

July 11, 2023

President Steve Lechter called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. 68 members and guests were present.

Pledge of Allegiance: **Ed Shifman** presented the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Remarks: Steve paid tribute to Bud Abbott who had recently passed away. Bud was for many years our Membership Chairman and was well known by and a good friend to many of us. He was very dedicated to his family, the Sharon community, and the Men's Club and he will be missed by all of us.

A breakfast is planned for August 1st. However, we do need some additional manpower in the kitchen. Please, contact Peter Bickoff and volunteer your services.

Woosox Game was reported to have been a success. Thanks to all who attended and those who worked to make it a possibility.

We may be ordering logo coffee mugs for sale to the members. Additional information from Harvey Spack soon.

Sharon Concerts at the Beach. Men's Club has been supplying the manpower at the drinking water distribution table. Please see Steve as additional volunteers are still needed. Opportunity to spread some goodwill and pass along information on the Men's Club to the community.

Secretary's Report: **Secretary Norman Ainbinder** read the minutes of the June 27th meeting which were accepted without change.

Glad and Sad: **Harvey Tobolsky** asked for a moment of silence to be observed in honor of the recent passing of members Bud Adler and Garry Rachins.

We extend our condolences to the family of **Bud Adler** who passed away on June 27th at the age of 96. Services were held on June 30th at Schlossberg Family's Chapel on the Hill in Canton followed by interment at Sharon Memorial Park. A donation in his memory will be made to the Friends of the Sharon Council on Aging.

We also extend our condolences to the family of **Garry Rachins**. Garry passed away on Sunday July 9th. Services were held on July 12th at the Schlossberg Family Chapel on the Hill in Canton preceded by a Masonic Funeral Service. Interment was at Sharon Memorial Park. A donation in his memory will be made to Temple Israel of Sharon.

We received an acknowledgement from the Foundation to Combat Antisemitism for our donation in memory of **Barry Sudikoff**.

Membership: Committee Member Harvey Janson introduced us to **Harry Zysman** whose application for membership was approved by voice vote of the membership. Harvey assured us that Harry was familiar with our Bylaws and Code of Conduct and that he was properly prepared and orientated. Welcome Aboard Harry!

Pickle Ball: **Arnie Wallenstein** will be holding an organizational meeting at the back of the hall immediately following this meeting. Please stop by or call him for information.

Day Trips: **Dan Liberman** reported that the **Woosox Game** trip went very well. An additional game trip may be held.

Cape Cod Canal Cruise Trip: Payment in full must be made by July 15th. Group will meet at the pier in Onset on August 31st at 9:15 AM for boarding. Some reservation spots may still be available.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Tour details still need to be worked out due to limitations on the size of tour groups. More on this later.

Treasurer's Report: **Vice President Ralph Jacobs** presented his final report as Treasurer. We are solvent and had a very favorable membership retention rate this year. He explained in detail some of the entries on his P & L Report.

Program Committee: **Chairman Bob Soffer** introduced himself and President Steve Lechter who presented a brief conversation demonstrating the evolution of word usage and meaning as well as what is now considered, to be "politically correct". Bob also led us in an audience participation exercise utilizing a Stanford University authored guide on modern language and phraseology. It was found to be both interesting and informative.

Raffle: There were 2 winners.

Next meeting is on July 18th.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Ainbinder, Secretary

July 18, 2023

President Steve Lechter called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. Approximately 70 members and guests were present.

Pledge of Allegiance: **Ed Shifman** presented the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Remarks: Steve gave special thanks to **Eric Dickstein** for his donation of a special cribbage board for the enjoyment of all members participating in our weekly games. We are planning a **Monthly Breakfast** for August 1st but need more members to sign up and make payment.

An organizational meeting will be held during the break for anyone interested in joining a **Canasta Group**.

Additional volunteers are needed to work at the drinking water distribution table in support of the **Sharon Lakeside Concert Series**. Please contact Steve for details.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Norman Ainbinder read the minutes of the July 11th meeting which were accepted with modification.

Membership: Committee Member Phil Rosen introduced us to **Steve Baker** whose application for membership was approved by voice vote. Phil assured us that Steve was familiar with our By Laws and Code of Conduct and that he had been thoroughly prepared and orientated. Welcome aboard Steve!

Day Trips: Dan Liberman: Cape Cod Canal Boat trip is on. Please make your payments as soon as possible so that we will be able to be guaranteed the group rate.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Tour: Please let Dan know if you are available to assist with carpooling.

Saratoga Racetrack – A Day at the Races with Jim Maltz. Tentatively planned for some time in August. Please let Dan know if you are interested. No bus transportation will be available for this event.

Dan needs help in arranging these and any future events so please get in touch with him.

Whist: Ed Rubin reminded us that the group meets every Wednesday at 1:00PM downstairs in the Senior Center. Preregister with Ed.

Biker Gang: Lew Victor asked all participants to rally at the Stoughton YMCA parking lot for a Cape Cod Bike Trail trip.

Corn Hole is planned for today after the meeting.

Golf: Mike Yawitch indicated that there will be a change in venue this week. Please contact Mike if you are interested in joining and being assigned a tee time. He also mentioned that our late member Gary Rachins was one of our better golfers.

Program Committee: Chairman Bob Soffer introduced us to **David Brown, President of the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiats.** Mr. Brown mentioned that the organization is active and interested in 4 major area relative to railroading in New England and primarily in the Massachusetts Bay region. They are, rail excursions for members, publication of a newsletter, monthly meetings at Union Church in Waban, and preservation funding. The group arranges trips on many of the region's unused or little used rail lines which are usually well attended. They are now very dependent on Amtrak due to the shutting down of so many railroads in New England. He presented a very interesting series of pictures and discussion of some of the more historic railroad sites.

Special thanks to Steve Cohn for very quickly arranging for Mr. Brown's presentation to be shown.

Raffle: There were 2 winners

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Ainbinder. Secretary

July 25, 2023

President Steve Lechter opened the meeting at approximately 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. **77** Members and guests were present.

Ed Shifman presented the Colors and lead us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

President's Remarks: Steve greeted everyone and expressed his wish that we were all enjoying the Summer.

He reminded all that we need more people to sign and pay for the August 1st Breakfast, today, or it will have to be cancelled as we do not yet meet the minimum required.

The new Canasta group will meet today during the break for organizational purposes.

Volunteers are still needed to work on the Water Distribution Table at the Sharon Lakeside Concerts.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Norman Ainbinder read the minutes of the July 18th meeting which were accepted without change.

Glad and Sad: Harvey Tobolsky announced that we have extended our condolences to **Larry Levison**, whose wife, **Elaine**, passed away on July 23rd. Services were held at Stanetsky's in Canton on July 26th. Shiva was observed at their home on Wednesday following services and on Thursday late afternoon.

Congratulations are extended to **Steve and Annette Grossman** whose grandson Ronan Meyer Sherman was born on June 22nd.

Phone Squad: Ralph Jacobs reported on the success he had in reaching out to members who were late with dues payments. Club membership is now 285 and only 10 had chosen to not continue as members. The reasons for withdrawing seemed to involve poor health or having moved from the area. Special shout out to Jeff Shapiro for his assistance.

Membership: Committee Member Phil Rosen introduced us to **Steve Goldman** whose application for membership was approved by voice vote. Phil assured us that Steve was familiar with our By Laws and Code of Conduct and that he had been thoroughly prepared and orientated. Welcome aboard Steve!

Day Trips: Chairman Dan Liberman reported that a large group of members had signed up and paid for the **Cape Cod Canal Cruise**. However, there is a need for carpool volunteers. Please contact Dan if you have seating available in your vehicle.

Turkey Train in the Winnepesaukee Region during Leaf Peeping Season is in the planning stages. Cost including Turkey Luncheon catered in the dining car from Hart's Turkey Farm in Meredith, NH and round trip bus transportation would be \$149 per person.

Portsmouth NH and Isle of Shoals Boat Tour with plated luncheon at the Portsmouth Gas Company restaurant and round-trip bus transportation will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Cost is \$149 per person all inclusive.

Investment Club: Al Bruno invited any interested club members to come to their meeting immediately following our regular meeting. It will be held downstairs in the Senior Center. Observers are always welcomed.

Biker Gang: Leader Lew Victor announced that The Gang is planning on meeting at Shaw's parking lot on So. Main St. on Thursday at 9:30 AM. They will carpool to Colt State Park in Bristol, RI and ride on that park's trail along Narragansett Bay and also some of the East Bay Bike Trail in Bristol.

Pickle Ball: Arnie Wallenstein announced that it is now planned for 9:00 AM start on Thursday at Debra Sampson Park.

Motion: Jeff Shapiro made a motion to name our whist group the **Bud Adler Whist Group** in Bud's honor. It was seconded. There was a brief discussion about doing so and the motion is scheduled for a vote at our next regular meeting, provided a quorum is present, or at the first meeting when there may be.

Breakfast: President Steve Lechter announced that there will be no breakfast on August 1st. Instead, a regular meeting, with a speaker, will be held at the Community Center.

Program: Committee Chairman Bob Soffer introduced Club Member Arnie Wallenstein who in turn introduced us to his friend, **Fred Snyder**. Today's topic was: **Now That I Have Retired, How will I Spend My Time**. Fred related his business experience and how that helped prepare him for his new career as a published author. He also spoke of his time in Israel and how his life experiences helped him write his books. He didn't go directly from being a corporate executive to becoming an author but spoke of some of the other things he has done and how those affected his choice of the subject matter for his books.

Raffle: There were 2 winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Ainbinder, Secretary