

## SPSA Member Meeting – October 8, 2023

In attendance: 15 Members

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:04 am.

**Minutes:** were reviewed by Darlene Upcraft from the previous September 10, 2023 meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Fowler and seconded by Karen Galloway. Motion carried.

**Financials:** were read by Denise Schneider. The net loss for September was -\$7,846.70. Denise explained the Queen of Heart winnings was paid out this month (\$7,665.60). The QOH revenue goes in each month, however, when the winner is paid, it is shown as an expense for that one month. This is an expected impact when the winning is a large amount. However, in the comparison of 2022 to 2023 YTD (January to September) this year we have a net income of \$10,701.20 and last year at this point we had a net loss of -\$14,758.51. Motion to accept the Financial report was made by Jack Vida seconded by Karen Galloway. Motion carried.

Vicky Gregory asked if we had money for an emergency closure (like we did for COVID). Denise replied that we would be okay, that the Board had voted several months ago to keep at least three months of money in reserve in order to be able to pay bills for another shutdown.

**Bell Jar Report:** was given by Jack Vida. September monthly profit was \$6,190.00. The fifth payment of \$945.11 was made for the new machine. As well as another check for \$945.14 to Ralston for the final payment on the new machine. A total of \$4,414.10 was spent on the patio upgrades. \$1,370.27 was used to pay school taxes. Motion by Jim Fowler and seconded by Ned Burdick to accept the bell jar report. Motion carried.

**Queen of Hearts Report:** was given by Bryan Mattison. A new game has started. The first drawing was on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. As it was the first week, three cards were drawn, with \$5, \$10 and \$20 winners. The new total for week 1 is \$410.

**Membership:** Jack Vida read the names of 16 new members and two lifetime members applicants approved at the Board meeting. Last month there had been conversation at the members meeting, about limiting membership. Denise reported that the Board had discussion at their meeting this morning. Decided to take this month to analyze the numbers and to have good information to make a decision. Also want to have discussion with Vicky Gregory about using the upstairs and pavilion for events, which seems to be the issue of the bar being too small to hold events.

**Building report:** was given by Denise Schneider. The patio upgrade is basically done, unless someone wants to paint the particle board. Need a different closer on the main door, the arm needs to be longer, it is a special order. Closer replacement is coming. Need to replace the gutters. Hit our budget limit of \$15,000 for the patio upgrade, smoke eaters were an alternate, if there was extra money. Commercial smoke eaters are very expensive (\$3,000- \$5,000) and not able to be purchased within the patio upgrade budget. Will monitor the situation and if needed, will need to have another vote to purchase them. Denise formally thanked everyone who worked on the patio upgrade and noted what a GREAT JOB it was and how nice the area is.

The kitchen door in the pavilion has been replaced. The locks on the kitchen door and the garage now use the same key. Removing the two trees on the side of the sidewalk on steps coming down to the patio will be on fall clean-up day. Cover for the grinder pump is still in the works.

The upper deck needs to be replaced and the handicap ramp needs repair and to be painted. Projects for the spring.

At last month's member meeting there was a suggestion to have a separate Maintenance Committee from the Building Committee, in order for small maintenance items to be addressed, rather than placing it all on the Building Committee. Denise requested a list of all the maintenance items that need to be addressed.

**Events:** Denise Schneider reported that the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner was well attended (served about 150 people) and showed a \$1,100 profit for the club. The Wild Game Dinner was an enormous success. A total of \$4,400 was raised for

the Wounded Warrior Outdoor Project, between the dinners and the raffles. Karen Galloway gave a shout out to Sherry Folds for the great job she did getting merchandise for the basket raffles. The last Sunday Funday (Fall into Fall) was successful. The Hunter Safety Course ended up being cancelled due to only five attendees being signed up. This year it was scheduled late and was not on the DEC site for very long. Now that there is a contact, will schedule earlier next year as well as boater safety courses. The Bonfire was fun, and it was a nice evening. A small profit was made from the donation bucket for refreshments. Yesterday was a miserable weather day, however the Turkey Shoot was a success. A profit of \$250, with nine turkeys left to raffle off during club's upcoming events and happy hours. Denise Schneider recognized Jack Vida for the great job he has done running the Turkey Shoot for many years. Yesterday was his last time hosting the Turkey shoot, Bobby Ryan will be taking over for Jack.

**Upcoming Events:** Denise Schneider reported on the following upcoming events. The Kids Halloween Party is on October 14<sup>th</sup>, Denise will be organizing the event and will ask for help. Club Clean up on October 21<sup>st</sup> should not be too bad, no wood to move, no need to lower canvas, just need to get pavilion ready for boat storage. Need to create a list of tasks people can complete. On October 28<sup>th</sup> the adult Halloween is being held. Will be having a DJ – 42 Lou for entertainment. Right now, there is nothing scheduled in November, the overall feeling is to take a break in events for the month.

**Bar Manager:** Vicky Gregory reported that shuffleboard is starting on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a paint and sip (Halloween theme) on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Vicky has an order form and a price list on the bulletin board for shirts and caps to benefit the wounded warrior outdoor project. An outside group has inquired about using the club once per month to play BUNCO. There would be room for club members who are interested to play.

**Wellness:** Vicky Gregory reported that two thank-you cards were sent this month --one to Dan Coe for picking up the bar's bottle and cans all these years (he is retiring from his business) the other was sent to John Vavalo for donating an universal phone charger to the bar. A sympathy card was sent to a member who lost her mother and three get well cards were sent to members recovering from surgery.

**Old Business:** Denise Schneider reported that the Archery targets will be put away for the winter. Has not had the opportunity to check into getting the second side of the outside sign. The Board decided at it's meeting that the Bartender Challenge will benefit the local fire departments. Each bar participating would raise money for their own fire department and will be held on Sunday August 18, 2024. The club will purchase eclipse glasses for members for the April 8<sup>th</sup> solar eclipse event.

**New Business:** The 2024 calendar is being put together. This year the golf tournament and bass tournament were cancelled, looking for someone interested in hosting next year. If we do not have a commitment for an event, it will not be put on the calendar for next year. Only want the calendar to have events that will occur; however, an event can be added at a later time, but do not want events on the calendar that ends up being cancelled. Anyone interested in hosting an event, please contact Denise as soon as possible. The calendar is mailed in early November. Putting out a bid request for the snowplowing contract for this winter.

**Suggestion Box:** There were a number of suggestions last month and this month. There was a suggestion for a Karaoke Night (will see how having a DJ goes), a suggestion to have frozen single serve pizza for sale and a microwave available to cook (will talk about food availability), a suggestion to get seltzer koozies (can look into), suggestion to have a sign on the corner, Welcome to Sandy Pond (use to have one there, will need a landowner to be in agreement). Finally, there were seven different suggestions to put a cat door in the man door in the patio. After much discussion by the Board of the pro and cons of having a cat door, one important con is the possibility of another animal coming through it. The Board agreed that there should not be a cat door.

**Open Business:** Vicky Gregory requested for additional discussion on the cat door by the membership. One point that was made; there would be no cost to the club, an offer has been made to purchase the cat door and replace the man door on the Patio, when Samuel passes. Other points of discussion, for the last three years, they have been leaving a section of the canvas open and never have any critters come in. There is no food on the patio, so no reason for a wild

animal come through the cat door. Denise suggested an insulated doghouse outside as alternate. Denise asked that members that has a concern about having a cat door, talk to her and the Board will review again next month.

Bob Martin thanked everyone who helped to make the wild game dinner so successful. Denise Schneider thanked Bob for everything he has done for the club and specifically for the organization of the wild game dinner that has raised thousands of dollars for several years for the Wounded Warrior Outdoor Project. The \$4,400 check has been cut and the "Big Check" is ready for today when the representatives of the Wounded Warriors arrive.

There was no other business and the motion to adjourn at 12:01 pm was made by Jack Vida and seconded by Ned Burdick. Motion carried.

Next meeting is November 12th at 11am.

Respectively submitted by,

*Darlene E. Upcraft*

Following the member meeting, Bob Giordano from the Wounded Warriors came to the club with his family. Denise Schneider and Bob Martin presented him with a check for \$4,400 for the Wounded Warrior Outdoor Project. Bob Giordano presented Bob Martin, a plaque "Bobby Martin The Sandy Pond Sportsmen's Association. Your support and contributions have made a huge difference in the lives of our Wounded Warriors and their Families. THANK YOU Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventures 2023".

Bob Giordano also presented to Denise on behalf of the club a gold eagle (the highest award) "Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventures Excellence Award The Sandy Pond Sportsmen's Association 2023".