Minutes of the Chatham Harwich Newcomers Club

Meeting date: March 21, 2011

President Eve Dalmolen welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:02

Treasurer report

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Tom Philips and read by Dave Ryer. As of March 1, our operating balance was $7,219. January and February are quiet times financially for our organization. During those two months we had receipts of $142.00 and disbursements of $100.10.
We are in very good financial shape relative to our budget for this year. Our income, which is mainly from dues, is above the amount we assumed for our budget. Our operating expenses are running significantly below the amounts we had budgeted. For all of our special events so far this year our receipts have been close to, or slightly exceeding, the costs. Anyone who wishes to see a detailed report on our finances may request a copy from Tom Philips, Treasurer.

Membership:

Bob Sarantis reported that there are presently 417 members.

Nominating Committee:

Don Kolp, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that since both Treasurer and Secretarial positions have only been held for one year out of a two year commitment, it was only necessary to nominate a person for Vice President. The committee selected Jack McDowell and he graciously accepted the nomination. The following slate of officers will be presented to the general membership for a vote at the May meeting:

President: Dave Ryer

Vice President: Jack McDowell

Treasurer: Tom Philips

Secretary: Elizabeth Mizoras

Events:

Dave Ryer thanked Tom and Connie Begley for doing the hospitality for the meeting.

- The February Brunch held at Daniel Webster Inn was a success and the next upcoming dining event is the April Lunch at L'Alouette on April 18th. There is still room for 20 more people and the cutoff date is April 6th.

- Clambake: Jean Rockett reminded the membership about the Clambake to be held on June 11th at the Chatham VFW. The committee would like to get 20 or more reservations so that they could break even.

- Block Island Bike Trip: Suzanne Burley reported the Block Island Biking trip scheduled for May 18-May 20 has had 9 cancellations. The group stays at the Atlantic Inn for a price of &90 per person. The Inn offers a wonderful cocktail reception, breakfast, and reduced rates for the ferry.

- Beacon Hill Village: Information concerning this worthwhile organization that provides various services to seniors in the community was made available at the meeting. The towns of Falmouth, Brewster, Orlean, Eastham, and Wellfleet already have launched such organizations and they are hoping to build support for a village in Harwich. Some of the services provided include transportation, technical support, friendly visits, and light home maintainance. These are non-emergency, non-medical services and typically originate in the senior's home. Anyone interested in being a part of this project could sign up at the table or call the contacts listed on the flyer.

- Diane's Funtastic Getaways also had information available at the tables outside the meeting.

Chatham's 300th Anniversary Celebration:

Shareen Davis spoke about the upcoming 300th Anniversary of Chatham which will kick-off on March 9th, 2012 and begin "300 days of Chatham". Some of the already planned events include: "Eat, Drink and Be Merry in Chatham," Founders Day Weekend, July 4th parade with the theme of "Find Your Way Home,"Arts in Chatham on Labor Day weekend, Reunion weekend in October, and the culminating event will be the "First Night" on New Year's Eve. Anyone interested in learning more can see their website at www. Chatham300.org.

The Chatham Harwich Newcomers will be putting together a float for the parade on July 4th 2012 and Dave Ryer has talked with members of the Newcomers' woodworking group about helping in its construction. Dave and Suzy McDowell have volunteered to help get this project off the ground.

Programs:

The May 16th General Meeting will feature George Hampson, a Scientist Emeritus from the WHOI. His topic will be "Its all about oil and the environment." He might possibly be joined by Joanne Tromp who will speak on "Things to See and Do at Wood's Hole."

Anyone who might have ideas for speakers for future meetings are encouraged to contact Barry Thomas.

Speaker:

Barry Thomas introduced Andre Speyer, a noted musician, who entertained the membership with his "Tales of Maestro's I have loved and hated." In his long lifetime, Mr. Speyer played for over 75 conductors. Using anecdotal stories, he gave humorous insights into the various personalities of some of the more flamboyant and brilliant conductors under which he played.

Eve presented Mr. Speyer with a Chatham Harwich Newcomers hat.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Repectfully submitted, Elizabeth Mizoras, Secretary