



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes - 4/9/15

Doherty's Ale House– Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, RI

Our President Ben opened up the meeting with a team drink.

First on the agenda was the convention that just passed. A great time was had by all! An Eastern Mass member won our convention basket...congratulations Renee Simmons! Have a wonderful time in Key West. Our club had 1 award winner in the Olympic events...Ali Brock won the bronze medal in the jello shot eating contest. A Maine member won the event eating 9 jello shots in 1 minute! Good grief! It is unknown right now how much money the convention raised. That total will be announced as soon as we receive the word from Chris Lang.

Our club recently had a social event to the Foolproof Brewery in Pawtucket. It was a great time and we enjoyed samples of 3 different beers brewed right here in RI. A nice tour of the facilities and a real nice glass to take home completed the tour. After the tour, we all met at Chelo's on Smithfield Ave....but....we were not warmly welcomed by the staff. They thought we were too loud even though we were in the bar and no one was there. We promptly left and went to Doherty's in Pawtucket and had a great time enjoying good food, a few drinks and good friends.

Election results are in and it was a tight race. 64 people voted for the position of Member at Large. The race came down to a very close number....34 votes for Paul Thibodeau and 30 for Terri Weissenberg. Congratulations Paul! And a congratulations to Susan Jones!., who will be your new Membership Director as she ran unopposed. Ben will keep his position as President and Sue will keep her position as Secretary as one ran against them. New Board members will be invited

to the upcoming BOD Meeting the end of April. Kathy will be checking into a place to have the meeting and will let us know where.

The BOD would like to thank Lisa Sheehan and Terri Weissenberg for their years of service and dedication for the OSPHC. You both did an outstanding job and it is truly appreciated.

There is an event coming to the Twin River Casino at the beginning of May...The New England Rum and Tequila Festival. Tickets are 43.00 and can be purchased through TicketMaster. This event is on May 2nd, but there are two days of events leading up to the festival. Your best bet if your interested is to go on the website for more information. A few members are already going.

As you know...our 20th Birthday is this month. We will be hosting our annual birthday party this year at the Newport Polo grounds. On July 11th, pack your cooler, get those grills out and grab a chair and head down! USA vs. Ireland is the match up that day and it truly is a great time! Party will begin around 1pm. More information as the date draws near, but mark those calendars cuz you don't want to miss it! We will be having a hat decorating contest that day too....so start thinking of something fun and fantastic!

As you know, we are hosting the 2017 NEPHC. I know it is two years away, but we have to be prepared to present our theme and get our registration up and running for the end of next year's convention. I can't stress how important this is. We are forming committee's and will need everyone's help and cooperation in the coming months. Committee's needed are....Registration, Raffles, Sponsorship, Games, Entertainment just to name a few. We have got quite a few volunteers...Thank you! In June we will have a convention committee meeting. Not sure where yet...at someone's home more than likely. If you are interested and have not yet volunteered, please contact a Board member. Nancy Heron is our convention chairperson for 2017. You can contact Nancy at tiggers1968@aol.com or Ben at any time with questions. We will also need a theme...very important that we get input on this. We would like YOUR suggestions on a theme. Please send them along to any BOD to be presented as soon as possible. Some suggestions so far have been...Life is a Tire Swing, Rendezvous Bay, Christmas in the Caribbean and RI Daydreaming, Fruitcakes and

we did get a suggestion for a casino or carnival theme. We need more, so put your thinking caps on and send in those suggestions. A convention theme will be decided on at the convention committee meeting in June.

I am sure you are all well aware of this by now. Our beloved Jimmy Buffett will be having his concert on August 15th at the Xfinity Center. (Great Woods for us!) Tickets will be given out once they are received by Ben and tailgating will be in full gear.

Another event you might be interested in is a Pub Crawl in New Bedford. The Nautical Whalers PHC will be hosting this. It starts at 12:00 noon and begins at the Poor Farm and will continue through the afternoon at selected pubs. You can go to the Nautical Whalers website for more information.

We are still planning on a fundraiser this year and hoping it can be around the 3rd week of October so we can use a Halloween theme. We need to find entertainment. This is a fairly large money making fundraiser, so if anyone knows a D.J or Duo that might be interested in helping us out, it would be appreciated. This is being looked into and more information in the next month.

Also, coming on July 18th, the Nautical Whalers will be hosting their friends at the Son of a Beach Festival put on by the city of New Bedford. More information on this can be found on the city's website.

Birthday were announced...Happy Birthday April babies!

Terri made an announcement that we have had 40 new members since the beginning of the year! How wonderful is that?! Welcome to the OSPHC!

Don Lessard will again be heading up the Relay for Life this year at Tollgate High School in Warwick. This year the times have changed the it will go from 12pm to 12am. He will be brining in luminary bags for purchase and you are always welcome to make a donation and participate. He will give us more information at the next meeting. This will take place on June 20th.

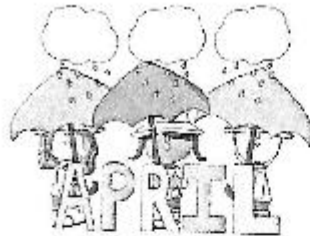
Another thing to keep an eye out for....Sunny Jim will be playing to benefit the Audubon Society...no date just yet, but will give out the details as soon as they are none.

Merchandise is still available for purchase. Ask and you shall receive if we have it.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, Ocean State Parrot Head Club

Calendar of Events below



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April, 2015

- May 14 Members Meeting, Davenport's - 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E. Providence
- June 11 Members Meeting, Doherty's 30 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI
- July 11 OSPHC 20th Birthday Party - Parrots for Polo, USA vs. Ireland
- Aug. 15 It's official - Jimmy Buffett Concert at 8:00 pm Comcast Center!
- *****Fellow Parrot Head Club Events*****
- April 25 Pub Crawl in New Bedford - sponsored by Nautical Whalers
- April 24-26 New Orleans Jazz Fest - Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer Band on the roster!!!!
- June 8 Alzheimer's Assn Golf Tourn 12:00 shot gun, Valley CC, Warwick, RI \$150/person
- July 18 Sun of a Beach Festival - sponsored by Nautical Whalers
- Nov. 4-8 MOTM- Key West, FL!!! Sign up NOW!!!!