

In attendance: 22 members plus 8 Board members.

Meeting was called to order by President Denise Schneider at 11:00 am.

**Minutes:** were reviewed by Denise from the previous April 20, 2026, special meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Flip Folds and seconded by Rich Guarasce. Motion carried.

**Financials:** No Financial reports available, since meeting is being held a week earlier than normal.

**Bell Jar Report:** was given by Jack Vida. The monthly April net increase was \$5,631.00. The following checks were written this month:

- \$ 400.00 – SPSA Administration Fee
- \$ 500.00 – Sandy Creek Dollars for Scholars
- \$1500.70 – Ralston Supply
- \$575.44 – NY Gaming Commission

The end of the month balance for April was \$44,345.49. The motion to accept the report as read was made by Steve Colvin and seconded by Don Schneider. Motion carried.

**Queen of Hearts Report:** was given by Jules Landy. At week # 15 the pot is \$3,225 and growing nicely.

**Membership:** Jack Vida read the names of 10 new member applicants (see attached) that were approved at the Board Meeting this morning. Denise let everyone know that there were 5 additional applications that came in yesterday and the time had not allowed them to be vetted yet.

**Building report:** Denise reported on the Capital Building Project that is being proposed.

She explained that this had started with the ice build up on the roof and the need to insulate the building. The drop ceiling in the upstairs hall must come down to spray the insulation. Also, the HAVC (furnace / Air Conditioning) has been kicking out all winter. It

is a matter of time before it needs to be replaced. It is also lying on its side above the ceiling causing leaks.

The plan is to replace the drop ceiling with a vaulted ceiling using pine. It will make the upstairs look more like a lodge and the cost of replacing the drop ceiling with pine is negligible if not even less money.

The purchase of a new HVAC system before this one cannot be repaired and to expand the closet at the end of the hall (by the handicap ramp exit) so it is no longer resting on its side causing leaks.

We have an overall quote for all the work that includes Demo (which can be reduced if there is volunteer labor from the members), Installation of the pine vaulted ceiling, new HVAC unit, Lumber, Wiring and Foam Installation for \$52,876.44. The Board has asked for additional quotes from other members and is waiting to get back written quotes.

Denise explained about the financing – while we could pay for this out of our savings, by borrowing the money from a bank will, not strap us for other projects or emergencies. She has talked to Pathfinder bank, and we can get a non-collateral loan at 9.5% interest. Taking the money out for five years would give us payments of about \$1,100 per month, which could be easily paid from the bell jar income. Also, without having a penalty the loan could be paid back sooner, saving interest money.

Questions from the members:

- What is the time frame for construction – 8 weeks and all events upstairs have been blocked out
- What is the next step – Application for the loan, waiting for approval from membership since there is a \$250 application fee.
- Where will money come from – Bell Jar account
- Will the downstairs bar be open -- Yes
- Is the ceiling in the patio to be done, part of the plan – Yes
- Who is going to be the Project Manager – Steve Fayette, he is going to donate his time to manage the project. He will be paid for actual work he is doing.
- Volunteers for the demolition – yes volunteers can be used and will save money

- Will we need additional dumpsters – as part of the quote, it covers for a large construction dumpster
- Can Pathfinder Bank make a donation – can ask
- Can there be way to donate / fundraisers / 50/50 to help cover the costs – Yes, we can do all the suggestions made, something to investigate

Steve Colvin made the motion and Flip Folds seconded to approve the building project at a cost of \$53,000 with a cushion of \$5,000 on either side (\$48,000-\$58,000). All present were in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Flip Folds made the motion and Vicky Gregory seconded to approve using a bank loan to fund the project over five years. All present were in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**Events:** No new events have occurred since last meeting. Also, the May 8th Blood drive has been cancelled as well as any other ones this summer / fall.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 5th will be the Cinco DeMayo Celebration in the bar
- May 22nd Music on the Patio, to kick off summer 6-9 pm
- May 25th Flag Retirement at 4:30 pm
- June 6th Golf Tournament
- June 13th Yard Sale and Chicken BBQ
- June 26th Music on the Patio

**Bar Manager:** Abby Colvin shared Corn Hole leagues start on Wednesday and Thursday nights this week. She also asked if members see trash laying around, please pick it up.

Denise noted that not all non-member guests are being signed in. We need to reinforce that this requirement is essential, as failure to do so can jeopardize the club's liquor license.

**Wellness:** Vicky Gregory shared that three get-well cards were sent to members who had surgery. Also, a card welcoming a new grandbaby.

**Old Business:** All Pest will be coming to spray for wasps.

Boaters Safety Course – dates did not work for the instructors, hopefully will be able to schedule a time in August.

Denise reported she has two quotes for updating the camera system, one from Volney Multiplex and another from Eastern Security System. Still needs more answers before moving forward.

**New Business:** Three donations were approved by the Board.

- Mexico VFW – Car show sponsorship \$100
- Sandy Creek School District Athletic Department for sponsorship on tee shirts, all three sports seasons at a cost of \$1497.
- Sandy Creek Demolition Derby sponsorship \$150

Elections – Nomination forms are on the table for anyone seeking office. The office of President (2-year term), 2nd Vice President (1 year term), Secretary (1 year term), Trustee (3-year term) and 2 Trustee positions (each 1-year term). Nomination forms must be turned in by the June Member Meeting to the secretary with the election held after the July Member Meeting.

The Election Committee will be – Frank Salvett, Sue Hewitt and Kathi Powers

**Suggestion Box:** No Suggestions this month.

**Open Business:**

- Deb Guarasce asked about the new lifetime member board, and Denise told the group that Jack Vida had made another board and that it would be hung shortly.
- Rich Guarasce asked about the concrete for the patio, and Denise said that she is still waiting on it but recognizes it needs to be done soon.
- Vicky Gregory asked for a list of who is running, and Denise replied that we would not know until the June meeting, and a list will be made and hung on the bulletin board.
- Vicky Gregory asked if the tables could be stored in the pavilion for corn hole and only set up when needed, Denise said yes.

- Kathi Powers ask where information can be found about the club, example the by-laws, Denise said the on the website for the club, *sandypondsportsmens.com*
- John Penizotto asked if lock collection boxes could be placed in the club for donations to the building project, and Denise that is something that could be looked at.

Steve Colvin moved to adjourn, seconded by Vicky Gregory. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next meeting: June 14, 2026, at 11 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene E. Upcraft

### **Membership applicants accepted at the May 3, 2026, Board Meeting**

#### **New Members**

Rachel Bennett

Jay Bergin

Barbara Caine

Matthew Caine

Rachel Engebretsen

McKenzie Fabianek

Shaine Martin

Carol Slick

Ed Slick

Rebecca Van Deusen