



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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## *You Had to Be There.....*

### **Members Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2014**

#### **Davenport – East Providence, RI**

Our President Ben Reed opened up our meeting in the usual fashion with a team drink.

Ben opened up our meeting with a recap of the NEPHC. A very successful and fun convention by the Nautical Whalers PHC....No exact totals have been announced yet, but by the numbers it looks like the convention raised over \$20,000! Congratulations! Everyone that went had a part in that and for that you should be very proud. Joe Ventitell...what a great job you did on the ...JAIL & BAIL...in short, our President, Ben, was arrested as well as other members of other clubs, by the sherifetts and put in jail. They all had 24 hours to collect enough money to get out! Aimlessly Wondering Richard came in first, followed by Sarge Browning, and our own Ben was third with a total of \$478.00! That skit raised over \$2500.00! It was truly one of the highlight events of the weekend and we all had a great time dressing up. Thanks again Joe and all who participated and emptied their pockets for our prez.

Ben announced that our next NEPHC which will be hosted by the Frozen Finz PHC of Vermont, will be in Mansfield, MA. March 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. The usual beginning of the month date has been changed so not to compete with Music on the Bay in Tampa. The Mansfield location and the hotel itself, is a perfect venue for this event. Maine will also be following suit and having their convention take place there. The theme next year is .."Stories we could tell". Registration is open and if you register before May 1<sup>st</sup>, you will also receive in your bag of goodies, a beautiful Tervis cup, which will have of course the logo of the convention on the front and a list of the New England Parrot Head Clubs on the back and the date of their inception. Around the top of the cup will be logo's of all the clubs. It's a great souvenir, so register soon so you too can receive this. As far as our club goes, we host this event in 2017. Ben will be looking into our options as far as hotels go. We can do Mansfield or we can do Newport. More to follow on this at the coming meetings.

Great news....our website is being totally redone. The BOD is very excited about this. We have hired a wonderful girl who specializes in web design to do this. We have spoken with her, gave her our ideas and soon will see the result. Once this is complete, you will be able to see everything, notes, events, pictures, calendar, forms for membership, merchandise ordering, etc. It will also include links to other important pages. More to follow on this once we get to take a look at what she has come up with, but we are confident she will do an excellent job for our club.

Next up.... Jimmy Buffett tickets. PHIP has made available, tickets for all shows this year. The 3 that we are interested in are.... Bethel, NY, July 17<sup>th</sup> ....Great Woods...July 19<sup>th</sup> (yup, to us it's still Great Woods), and Jones Beach, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ben has sent out notices for these and has ordered tickets appropriately for all who requested. Your money is due ASAP. Please give your check to Ben or mail to the P.O. box. Also, your dues MUST be paid up to have ordered tickets and next year's dues, must be paid in order to get the tickets. You can include your dues fee's with your check for the Buffett tickets or give cash or check to Terri, our Membership Director.

Kathy Batease, will be hosting our next social event. A Seal Watch cruise out of Newport on April 13<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure on the price yet. Kathy has been away, but when she is back, we will get more information. I don't think it is very expensive due to the fact that we are doing a group tour. A signup sheet was handed out at our last meeting. She needs at least 10 people to get the group rate.....which shouldn't be a problem....money will be due by the April meeting. If you didn't sign up at the meeting or weren't there to sign up...let me know and I will put you on the list in Kathy's absence. So keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook to keep up with what is going on and to get information on how to sign up for these social events. You never know what we will come up with next!

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, our own Vice President, Patrick Burns will be dressing in full drag attire to raise money at the Annual Aids Care Ocean State King of Queens Fundraiser. This is at the Coliseum in Providence. Those of you, who went a couple of years ago, saw our President do the same thing! Tickets are available at the door for \$15.00. However, VIP areas are available for a cost of \$100.00 and hold 15 people. VIP areas do not include the cost of admission. These areas include snacks and guarantee you a good seat.

Our OSPHC Annual Fundraiser is in full planning gear and will be happening on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Shield Post in Warwick... *(same place as last year)* Shield's has again donated the hall and our friend Eddy is still there. Linda, the bartender has requested to serve you all again this year...she had a blast last year! This year, we will incorporate Wreath Across America as our main charity.... We will also incorporate other charities into this fundraiser. We are going to spread the wealth! Our own Cabana Boys will be the entertainment again and have also donated their time....thanks boys! We will need LOTS of raffle prizes. So if you

know anyone who can donate ANYTHING, gift certificates, baskets or you have friends who own a local business.....anything we can raffle off, it would be great. If you can make a basket and donate it...it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the people who brought in donations for prizes at the last meeting! I am going to be very busy making things. Have recruited some help to do this as well. The raffle alone last year raised over 1900.00! Last year's fundraiser not only raised a lot of money, but it was also a great time. I have given out tickets at the meeting. If you weren't there and need them, email me at [suen@cox.net](mailto:suen@cox.net) and I will get them to you.....do the best you can....we can't do this without everyone's help!

The Annual Chowder Cookoff is in Newport on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Bussy will again be spearheading this. It's no brainer as far as raising money goes. We sign up to help out that day and we get a good sized check for our charities. Easy, Easy. There are usually 2 shifts for the day. So not only do you get to go to Chowder Fest, you also get to meet a lot of interesting and fun people. More information on this as time roles on, but save the date.

Upcoming events....Relay for Life on June 20<sup>th</sup> into June 21<sup>st</sup>. at Tollgate High School in Warwick. Don Lessard will again be hosting this event. Due to our recent donation to Relay for Life we have officially become a sponsor of this event. We will have our name on the official t-shirt and signs on the field. Yay! Our team name is "Inner Courage" You can go to the Relay for Life website to donate in our team's name. Don will have more information at the next 2 members meetings.

Also a reminder....Alzheimer's walk in Newport in September....Diane Mulligan will be giving us more information in the coming months.

Just a reminder...if you ordered tickets for the upcoming Jimmy Buffett shows in either XFINITY Center (Great Woods to us), or Jones Beach...money is due at by the next members meeting in April. Also, your membership dues must be paid for the upcoming year as well to receive these tickets.

Membership dues are due and payable before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Please send your check or money order to our P.O. address....Box 23163, Providence, RI 02903 or give it to Terri directly. Your new badge will be given to you ASAP following your renewal. Renewal forms were available at the meeting. You do not need the renewal form as long as your information is on the check or money order.

We (the BOD) have not received very many questionnaire/survey's back. The BOD is very interested in your feedback on things and we feel this is the best way to find out. So, please, when you get it, take a few minutes to fill it out and hand it in at the upcoming meeting.

Again....Club merchandise is for sale anytime...t-shirts, golf shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and new for this year...denim shirts. Mike Sheehan is in charge of that and will have information on ordering at every meeting...He can order anything at anytime and has a list of products, pricing and so on...order forms will be put on tables at every members meeting.....just ask him for the information. Spring will be hear before you know it...show your OSPHC pride and do a little free advertising for the club by wearing your gear!

We will be changing up our meeting places for 2014. Every other month will be at Davenport's in East Providence or Doherty's in Warwick for the other months...keep an eye on your e-mail and facebook for time and place.

Birthdays were announced and cupcakes handed out for March birthdays and the 50/50 was drawn.

Our next members meeting will be at Doherty's on Jefferson Blvd in Warwick on 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC