June 13**- the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament of the year (Apple Green); **July 18** (summer tournament); **August 15** (late summer tournament). Please check the golf website for scheduling and registration details.

**Movie Lovers**-Richard Oswald. "The Talk of the Town" will be shown on **June 13** at 1:30 PM in the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall. The movie is a comedy-drama; an escaped prisoner (Cary Grant) tries to prove his innocence to a stuffy lawyer (Ronald Colman) with the help of a spirited teacher (Jean Arthur). Check the website for further details.

**Newsletter**-Rick Pascal. The second quarter Newsletter is going out next week.

**ROMEO**-Cliff Matthews. The next luncheon will be on **June 16** (noon) at Fiona's Restaurant, 118 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. Send Cliff an e-mail at [cematth48@optonline.net](mailto:cematth48@optonline.net) if you are attending. BYOB. **All attending should wear your membership badge.**

**Winemakers**-Paul Richert by Bob Mosher. The Club recently crushed some grapes and transferred a batch of grapes from one barrel to another where the grapes will remain for several months. Bob briefly took us through a typical session of the Club; there is pleasant fellowship over wine and cheese.

The Hobbyist business meeting concluded at 10:30 AM.

**Program**-Mario Medici's presentation was "Paterson: Then and Now" an interesting history of Paterson back to the days of Alexander Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weinstein-Secretary