



Ocean State Parrot Head Club

You Had to Be There.....

Members Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2017

Davenport, East Providence

Donations for the YMCA in Houston were collected. Thanks to everyone that brought a donation for this worthy cause! We are still waiting for more information on a collection for those effected by hurricane Irma in Florida. Cardi's is supposed to be putting something together, so look for more info soon.

MOTM is still expected to take place the first week of November. We discussed what this may look like since most of the Keys were devastated by the hurricane. Good news the Casa Marina weathered the storm pretty well and will be ready in time for MOTM!

The OSPHC Board of Directors did an audit of the club financials. Everything looks good! The BOD will continue to audit the books annually.

Operation Stand Down is having an event on Sept 15-17th. They are setting up a tent city which will provide services like hygiene, financial, housing, legal and employment services to homeless vets in RI. OSPHC is sponsoring a tent for this event with a \$250 donation.

We are once again volunteering at the Alzheimer's Walk on 9/17 at Fort Adams in Newport. This year OSPHC is also a "Gold Sponsor" due to our generous donation from convention. So, in addition to walking and running our water stop, the club will be setting up an informational table at the event. Our club logo is featured on the event shirts also! We will be raffling off a Feeding Frenzy basket full of Margaritaville products with the proceeds going to our club's team. Join us for lunch at Flo's Clam shack after the walk.

A new fall social event is planned for October 1st. The Fall Fun Day will begin at 10am with the corn maze at Salisbury Farm in Johnston. Then we will be going to do a wine tasting at Verdi Vineyards. The last stop will be some apple picking and dessert at Jaswell's Farm in Smithfield. Please join us for any or all of these fun activities. More info can be found on the club Facebook page.

OSPHC is holding a Meat Raffle on November 5th at the Tri City ELKS club in Warwick. Volunteers are needed to help setup at 11am. The club will be providing some snacks and a cash bar will be available. Please invite all your friends! The festivities will begin around 1pm.

Our annual member Christmas Party is scheduled for our member meeting day on December 12th at Davenports. The club will once again be providing appetizers and desserts for all to enjoy. We will be having our usual Yankee Swap as well as a fun contest...look for more info on the contest in the coming months.

The BOD has updated our membership points system. Going forward a minimum of 15 points will be needed in order to qualify for club tickets to Buffett. This decision was made to address the problem of people joining the club to get access to club tickets, but never actually participating in the club. We want to encourage members to get involved. Included in the change is the addition of outside donations and volunteering counting towards points. Should you be eligible for points from outside activities you need to contact Sue Jones and provide a receipt or letter showing you participated/donated. Members will also be rewarded quarterly for early the most points. BOD members are exempt for any rewards. Points will now be assigned as follows:

- 1 point for attending a Meeting or Social activity
- 2 points for a donation (either to raffles or charity) and for participating in a club event
- 3 points for volunteering at an event
- MAX Points a member can earn for an event is 3.

Polly brought in some t-shirts which are being sold to raise money for hurricane survivors in Houston. The shirts are being sold by Washburger's for \$17. Please contact Polly if you would like a shirt.

The Nautical Whalers PHC still has tickets available for their Halloween party on Oct 28th. The tickets are \$10 each.

Just a reminder the New England Parrot Head Convention is coming up in February. Don't forget to register for this fun event. The room block is open and rooms are available for booking once your registration is received.

Our annual Golf Tournament was canceled due to low registrations. In the end only 8 foursomes registered of which only 5 people had paid. Money will be refunded to those that did pay the registration fee. Thanks to Joe Venditelli for getting our deposit back from the golf course. An alternative fundraiser/social activity is being planned for the spring. Look for information about our Photo Scavenger Hunt in 2018.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 12th** at Davenport's in East Providence.

Submitted by:

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