## SPSA Member Meeting - January 14, 2024

In attendance: 12 Members

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:03 am.

**Minutes:** were reviewed by Darlene Upcraft from the previous January 14, 2024 meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Don Schneider and seconded by Julie Landy. Motion carried.

**Financials:** were read by Tammie Whaley. The net loss for December was -\$422.40. Tammy discussed that there is always a lot of expenses in January, including insurance (which increased), and property taxes. However, January 2023 had a net loss of -\$10,178.58, therefore we are in much better shape than a year ago. Also, the issue with the bank is all cleared up. Motion to accept the Financial report was made by Jack Vida and seconded by Ned Burdick. Motion carried.

**Bell Jar Report:** was given by Jack Vida. January monthly profit was \$2,787. Checks were written for property taxes (\$2,757.10), supplies (\$2,187.18), NYS Gaming Commission and the bell jar license (\$1,025.48). Motion by Jim Fowler and seconded James Bogardus to accept the bell jar report. Motion carried.

**Queen of Hearts Report:** was given by Bryan Mattison. The current game is week 6. The total pot is \$1,284. The pot is growing more quickly this game than the last and hopefully the Queen will remain hidden longer this time.

**Membership:** Jack Vida read the names of 12 new members and 2 lifetime members approved by the Board at this morning meeting (see attached).

**Building report**: was given by Denise Scheider. Gary Sova has completed the hot water maintenance and will put it on an annual cycle for maintenance. She also replaced the values upstairs that were leaking. There are several spring projects in the works – removal of trees by steps, do repair to the upper deck, paint handicap ramp and walls in the patio.

Denise also reported that she contacted two firms to help her to apply for a liquor license for the pavilion. Rommie of RJ Caruso Tax & Accounting has taken on the project and advised the best way was to make an alteration to the current bar license rather than applying for a new one for the pavilion. Denise provided him with many documents including floor plans and pictures. The application has already been submitted and the USPS tracking system shows that it has been received, now it is a waiting game. If approved, a spring project will be adding a service bar in the pavilion. If it is not approved, or still in the system, we can apply for a day permit for beer, wine, and seltzers for events this summer being held in the pavilion. If granted the alteration to the bar license, the pavilion bar will be full service.

Denise reported on the smoke eater discussion that took place this morning during the Board meeting. The cost of smoke eaters is very expensive and there is an annual cost for replacement of the filters. Another option looked into was putting in an exhaust fan. After weighing all the options, the Board decided to buy an exhaust fan from Grainger after research on the correct size and authorized a cost of up to \$1,000.

**Events**: Denise that the Chili Cook-off was a huge success!!! It was held upstairs this year, with Karen Galloway bartending at the upstairs bar and Terry & Joe as entertainment. Cathy Johnson was the bartender downstairs, and both bars were busy. Many "bar hopped" between upstairs and downstairs. As much as it was a concern that our Chili Cook-off was the same night as the Salmon River Wing Walk Challenge, it appears that was not a conflict, many stopped at the club to enjoy the entertainment and chili after they completed the wing walk. Denise noted that after the entertainment was paid, the profit between both bars was the largest she has seen since she has been president.

**Upcoming Events:** Denise reported on the upcoming fishing derbies. Due to the warm weather and lack of ice on the pond, the Sandy Creek Fire Department cancelled theirs on February 10<sup>th</sup>. OD Greene has postponed their derby until the first weekend in March. The club's derby is cancelled for February 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. However, Denise will set up the raffles upstairs and sell tickets on Friday night February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. Downstairs in the bar, Rich Hart will be the entertainment 6-9 pm. On Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> from noon-4pm Denise will once again sell raffle tickets and offer chili and

other refreshments upstairs in the club. The drawings for the raffles will be at 4pm. The next club event will be the Corn Beef Dinner on March 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by Jackie and Jeff Serko from 5-7pm with entertainment downstairs with Bryan Syrell from 6-9pm.

Bar Manager: Vicky Gregory was absent and had nothing to report.

**Wellness:** Denise shared that Vicky Gregory reported that six sympathy cards had been sent to members this past month for the deaths of family members. Two thinking of you card was sent to members, three get well cards sent to members and a retirement card to a member. A reminder was given, to please let Vicky know when there is a member in need of a card.

**Old Business:** Denise Schneider reported that she is still researching a second side to the outside sign with Signs and Designs.

**New Business:** Denise reported that two donations were approved at this morning's Board meeting to be paid out of the Bell Jar Fund.

- Pink Ribbon Riders for Fighting Breast Cancer in NYS for \$100.00
- Sandy Creek School Trap Team for supplies for the team for \$500.00

Suggestion Box: No suggestions this month.

Open Business: No one had anything to bring forth.

There was no other business and the motion to adjourn at 11:25 am was made by Tammy Whaley and seconded by Bryan Mattison. Motion carried.

Next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Respectively submitted by,

Darlene E. Upcraft