

Chatham-Harwich Newcomers General Meeting

May 18, 2009

10:00 a.m. President Jerry Lima opened the meeting with a warm greeting to all our members.

Secretary's report was posted on the web site and accepted.

Treasurer Don Kolp reported that we have a balance of \$5,868 in the bank and no outstanding bills. There is available working capital of \$4,239. The balance is an indication of less participation in activities and this will be addressed further. The report was accepted as read.

Jack Wyatt introduced the speaker Carl Schofield, Transportation Engineer from the Cape Cod Commission. He addressed transportation as it was, as it is now and future growth plans for the Cape. With more people retiring to the Cape and more people living here but commuting off Cape. The CC Commission was created due to concerns in the late 1980's about the rapid pace of new development and its potential impacts on Cape Cod's resources. He was very informative and answered several questions. More information from the website: www.gocapecod.org for anyone interested.

Membership: Bob Sarantis reported that currently our members number 405 with new members registered at today's meeting. Art Hanrahan will be maintaining the Chair as Bob and Pat will be working in Australia for several months.

Nominating Committee: Kathy Teahan, Suzy McDowell, Mike Cimini, Jerry Lima with Charlie Moeder presenting the nominations for new officers for the 2009-2010 year. The nominations are: President, Mike Cimini; Vice President, Eve Dalmolen; Treasurer, Don Kolp; and Secretary Ann O'Callaghan. All were approved.

Barbara Lynyak reported the following planned events from the Day Travel Committee.

1. A Day at Harvard, June 23. Students will guide us on a 70 minute unofficial tour Harvard University and Harvard Square followed by lunch and a choice of museums to view.
2. Boston Harbor Sunset Cruise and Quincy Market, June 11, 2009. Join CONCH and Newcomers on a trip through Quincy Market and the North End, then board the James Doherty at Long Wharf for a three-hour cruise, dinner and sunset with the Boston skyline. Contact Pat and Arlene Bowler 430-7136 to reserve.
3. A day in Provincetown, September 8 would include a dune buggy ride, lunch on the waterfront and a museum visit. Contact Barbara Lynyak 945-4477.

Monday Bicycle Rides. This group normally rides on Mondays. See our website for details or contact Suzanne Burley, 508-945-4867

New Business:

Activities Chair Suzy McDowell needs to know if you will continue to Chair the activity from last year or the name of your replacement.

Eve Dalmolen has golf shirts \$20 or hats \$10 with the Chatham Harwich logo for sale. There will be no Cranberry Festival parade in Harwich this year. The July 4 parade in Chatham is hoping to have a group participate. Please see her if interested.

Ann Starwiariski and husband Rich, Chairs of Greeters thanked everyone for their participation. The new chairs will be Nancy and Stuart Black. Also, Ann is involved in the Harwich Garden Club who will be having a garden tour in conjunction with the Harwich Historical Society on June 27. See Ann for further details.

Patty McGrath announced that the Hiking Highlight group is sponsoring a *recession busting trip* to Boston, June 3, using car pooling and public transportation for \$6.95. There will be several small walks throughout Boston. See her or Mark for more details.

Mark McGrath was invited to participate in a Council on Aging study group. Newcomers and COA overlap in activities and travel. The study group was looking into ways that we might combine. The study was presented on May 18. See Mark if interested in further details.

John Schoenfelder, a volunteer with the Boy Scouts announced that next Feb. is the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting. If any members who were scouts are interested in participating in the celebration activities contact John. A new scout master is also needed for a local troop.

Arlene Kirsch, Executive Director of “We Can” located in Harwich Port discussed the organization’s many areas where they support women in transition, either with career training, counseling for abused women, mentor programs, etc. They serve the entire Cape. Email: info@wecancenter.org for more information.

Jerry Lima ended his last meeting as President by thanking all the Chairs of the Activities and the members who participate. He also acknowledged two people who were inspirational to him: Dotty Kelly and Hank Henry.

Vice President Mike Cimini announced he needs volunteers for the Charity Committee to disburse funds. Any members of the Standing Committee, Mike needs to know of any replacements. Anyone interested in being the Membership Chair to replace Art Hanrahan, please contact Mike. Finally, Mike is looking for any ideas regarding the luncheons and dinners as there has been a big drop off in attendance. Contact Mike either by phone: 508-945-2501, or email: michael.cimini@comcast.net

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted
Ann O’Callaghan, Secretary