

HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2022

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

President Bill Healy called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Bill Healy led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Passing of the Gavel-George Skau was the Master of Ceremonies and gave a brief history of the Hobbyist. George also introduced Past Presidents in attendance: John Gilpatrick (2001), Bob Paoli (2006), Bob Morris (2007), Bill Carbone (2009), John Butler (2010), Giancarlo Bisone (2012), Mike Doherty (2013), Bob Stevenson (2014), Joe Burns (2015), Syd Robertson (2017), Rich Edelman (2018), Ed Daly (2019), Don Togneri (2020), and Cliff Matthews (2021). George led the Passing of the Gavel from outgoing President Bill Healy to incoming President Bob Mosher.

Treasurer's Report-Gary Englehardt. We ran a negative balance for 2022-the reason for the recent dues increase. All activities are in balance. The 2023 budget will issue shortly.

Membership-Ed Lundell. Membership: 414. Life Membership: 41 including new Life Member Jim Newman. Attendance: 84 (and 9 on ZOOM). Member dues payment is at 85%. ***If you have not yet paid the 2023 dues (\$60.00), please pay ASAP.*** The online roster needs member photos. Take a selfie of yourself and send the selfie to Steve Hochman at shochman@gmail.com

Hobbyists Concerned-Peter Philip. Hobbyist John McCambridge and Honore Fontes, wife of Hobbyist Bill Fontes, recently passed away.

Activities Reports

Book Club-Peter Philip. The next meeting is on **January 21, 2023** at 10 AM in the Church Library. Cliff Matthews will present The Few—the story of American pilots who volunteered to fly in the RAF during The Battle of Britain in 1940-41.

Bowling-Gary Don. The Cyclones won the 1st Session. We are looking for bowlers for Wednesdays at 9 AM at Montvale Lanes. If interested, contact Gary at garydon3@verizon.net

Chess-Rick Pascal. We completed our first year. Look for Rick's e-mail for continuing play.

Dinner Dance-Bill Healy. The Holiday Gala will be on **December 12** at Seasons at 6 PM. We have 235 registrants and room for more. The cost is \$175.00 per couple. If interested, send Bill an e-mail at whealy3741@aol.com. You can pay at the door.

Fishing-Gene Boyle. We had an active season and look forward to spring fishing for striped bass. If interested, send Gene an e-mail at gbrealty@optonline.net

Golf-Paul Fazio. The Hobbyist Championship award will be named The Bob Norelli Trophy in honor of a great person.

Gourmet Cooking-Jim McKeown. The luncheon on **December 14** has a full roster. The next luncheon will be in the spring 2023. If interested, contact Jim at jimmckeown@optonline.net.

Military History-Tom Heed. The next meeting will be in January 2023.

Movie Lovers-Richard Oswald. "Tampopo," an eclectic Japanese movie, will be shown on Tuesday, **December 13** at 1:30 PM at the Senior Lounge, Ridgewood Village Hall.

Music Lovers-Jim McKeown. "The Music of Leonard Cohen" will be presented on Friday, **December 9** at 10 AM in the Church Auditorium.

Newsletter-Rick Pascal. Chairman should send any report to Rick at rickpas@optonline.net **ASAP** for the last Newsletter of 2022 which will shortly issue.

Parliamo Italiano-Don Togneri. The club will be called "Italian Heritage" and will have a new focus. Look for Don's e-mail. If interested, contact Don at dj2dm2@hotmail.com.

Public Affairs-Don Togneri. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 14** and will focus on B.R.I.C.S., a nascent economic organization of countries forming the title acronym. **ZOOM only**. Look for Don's e-mail with ZOOM link. We still need a chairman for this club. If interested in attending and / or being chairman, send Don an e-mail at dj2dm2@hotmail.com

ROMEO-Cliff Matthews. There will be a luncheon on **December 16** at noon at Fiona's, 118 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. BYOB

Science & Technology-Don Togneri and Elliot Ratchik. There is no December meeting. Look for Elliot's e-mail for the next meeting which will be on **ZOOM only**. We still need a chairman for this club. If interested, contact Elliot at eratchik@gmail.com

Club business concluded at 10:42 AM.

Program-The Ridgewood High School Chorale sang an array of Holiday and seasonal songs.

Submitted by Peter Weinstein