



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Members Meeting Minutes**

#### **Davenport's Restaurant – January 15, 2015**

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

First up....as of this writing, The Uno Fundraiser went off without a hitch. A number of our RI members headed over to Pizzeria Uno in Warwick on Bald Hill Rd. on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. A good meal was had by all with a percentage of the profits going to this year's convention kitty for the Vermont Children's Hospital. Great job everyone!

Next up....you know its coming....you know you want to go....so what are you waiting for? You got it...NEPHC hosted by the Frozen Finz of Vermont. Registration is still open but not for long! I hear there are very few rooms left, so if you're on the fence, better jump off and get going! Lots going on this year....here is one for you. NEPHC Olympics....Each club will form a team for a variety of Olympic events...there will be 4 competitions. Tital Pool Explorer (must be a decent swimmer)...Jell-O Shot eating contest...Frozen T-shirt Contest and the Tacky Tourist Relay. We need volunteers! Descriptions on these events can be found on the NEPHC website...[www.newenglandphc.com](http://www.newenglandphc.com). Please let Ben know if you are interested in competing in any of these events, as we need to put our teams together. Each club is a different neon color. Our designated color for the Olympics is Neon Green. We still have a little decorating to do for this convention. Each state in NE will have their very own sheet metal cut out that will be on display throughout the garden area of the hotel. Each club is responsible for decorating their state, so if you're up for the challenge...Ben will be hosting a "decorate the steel" get together at his home on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced...we can do it up any way we want. So bring your ideas and supplies. It is a pretty big cut out, so we have a lot of area to cover. If you can't make it, send us your ideas!

Next on the agenda...I will be hosting a small fundraiser at Tara's Tipperary Tavern in Matunuk on February 21<sup>st</sup>, between 1 and 5...OSPHC's own Cabana Boy, Brian Cabral will be playing tunes that day from 1-4. This fundraiser is for the Jonnycake Center in Wakefield....The Jonnycake Center officially opened in 1974 by community members who saw a need for an agency that could help people who might not qualify for support through established agencies. They named it after the [jonnycake](#), a staple food in colonial days, because the founders' goal was to provide basic necessities for local people in need. The Center was operated from a store front in Wakefield before moving to their present location at the rotary in Peace Dale. Today the Jonnycake Center's Emergency Food Pantry provides food to individuals and families who are having a hard time making ends meet. Households can come to the Center once a month and receive nutritionally balanced food baskets that contain enough food including milk and eggs to prepare three meals a day for an entire week for all household members. Frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables are also provided whenever available. I would say this is a worthy charity, wouldn't you? This is a family friendly event. The tavern is still open to the public and everyone is welcome to come down and listen to some good music and help raise funds for a great cause. We will have raffle baskets and a 50/50 that day. Tara Mulroy, the owner of the tavern is so excited to have the OSPHC back at the beach!

For those of you who love Winter Fest in Newport, the Changes in Latitude band will be back. Here is the info:

8:30pm: Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band – Changes in Latitudes – February 21st

Hyatt Regency Newport, One Goat Island. Newport Winter Festival presents Changes in Latitudes, the country's premier tribute show to the Mayor of Margaritaville, Jimmy Buffett. This nationally acclaimed band travels the country with beach balls and leis flying, dancing conga lines, and "Trop Rock" fun for all. Tickets available: \$15/Advance w/button, \$20/At the door (based on availability). VIP Seating Available: \$40/\$35 w/button (includes 1 drink ticket & up front seating). For info/tickets order right online!

For those of you needing a much needed vacation...you can head on down to New Orleans. Jimmy Buffett will be one of the headliners of the Jazz Fest. Go to [nojazzfest.com](http://nojazzfest.com) for more information. On my bucket list to do this. My bucket list is so long...LOL.

In case you don't know....this is the OSPHC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We have printed up special t-shirts for this once in a lifetime event. It's a throw back from a previous year and has on the front under the logo, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This shirt is being priced at only 12.00 bucks...the cost of the shirt. We would love everyone to buy one if you can and wear it to the convention for our group picture which is 20 years in the making. And if you're not going to convention, buy it and wear it proudly! Lisa and Mike Sheehan had a certain number printed up and when they are gone, they are gone. They are available at every meeting as are other types of merchandise...just ask Mike or Lisa.

Charlie gave us his treasury report and we are in good shape as usual

Ben will be submitting to PHIP our yearly totals and we should all be very proud, as we had another successful year to report. \$14,000 raised for charities this year! Congratulations! Such an accomplishment for a small club like ours!

At the next meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Doherty's on Jefferson Blvd...we will be collecting raffle donations for our raffle basket for the NEPHC. We will be doing the same thing as last year...500.00 gift card and paying for registration and hotel at Meeting of the Minds. This proved to be a very successful basket and it's easy to carry...LOL. So, we would like to collect some RI "stuff" to put around our area.

Reminder...out next Meeting is at Doherty's on Jefferson Blvd in Warwick around 7:30, but come early for a bite to eat and socialize.

Til we meet again.....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, Ocean State Parrot Head Club