



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Members Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2014**

#### **Doherty's Ale House – Warwick, 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....We have received the totals from the convention....they are as follows....MS received 6400.00...Epilepsy Foundation received 4800.00...Compassionate Care ALS received 3200.00...Lion's Club received 1800.00 and the Boy Scouts received 1000.00...for a grand total of 17,000!!! Congratulations Nautical Whalers for putting on a great convention! Everyone that went had a part in that and for that you should be very proud. 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 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.

Great news....our website is almost done!. The BOD is very excited about this. 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.

Next up....Elections. We had three available openings this year. Vice President, Treasurer and Social Director. No one was nominated, therefore the current Vice President, Patrick Burns, Treasurer, Charlie Pitts, and Social Director, Kathy Batease will remain in there positions.

Kathy Batease, hosted our most recent social event. A Seal Watch cruise out of Newport on April 13<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, the Seal Watch was completed and it was a great time. A little windy, but very nice. There were so many seals lounging on the rocks near the Newport Bridge. We learned a lot about them from Save the Bay, who answered all our questions. A nice lunch at Brick Alley Pub in Newport finished off the day. Thank you to all who went!

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 have LOTS of great raffle prizes. Beautiful baskets, an awesome Shot Ski, and gift certificates. Thank you to all the people who brought in donations! 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. If you need tickets, 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! Time is getting closer and we will need a count at least by the week before for catering....which by the way...is doing this for cost only plus \$100 for overhead. That means even more money for our charity! I hope everyone will join us!

The Annual Chowder Cookoff is in Newport on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Buggy 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. Sign up sheets were sent around at the meeting. Morning shift also includes setting up prior to the event and the afternoon shift also includes breaking down once the Chowder Fest is over.

Relay for Life will be 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 passed out sign up sheets for this and you can always just donate and or buy luminaries and decorate the bad in memory of a loved one. This is always a very meaningful event, so if you would like to participate, please go to the website, [www.relayforlife.or/warwickri](http://www.relayforlife.or/warwickri). Click on donate and follow the prompts to INNER COURAGE.

Deidre Fountain, President of the Nautical Whaler PHC invited all who are interested to the evening gathering of the summer solstice sunset on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Newport. More info can be found on their website.

Money is due for your Jimmy Buffet tickets, if you ordered them. 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.

Next....the OSPHC has received a citation from the State of Rhode Island Governor, Lincoln Chaffee, commending us on our charitable efforts and wishing us continued success. This is a first for us...and we couldn't be prouder to have received this. The citation was passed around for everyone to see.

Our Treasure Charlie handed out financial statements and we are doing just fine. As of March 31<sup>st</sup> we have 3262.89 in our account.

Terri Weissenberg our membership director reminded everyone that 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 did get an idea for a fun social event from Toni Astore. She suggested a paint night. It's the latest craze. You sign up for a particular event. They supply everything...the wine and the artist, who then supplies the photo you will paint. They guide you step by step through the painting process which is done on canvas. By the end of night, you have a buzz (LOL) and a painting to bring home. Sounds like a fun night to me! Let's do it!

We received a wonderful thank you card from Kids in the Canyon. They were one of the recipients of our charity pull. The card was signed by all the participants and a picture of them all was the card front. This is how our money is spent folks! Let's keep up the good work and spread the wealth.

Birthdays were announced for April birthdays and the 50/50 and badge raffle was drawn.

### **Some upcoming events.....**

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.

PHCOEM will have a bus to Mohegan Sun casino on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to go and catch the bus or just meet the gang there, go to the PHCOEM website and get more information. Cost for the bus is \$40.00 and half goes to charity (Special Olympics). Plus you get a lot of perks for signing up.

Our annual golf tournament will again be in September. More information as the months go on. Bugsy will again be heading this event and will provide us with the details.

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

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 here before you know it...show your OSPHC pride and do a little free advertising for the club by wearing your gear!

We have changed 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.

Our next members meeting will be at Davenport's in East Providence on May 8th, 2014

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, OSPHC