

In attendance: 7 members plus 9 Board members. List attached

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:09 am. **Happy Mother's Day!!!**

Minutes: were reviewed by Denise from the previous April 13, 2025 meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Karen Galloway. Motion carried.

Financials: were reviewed by Denise. April showed a net loss of -\$10,311.86. Denise pointed out that \$15,595.79 was spent on the new bar stools this month, which as one expenditure was the cause of the net loss for the month. She also noted that the bar revenue was down \$1,000 from last year, however last year there was a very successful Eclipse event held. The motion to accept the financials was made by Flip Folds and seconded by Vicky Gregory. Motion carried.

Bell Jar Report: was given by Jack Vida. The April monthly net increase was \$4,927. Checks were written; to the Sandy Creek School District for \$1,000 to provide two scholarships to graduating seniors, \$500 to the South Jefferson City Youth Association, NYS Gaming Commission received \$497.91, Ralston Supply \$1,489.54 for tickets, and \$15,595.79 to East Coast Chairs for the new bar stools. The end of the month balance for April Bell Jar is \$20,192.26. The motion to accept the report as read was made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Bert Cowan. Motion carried.

Queen of Hearts: was given by Bryan Mattison. The Queen of Heart was found on week 31. The pot was \$11,913 and the winner Andy Maselli will take home \$7,147. The next game will begin with the first drawing on June 2nd, the sign up will start the week before.

Membership Jack Vida read the names of 11 new members approved by the Board at this morning's meeting (see attached list).

Building report: was given by Denise. Lawn bids were opened at the Board Meeting: Gaffney Lawn Care was awarded the bid for lawn care this summer - \$50 each time and 5% discount if paid in advance.

The gutters are being replaced this week.

Two baby changing stations will be installed in the bathrooms upstairs soon.

The cooler is installed in the pavilion bar. Vicky Gregory asked about the faucets and drains and a shelf for the cash register in order for it to be completed. Denise will look into these items.

Black Pond Cabinets came to look at the downstairs bar, tilting shelves and feel that it is not an issue at this point, the counter is level and stable, need to find out if the shelves are screwed into the wall.

Jack Vida and Roy Narish have been working on a space for the chicken cookers and feel that 14x16 feet will be good and some brush removed. Does not have an estimate for the cost yet.

Patio extension, Rich Guarasce is looking into.

Club Clean up – was not very successful, weather was bad and not many volunteers, however since then the planned items have been completed.

Picnic tables - found that there was some damage from the snow, Don Schneider has offered to try and straighten out. The Board is talking about getting some different type of tables, as replacement, that would be easier to handle and store.

Looking into putting a camera in the pavilion so that the bartenders can see what is happening there.

Vicky Gregory brought up, there is some painting that needs to be done and will be looking for volunteers.

Events: Denise updated on events that occurred since our last meeting. The Club Spring clean-up was on April 19th, which as was discussed previously was poorly attended and the weather was awful. Cornhole has started this week and is held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Upcoming Events: Friday (May 16th) will be the first Blood Drive of the season held upstairs and hosted by Denise Schneider. Sign up online or contact Denise to donate. The Flag Retirement ceremony will be held on May 26th at 6:30 in the pavilion, hosted by John Gregory. Denise has obtained pallets for the flag burning. May 31st will be the summer kick-off and Grand Opening of the pavilion bar. Mike Farrar and the House Rockers will be entertaining from 6-9 pm. Come and celebrate the completion of the bar and the beginning of the summer season! On June 7th is the annual club golf tournament hosted by Tom Buckley and Dee Kinney. Sign up at the bar to be part of this fun event. On June 14th the annual yard sale and chicken barbeque will take place hosted by Darlene Upcraft and Jack Vida. Sign up at the bar for a table to sell your treasures (\$10 a table) or donate items to the club table.

Bert Cowan reminded everyone that Lacona VFW has a chicken barbeque after the parade on memorial day and noted that they put flags on the graves of veterans. Denise thanked Bert and reminded everyone that part of the club's bulletin board is available for outside groups to post their events.

Bert also told the membership that the Federation is meeting this Friday (May 16th) at the Redfield fish and game club and the speaker is the new NYSCC President.

Bar Manager: Vicky Gregory reported that the new summer hours begin tomorrow (May 12th): Monday – Thursday 3pm until 11pm. Friday 3pm until midnight. Saturday noon until 1am and Sunday noon until 11pm. There will be a last call ½ hour before closing.

Denise took a moment to address some of the concerns that had been raised about the bell jar and asked everyone to treat all members with respect. We want all members to be comfortable and have fun at the club but also want everyone to be treated respectfully. Please refrain from making rude or insulting remarks.

Denise also announced that Vicky has tendered her resignation, and we will be looking for a new Bar Manager. Anyone may apply and she and Steve Colvin will be interviewing. The job is approximately 25 hours per week.

Wellness: Vicky Gregory reported that sympathy cards were sent to Tracy Majewski for loss of mother to Connie Day for loss of her mother and to Bonnie Dence for the loss of her husband Bob who was a club member. One get-well card was sent to a member who had surgery.

Old business: Denise reported that the Board had voted on the By-Laws at this morning's meeting and they will be voted on by general membership at the June and July meetings. Copies of the By-law changes were available at the meeting and Denise will send out to the membership in an email. Mostly there was a clean up of language, but one major change is that the President and the 1st Vice President terms will be for two years (rather than one) and their terms will be staggered so that they won't both be up for election at the same time.

New bar stools have been purchased and will be delivered soon. Once they are received, they will be stored in the patio and there will be a need for an assembly "party". There is also a list at the bar for anyone wishing to purchase the old bar stools.

New Business: The Board voted on one donation today - \$500 to the Sandy Creek School District Chapter of Dollars for Scholars. Denise also reported that the Health Department Permit was approved for this year.

Elections will be held following the July 13th membership meeting. Nomination forms are available at the Bar. All nominations must be turned in prior to the membership meeting on June 8th.

Suggestion Box:

- Juls Landy suggested having Tai Chi on the lawn, Denise told her to go ahead and arrange.
- Suggestion for having a foot rail on the dry bar, this will be looked into.
- Suggestion to have some of the old bar stools taken to the pavilion to replace the stools that are there, and the Board thought that was a doable suggestion.
- Suggestion to get a Hot Dog Toaster for the club, Denise will look into one.

Open Business: Vicky Gregory reminded everyone to bring their old flags to the club to be properly disposed of at the flag burning ceremony. Also let everyone know there are flowers for the mothers on the table in the patio.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Colvin and seconded by Aaron Wood. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next meeting: June 8, 2025 at 11 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene Upcraft

Membership applicants accepted at the May 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Lifetime Members

No one

New Members

Jay Dornhog

Tammy Garbocheski

Joey Garbocheski

Lisa LaClair

Kirk Milazzo

Emy Neidl

Paul Piepoli

Lynn Sandy

Shelley Skellington

Renee Thomas

Tanya Williams