

## SPSA Member Meeting – January 8, 2023

In attendance: 19 Members (list attached)

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:05 am.

**Minutes** from the previous (December 11, 2022) meeting were reviewed by Darlene Upcraft. Correction to the Bell Jar minutes to read **Net income for November was \$20,723.75 rather than Net income for October was \$20,73.75**. Motion to accept the corrected minutes as read was made by John Vander Veer and seconded by Jack Vida. Motion carried.

**Financials** were read by Tammie Whaley. Net Income for December was \$3,755.07. It was noted that there was an overall Net Loss of \$10,392.38 for the year of 2022. However, Denise pointed out that in the summer we were at a net loss of \$20,000, so it seems that we may be headed in the right direction. The increase of annual dues has helped, as of right now, 600 members have paid their renewal. A motion to accept the Financial report was made by Jim Fowler and seconded by Karen Galloway. Motion carried.

**Bell Jar** report by Jack Vida. December YTD net increase was \$22,839.75. Two donations were made from this account in December (\$500 to CNY Bear Team and \$500 to South Jefferson Youth Shooting Sports). Motion made by Jim Fowler and seconded by Don Schneider to approve the Bell Jar report. Motion carried.

**Queen of Hearts:** Queen of Hearts report by Bryan Mattison. The current game is at \$776 pot. It is growing slowly, which is always slower in the winter. Also, the last three games, the Queen was found very quickly, and the pots did not have time to grow, typically the higher the pot, the more money is spent weekly. Hopefully the Queen will not be revealed as quickly this time and by spring, there will be a healthy pot, when members return to the pond. It was also noted that typically there are more people on a contract to play during the winter while they are out of town. This year there is only a couple. Bryan, explained that a contract player, is someone who pays for the weeks they are gone (specifying the amount of money and if they have a specific number (or not) to play. It was discussed if everyone knew of this option, and if they did, more people would be willing to be on contract. It was suggested that the information could be put in the renewal correspondence that goes out in the fall.

**Membership:** Jack Vida read the names of 2 new lifetime members and 5 new members approved at the Board meeting.

**Building report** was given by Roy Narish: Roy reports that they were pricing out the new sewer grinder pump that is needed. Will be looking at costs and reliability of the pump. Installed new cameras, that have better quality. Will be replacing the flagpole rope and look into new improved lighting for the flagpole. Men's room urinal was constantly running and could not be repaired. Jim Potts was called, and he brought a replacement part and fixed the issue. THANK-YOU Jim. Vicky Gregory reported that the outside door on the patio was sticking and was told that there is a plan to fix in the spring.

**Entertainment:** Denise Schneider reported that the New Year's Day party was a great success, and that Mike Place has been hired to entertain at the party next year. This year the party was 3-6pm, next year the music will be from 4-8pm.

**Upcoming Events**— Denise Schneider reported that the Chili Cook-off is this upcoming Saturday. Sue Gardner and friends are hosting, and Bone Daddy is playing 5:30-9pm. The following Saturday (1/21) is the benefit Chicken and Biscuit Dinner for the Fowler Family (lost home in a fire). Will do pre-sale tickets.

**Bar Manager:** Vicky Gregory reported that the Pulaski Snowmobile Club has brought in tickets for the club to sell for the 2023 Super Raffle sponsored by the New York State Snowmobile Association in support of NYS Snowmobile Trails. There are 52 prizes including brand new snowmobiles. Tickets are \$5 and available behind the bar. Drawing is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Ice Derby flyers are going out and registration packets made available for the Club's Ice Fishing Derby. Denise noted that she has reached out to the Sandy Creek Fire Department and the Mad River Club and told them that they are welcome to use our kitchen, however the club will not have volunteers to prepare and sell food for their derbies.

**Wellness:** Vicky Gregory reported that three sympathy cards have been sent out for the passing of three members; Ron Lamb (Lifetime Member and 24 years on the Board), Jim Cain (Lifetime Member) and Richard Stefani. A thinking of you card was also sent to a member.

**Old Business:** Denise Schneider reported John Vander Veer is looking into propane prices and shopping around for the best price.

**New Business:** Denise Schneider reported that we have had two names of youth submitted to the club to sponsor for the DEC camps. Need to check when the registrations need to be made, but if there are any other youth interested, their names should be submitted to Denise as soon as possible.

**Open Business:** Vicki Gregory asked if it would be possible to get some clothing (sweat jackets /sweatpants) before the start of the Ice Fishing Derbies. Denise will look into it. Sam Cucci asked if there is a reason why a member must belong to the club two years before sponsoring a new applicant for membership. Denise said that was a good question and will look into if there is a reason behind this requirement. She also noted that if there is someone new to the area and does not know anyone who belongs to the club, they can apply and write a short note that they do not know a member. Flip Folds also asked why a family member can not sponsor a new applicant for membership. Denise said this is also a good question and that it is something that can be looked into. Roy suggested doing a review of the by-laws and updating if needed.

There was no other business and the motion to adjourn at 11:41 am was made by Jack Vida and seconded by Gary Dawley. Motion carried.

Next meeting is February 12th at 11am.

Respectively submitted by,

*Darlene E. Upcraft*