

Minutes JBCCC Meeting April 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry via telephone followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 19 members were present. Judy gave the Treasurer's Report.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Previous Balance	\$5454.66
	Income	198.00
	Expenses	349.13
		=====
	Balance	\$5302.93

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by:
George Kunkel, 2nd by Dave Kost
All were in favor, motion carried

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 2024 meeting were read.
Motion to accept the secretary's report made by:
Joe Curran and 2nd by George Kunkel
All were in favor, motion carried

Old Business:

As of April 10, we have 145 members. 115 members paid and 30 members are unpaid.

Larry went over old business commenting that the membership has stayed the same but feels that with upcoming cruises and nicer weather the membership will increase. There are currently no new applications. Hopefully we will hit 200 members this year.

Larry has a live demo with Teams coming up. He will do a live test run with them on video and then be able to evaluate which group will be a better fit. He will also check the usability and cost and compare with Zoom to see which a better fit is for the club. Its perfect timing because we are trying to coordinate with getting the new computer. Debbie will coordinate and once it is up and running will be able to solicit new photographs.

Debbie is on vacation in Florida but brought Larry up to date on everything. Frank Jr. has been very helpful and will continue to be a support source for Debbie. She has been in contact with Tim and they are working on the new computer up and running.

Larry spoke with the new President of the Fire House also named Larry. They want us to sign a contract with them. Jukebox Cruisers Larry thinks it is mostly to lock in dates and have a commitment on paper. Jukebox Cruisers Larry told him that we already have a verbal contract because we have been involved in the perpetual use of this place in a cooperative agreement for many years and never had a problem. We come in and we do our part. We help set things up, we help tear down, we help park the cars. The fire house does their part with the food. Firehouse Larry also mentioned that the Club gave a monetary donation. Jukebox Cruisers Larry said last year it was \$500 and the Club thought it was the right thing to do. Firehouse Larry said he would like an amount stated on the contract in any amount the Club chose to give. Jukebox Cruisers Larry said he wasn't comfortable putting a dollar amount on the contract because it is a voluntary contribution. He said he would give it some thought. Jukebox Cruisers Larry asked him to send the contract so he could go over it. Jukebox Cruisers Larry also repeatedly told him he wants to foster our cooperative agreement and continue to work as a team. Firehouse Larry said he was trying to gauge how much money the cruises bring in. Jukebox Cruisers Larry informed him of the following: Any given cruise will average 55-85 cars. We have the members and their spouses and we also draw a significant number of people off the street who come to see the cars and end up staying to eat at the firehouse. At a minimum there may be 100 people. The average platter with a drink is about \$15 x 100 people comes to about \$1500 per cruise times 7 cruises, plus the Christmas party, plus our voluntary donation to the Firehouse. We're good for at least \$10,000 to \$15,000. If you are looking for numbers, be rest assured the Firehouse is doing well with this arrangement. Make no mistake we bring in the crowds, we are the draw. Make sure you know we are the "good guys" here. Firehouse Larry went on to say that it wasn't just him, it was

also the board of the Firehouse involved in this. He wants a meeting to have a meeting with Jukebox Cruisers Larry, him and the Board of Directors for the Firehouse. Jukebox Cruisers Larry will continue to express our win-win attitude and will see what happens. Jukebox Cruisers Larry tried reaching him several times to discuss things prior to the meeting but could not reach him. Jukebox Cruisers Larry is not sure why they want to change the status quo or make things more complex than they have to be. We should see what they have to say and Jukebox Cruisers Larry will reiterate that we already have an oral contract / verbal contract in place, legally enforceable, and our schedule for this year is already out there, publicized in the public domain. Jukebox Cruisers Larry doesn't want to jump the gun but he is a little concerned as to what is going on with them. Out of the clear blue they are trying to impose all these changes. Jukebox Cruisers Larry will let us know what happens. He wants to keep the members informed with the latest update. We cannot make any significant changes this year.

Dave Kost commented that if we read between the lines, it sounds as though they do not want us there. Jukebox Cruisers Larry can't understand why they wouldn't want us there. Dave asked that with a signed contract would that make the Firehouse liable. In any contractual agreement they present, Jukebox Cruisers Larry would like to see a dual hold harmless agreement. Jukebox Cruisers Larry wants to be able to review the contract and make sure it is good for both them and the Club.

Joe Boyle asked about insurance and Tom Whitely said he would try to explain. Things started to brew last year. Tom stepped down after being President for 10 years. He said there is a new President and Vice President. He thinks the Chief is the outspoken one against the Cruises but he cannot figure out why. The Firehouse tore the kitchen apart after the first of the year. The Firehouse is renovating the kitchen, which will most likely take a few months. We can't do anything this year because our Cruise Schedule is already out in the public domain and it would be unfair and unjust and would damage our reputation to have to go out and find another venue. Jukebox Cruisers Larry said he would fight for the Club and if they want to kick us out, they will have to do it next year. George Kunkel volunteered to go to the meeting. Judy also volunteered to attend the meeting. Jukebox Cruisers Larry said anyone from the Club can attend the meeting if they want to. Judy suggested we look for another venue for next year just in case we have to relocate. Let's see how it goes for our first cruise April 26th.

Pat Rogers was shut down regarding the Firehouse having food. If the Firehouse offers a grill, we can do it ourselves. Pat checked out pricing. A Case of burgers is \$34, case of hot dogs \$15. He volunteered to be the grill guy so we would have food for the Cruise.

Juke box Cruisers Larry sent the necessary documentation to Joe at Mauch Chunk Bank indicating that Howard resigned and Judy is the new Treasurer. It's a process. New signature cards must be made and all officers have to sign. It is in process and Joe will try to rush it through.

The \$25 donation from Paul & Diane Sabol is here to be used for someone who wants to join the Club and may have a financial hardship. Joe Curran suggested we choose someone from VoTech. A girl by the name of Tara with a red Monte Carlo mentioned that she couldn't afford the \$25 to join. We will make an effort to find her if she comes to the April Cruise and see if she would like to accept the donation to join the Club

Judy sent a \$200 check to Carbon County Technical Institute. We received a letter from the Jim Thorpe Sportsman Club asking for donation for Fishing Contest. Dave Kost made the motion to continue our contribution of \$50 and Dave Curran seconded. All were in favor and motion passed. Judy will send out the check.

Joe Moyer asked about the Tamaqua Car Show on Father's Day. Larry has finally been in touch with Dale. Dale had health and family issues and issues with the City of Tamaqua. Since they can't use Broad St, they need to put all the vendors in the St. Luke's parking lot. There is no other space for the cars so they made the decision to nix the Car Show on Father's Day. Dale proposed a separate, free-standing day just for the Car Show with vendors and us as the main attraction. It would be on a date of our choosing. We have to choose a date and make sure it does not conflict with anything already planned.

Frank Mertz reported that the computer is ready to go but there is a problem. There is enough memory but no camera or speakers. Everything else is ready. We will have to get a web cam and speakers or ultimately get a newer computer. We will see how it works out before making the decision.

With there being no further business, A motion was made by Dave Kost to adjourn, 2nd by Joe Curran Sr. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed for business at 7:55 PM