



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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

### **Members Meeting Minutes – 6/11/15**

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

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

First on the agenda...Chowder Fest...it seemed like the new location at Fort Adams worked out pretty well for most with the exception of long lines for samples...but that goes with the territory. We would like to thank all who came out and volunteered for this event. And a big thank you to Buggy for putting this all together again!

Relay For Life was the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at Tollgate High School in Warwick. Don and Jean Lessard again were the spear hunters of this event. An excellent job was done by them and all the hard working teams. It was a little different this year, as it was not an overnight event. Not sure of the amount raised as a group and as a whole, but I am sure it was very good. We will have numbers soon and it will be announced at the next meeting.

Ben announce that Changes in Latitude will be playing at Independence Park in Bristol on June 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested we can meet at Ben's house and walk up. Please let Ben know if this is something you will be doing, so he can know ahead of time the number of people joining him.

.As you know...our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party is coming up very soon. We will be hosting our annual birthday party this year at the Newport Polo grounds. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, pack your cooler, get those grills out (small only and no charcoal) and grab a chair and head down! USA vs. Ireland is the match up that day and it truly is a

great time! You don't want to miss it! Representatives from the club will be heading down for the 1:00 opening to set up our tents and mark our spot. The actual polo match starts at 5:00, but if you don't get there early to get your spot, it fills up fast. Come early for the tailgating party! We will be having a hat decorating contest that day too with prizes....so start thinking of something fun and fantastic! Cost is either 10 or 12 dollars a car. There is ample parking.

August is coming up fast and you know what that means....JB Concert! August 15<sup>th</sup> is the day and we will be doing the usual thing. We will be meeting at the rest area just before the 495 exit to Great Woods on 95 (*yes I said Great Woods*) at 10:30 am. Gates open at 11:00...we can all follow each other in like in previous years so we can all party together. Here's hoping for great weather like last year. Ben will hand out tickets when they become available. More info to follow on this. There is also a pre-party at the Red Roof Inn the day before. Entertainment will be plenty and they will play for tips. So be generous! And most of all, have a fun time partying with great friends!

Our annual Sue and Paul Folkins Golf Tournament will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for September 13<sup>th</sup> (grandparents day, in case you didn't know, lol). The planning stages are in effect now and registration forms have gone out via e-mail. Get your registration form in quickly. This tournament sells out every single year! Volunteers will again be needed and raffle prizes will also be needed, so please, when the call comes in, raise that hand and help out! More info to come on this.

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 already...Thank you! We will have a convention committee meeting this Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Aruba Steve's in Warren at 7:00pm. We will need a fair number of people to get this off the ground, so please consider helping out. 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](mailto:tiggers1968@aol.com) or Ben at any time with questions. We will also be choosing a theme at this meeting...so you still have time to put in your 2 cents worth. Please send them along to any BOD or to Ben directly to be presented at the meeting. 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 want this convention to be a weekend to remember!

We are still planning on a fundraiser this year and hoping it can be around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October so we can use a Halloween theme. I am looking into the availability of the hall. We have a DJ/Karaoke person, thanks to Patrick Burns and the new company he works for. I am also suggesting a semi-Pot Luck as a way to save money on catering which is very expensive. Let me know your thoughts on that. We would still have to sell tickets to cover additional expenses which would be around 20.00. The more money we can make to support our charities the better. Once the availability of the hall is known, I will be going full steam ahead on this. Hopefully we can get this off the ground. You have always been a supportive group for this and it is a fun event! More info to follow....

Also, coming on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Scott Kirby and Peter Mayer will again be playing at the Sand Bar Grill. It is also the day of the annual Regional Leaders Meeting. I am sure tickets will be on sale soon, so if your interested, I would call the Sand Bar.

Also in September...our Annual Alzheimers walk in Newport. Diane Mulligan will again be organizing this and will need volunteers for whatever is needed. This is always a very successful event for the Alzheimers Association. We won an award at MOTM for the Northeast region last year...that is something to be very proud of. Donations are always accepted and don't forget to sign up to walk and promote yourself to your friends and families! Also check out the website for more information.

Keep an eye out for a Finz Phund fundraiser....a Scavenger hunt to be held the Saturday before the golf tournament which would be September 12<sup>th</sup>. Kerry and

Patrick will fill us in with the details once it is all organized, but save the date!  
They are truly a lot of fun!

Kathy Batease our Social Director has come up with an interesting idea. We always poke fun at her because she always makes some kind of mistake in our events calendar. So...she has decided to make a contest out of it. Whoever can find the mistake in her calendar first and notifies her...will win a prize! LOL Kathy! Great idea!

Birthday were announced...Happy Birthday June babies!

Merchandise is still available for purchase. New hats have been ordered and they are awesome. Hopefully we have them by the next meeting. Ask and you shall receive it if we have it.

Our next meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Till we meet again....*

*Sue Nelson – Secretary, Ocean State Parrot Head Club*

*Calendar of Events below*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June, 2015

- June 20 American Cancer Society - Relay for Life – 12 pm to 12 am Tollgate High School- Warwick
- July 11 OSPHC 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – 1:00 pm Parrots for Polo, USA vs. Ireland
- Aug. 14 Pre-Concert Party-Red Roof Inn, Mansfield
- Aug. 15 Jimmy Buffett Concert at 8:00-Comcast Center! Meet at rest area exist 5-95N
- Sept. 13 Sue & Paul Folkins Golf Torni-Jamestown CC
- Sept. 27 Alzheimer's Walk- Bellevue Ave., Newport

### \*\*\*\*\*Fellow Parrot Head Club Events\*\*\*\*\*

- June 28 Changes in Latitude playing at Independence Park - Bristol
- July 18 Sun of a Beach Festival – sponsored by Nautical Whalers
- Sept. 12 Scott Kirby/Peter Mayer playing at the Sandbar – Taunton, MA
- Nov. 4-8 MOTM- Key West, FL!!! Sign up NOW!!!!
- Feb. 25-28, 2016 New England Parrot Head Convention – Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA