

Minutes JBCCC Meeting: January 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 16 members were present. Howard was in attendance and gave the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Previous Balance	\$4924.27
	Income	580.00
	Expenses	1919.26
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	Balance	\$3585.01

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by:
George Kunkle, 2nd by Tom Whitely
All were in favor, motion carried

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 2023 meeting were read.
Motion to accept the secretary's report made by:
Tom Whitely 2nd by Joe Curran and George Kunkel
All were in favor, motion carried

Old Business:

As of January 10th, we have 155 members. We are starting a new year with renewals going out by January 13th. The 2 new members are paid for 2024 along with anyone who joined after September 1, 2023.

Larry went over the old business with an emphasis on the successful Christmas party and the new Club apparel that was available for sale at the party. Adding the appetizers was a great idea. Food was great and everyone thought that the party was a great event.

Larry has a meeting scheduled with the Pam from the Lions Club to discuss having an event together.

Larry found the sample of the dash plaques. He will give it to Joe Barone and they will work on it for next year.

New Business

Deb Boerhinger brought up several new ideas to be discussed as follows:

1. With the cost of stamps and printing, Deb suggested that we send the Newsletter and Renewals through an E-mail blast instead of incurring the cost of mailings. Since all members have an email address, we are hoping this could significantly reduce some of our expenses. It was decided however, that anyone who does not have a computer or a printer can notify the secretary and a hard copy would be sent to them. Copies would be available at the Cruises and on the web site in addition to the e-blast.

A motion was made by Deb Boerhinger to e-mail blast future correspondence instead of mailing, seconded by Dave Kost. All were in favor, motion carried.

2. Dues collection seems to drag out all year even up to the Christmas party. It was suggested that we have a cut-off date to submit current dues in a timely manner or else an administration fee for anyone paying late will be assessed.

A motion was made by Joe Curran to have May 31st as the cut-off date, seconded by Dave Curran, all were in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Deb Boerhinger to assess a \$10.00 administration fee for paying late to anyone paying dues after May 31, seconded by Dave Kost, all were in favor, motion carried.

3. It was suggested that the Club get Zoom for our monthly meetings. Larry had a Zoom meeting yesterday as a test for using Zoom for the Club. There are a few options such as Zoom, Teams, Google etc. The free version of Zoom only gives you a meeting time of 40 minutes. We would have to upgrade to the next version which is \$219 per year. It gives us unlimited meeting time and up to 300 participants. Dave Kost asked if we can monitor the number of people attending the meeting via Zoom. We need to make sure enough people use it to make it worth our while.

The first year will be a trial basis to determine if we will continue. It also has the capability of doing meeting minutes and transcription service. We would need a host device for the meeting. Maureen Hopkins stated that it was easier to access Teams than Zoom. Larry will research the two of these further. There is Wifi in the meeting room.

It turns out the computer we purchased from Joe Barone has only 4 gigs of memory. It is therefore very slow and will not serve the club in the capacity we need. Joe is willing to take it back and reimburse the Club \$300. Larry suggested we take that money and roll it into a better computer with more memory that will serve the needs of the Club.

Larry announced that Howard will be leaving his position as Treasurer. We agreed that we would search for a successor. We did not have any luck until the Christmas Party when we asked for a volunteer and Judy Turner raised her hand. Both Howard and Larry met with Judy. Joe Curran made a motion to accept Judy Turner as the new Treasurer, Dave Kost seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Steve is working on getting additional door prizes.

Debbie Kunkel is the new Webmaster.

Larry announced that JoAnn is going to be moving out of state. Because of technology and Zoom she has decided to stay on and continue as secretary. We will make it work.

New Members

James Mourer & Victoria Tilp
Oneida, PA
Sponsored by Rich Heiser

Michael & Christine Marek
Nesquehoning, PA
Sponsored by Steve Berger

Motion was made to accept all new members by Dave Curran and Tom Whitely, and seconded by Frank Mertz. All were in favor, motion carried.

They have no car but want to be part of the Club, which is a testament to the Club's prestige and people's desire to join.

The Club renewals, the newsletter and the 2024 cruise schedule will be mailed by January 13th. Maureen suggested adding a note to the existing envelope stating that next year we will be sending this via e-mail blast. Joe Curran asked how the membership cards will be distributed. Some can be distributed at the cruises and meetings. Others will have to be mailed. We are using a better stock for the membership cards. There was a suggestion that we email the membership cards and let the members print their own. This would work as part of a new email initiative. Anyone without a computer will get their stuff mailed.

Auto mania is next week-end in Allentown.

With there being no further business, A motion was made by Joe Curran, Sr to adjourn
2nd by Howard Boehringer. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 8:10 PM