

In attendance: 10 members plus 9 Board members.

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:12 am.

Minutes: were reviewed by Denise from the previous January 11, 2026, meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Rich Guarasce. Motion carried.

Financials: were reviewed by Tammie Whaley. January showed a net loss of -\$11,404.18. This was expected due to January expenses (Property Taxes, Payroll Taxes, Insurance, Snowplow second payment) and due to the weather, the club was closed for a day and opened late on another. Flip Folds moved to accept the financials, seconded by Rich Guarasce. Motion carried.

Bell Jar Report: was given by Jack Vida. The monthly January net increase was \$5,209.00. The following checks were written this month:

- \$ 350.00 – SPSA Administration Fee
- \$ 2,992.64 – Town of Sandy Creek for property taxes
- \$ 658.52 – NYS Gaming Commission
- \$ 2196.60 – Ralston Supply for Tickets

The end of the month balance for January \$40,876.24. The motion to accept the report as read was made by Jules Landy and seconded by Frank Salvett. Motion carried.

Denise also introduced the new Bell Jar Manager – Kara Norton.

Queen of Hearts Report: was given by Bryan Mattison. New game has started and we are at Week #3 with a pot of \$756.

Membership: Jack Vida read the names of 6 new member applicants and 4 Lifetime applicants (see attached).

Building report: was given by Steve Colvin:

- There will be several projects that will be held off until spring, for example the covering for the back wall of the pavilion and the replacement of the handicap ramp.
- The top priority now is installing foam insulation in the kitchen ceiling and patio roof. Steve has gotten quotes for both areas.

- There will be a Honey Do list posted on the club's bulletin board. These minor projects can often be finished in a few hours. Hopefully membership will step up and volunteer to complete the list.

Discussion by members about the foam installation took place, ex: close cell / open cell.

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

- Chili Cook-off with The Terry and Joe Acoustic Show was held upstairs on 1/17/26.
- The Mad River Club Ice Fishing Derby which was supposed to be held on 2/7/26 was postponed until March 7th due to the extreme cold weather.

Upcoming Events:

- 2/8/26 - The club will be holding a Super Bowl Party at 6pm.
- 2/13/26 – Barry Smith will be playing at the club (6-9 pm), for Ice Fishing registration and raffle basket ticket sales.
- 2/14-2/15/26 -- 50th Annual SPSA Ice Fishing Derby
- 2/21/26 -- Fulton Boiler Ice Fishing Derby (Private) with Chicken Dinner
- 2/27/26 -- OD Green Ice Fishing Derby (Private) with Chicken Dinner
- 3/7/26 – Mad River Club Ice Fishing Derby

Volunteers will be needed for the Fulton Boiler, and OD Green Ice Fishing Derbies. Jack Vida will handle cooking the chickens; additional help is needed to prepare and serve dinners.

Denise reported on the SPSA 50th Ice Fishing Derby, noting that the Sandy Creek School Senior Class will manage the kitchen. They will be raising money for their class trip. The club has two bags of Hoffman hot dogs that will be donated to the students.

Denise has ordered tee shirts that will be for sale at the SPSA fishing derby. Forest Green long-sleeved shirt commemorating the club's 50th fishing derby anniversary.

The Potato Walk will be held on March 15th. The Historical Society is organizing this year, and profits will be donated to the Play it Forward Group. This group provides sports equipment to children in need of this equipment in the APW, Sandy Creek and Pulaski school districts.

Bar Manager: Abby Colvin shared that she is meeting with Eagle Beverage on Tuesday about replacing the draft system.

Denise reported that Wayne Bristol, Don Schneider and Steve Colvin spent many hours yesterday clearing off ice from the patio roof and cleared out the area in front of the patio of snow, making room for snowmobile parking.

Denise would like the club to provide chili or soup on weekends. The club would pay for the ingredients but would need volunteers to prepare the food.

Wellness: Vicky Gregory shared that Life Time Member Nancie Walter passed away this week, and a card was sent to her husband.

Event Committee Report:

Flip shared that the committee will be meeting again in the next couple of weeks.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Denise asked everyone to avoid disrespectful or rude comments, noting a recent increase. Please keep politics and racist remarks out of the bar. Please bring issues to her or other Board members, or if you feel uncomfortable in approaching one of the Board, use the suggestion box to express your concerns.

Suggestion Box:

Three suggestions this month:

- Question how to get play shuffleboard when there are people already playing – Ask to play the winners when they complete their game.
- Request to have a clock behind the bar – does not seem necessary, clock is already on the wall in the bar area.
- The third request was to have a specific alcohol added to the bar - has been given to Abby to follow up on.

Open Business: Nothing from membership.

Steve Colvin moved to adjourn, seconded by Jack Vida. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.

Next meeting: March 8, 2026, at 11 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene Upcraft

Membership applicants accepted at the February 8, 2026, Board Meeting

Lifetime Members

Bobbi Jo Hatton

David Jones

Robert Parkhurst

Colleen Ruby

New Members

Kevin Balachick

Ethan Hollister

Austin Hollister

Leo Moran

Joshua Wallis

Tayler Wallis