

In attendance: 7 members plus 8 Board members.

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

Minutes: were reviewed by Denise from the previous July 13, 2025, meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Flip Folds and seconded by Bryan Mattison. Motion carried.

Financials: were reviewed by Denise. July showed a net income of \$13,613.72. The motion was made to accept the financials was made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Flip Folds. Motion carried.

Bell Jar Report: was given by Jack Vida. The July monthly net increase was \$6,288. A check was written for the following donation: Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance for \$1000. A check was written to the NYS Gaming Commission for \$845.52. The end of the month balance for July Bell Jar is \$36,335.28. The motion to accept the report as read was made by Don Schneider and seconded by Jules Landy. Motion carried.

Queen of Hearts Report: was given by Bryan Mattison. The current game is up to week 10 with a pot of \$3988. Growing nicely.

Membership: Jack Vida read the names of 13 new members approved by the Board at this morning's meeting (see attached list).

Building report: was given by Denise.

The area for the chicken cooker is moving along, and within the set budget allowance.

Patio extension – Motion made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Judy Phillips to allow up to \$10,000 to be spent to expand the patio. Motion carried.

Drop down covering for back wall of pavilion - Jean Betelak reported by on her findings on a vinyl curtain that could be rolled up and down. Discussion followed about having a pulley system or electric system to operate the raising and lowering of the curtains. Will investigate these options.

Frank Salvett is investigating a cushion flooring to put down behind the bar area.

Denise is working with Jim Fowler to see about getting a camera in the pavilion, so the bartenders can see what is happening in the pavilion.

Don Schneider painted the step down at the pavilion with safety paint, so people will pay attention to the step. Thank you, Don.

The Board has been discussing getting picnic tables for the pavilion that will fold up (example: Lifetime tables), to make storage of the tables and moving them around for events easier. It was asked if we were to get new tables, would the old ones be sold and Denise said yes that was a plan. Discussion followed about how to sell, for example placing on Market place, checking with local campgrounds, advertising on Facebook pages, etc. A suggestion was made about donating them to the Sandy Pond State Park. All are very good suggestions.

Flip Folds made the motion and John Phillips seconded to spend up to \$8,000 to purchase new picnic tables for the pavilion. Motion carried.

Events: Denise updated on events that occurred since our last meeting.

- July 25th; the clambake was held in the pavilion, while the number of clam orders were down, there was a big crowd at the event and Brass on the Rocks entertained on the Patio. The bar was extremely busy and a great time was had by all.

Upcoming Events:

- August 15th; the Member Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Board, Second Nature will be playing 5-8pm. Members will be free and can bring guests for \$10 per person. Crystal from Richland Hotel will be catering.
- September 5th; Vicky Gregory Retirement Party in the Bar / Patio. Bring a dish to pass and there will be a free juke box for everyone's enjoyment.
- Fall Pitch will start on September 2nd and run every Tuesday at 6pm until November 25th. 14 Teams are signed up and ready to go.

Bar Manager: Abby Colvin reported all is going well.

Wellness: Abby Colvin and Denise Schneider reported three sympathy cards had been sent to members that had lost family members, four get well cards sent to members recovering from surgery and work-related accidents and a thinking of you card sent to a member.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Denise noted that the club supports many charities, and the Board is thinking that it would be nice one main charity that we are known for supporting. This would not mean we would not support others. Discussion followed and suggestions were made about schools and the food pantries. Jules mentioned how many children in the county are coming to school hungry. Denise shared we do include many donations to the local school and food pantry. It was suggested we disclose our annual donation totals. Putting a list on the bulletin board, on Facebook, were a few of the suggestions made.

Denise is also looking for suggestions for a slogan for the club, that will be put on new tee shirts, that will be available to purchase.

The Bartender Challenge is being held today at the Pond Pit. We have collected two bins of donations (hygiene products, socks, school supplies, blankets, diapers, can goods, etc) and collected \$114 in cash from members, that will be taken to the challenge. The club also wrote four checks for the organizations that the Bartender Challenge is supporting.

- \$150 – Oswego County Opportunities
- \$150 – Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County
- \$100 – Lewis County Opportunities
- \$100 – Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency

Suggestion Box:

No Suggestions this month

Open Business: No one had anything to bring forth.

Flip Folds moved to adjourn, seconded by Jack Vida. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Next meeting: September 14, 2025 at 11 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene Upcraft

Membership applicants accepted at the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting

Lifetime Members

None

New Members

Richard Apa Jr.

Danielle Campagni

Tom Campagni

Ronald France

Melissa Gregory

Lonnie Guile

Jillian Hearne

Tim Hearne

Thomas Jones

David Muldoon

Jodie-Lynn Patla

Steve Snedeter

Michael Stricek