
**BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014
MEETING MINUTES**

This was the fourth meeting of the 2013-2014 season. An active social time occurred between 7:00PM and 7:30PM as members socialized with other members over coffee, Soda, and Desserts that were provided by club members. Approximately 32 members were in attendance.

Jack Strudwick, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to accept the November 2013 meeting minutes. They are available on the Club website (www.barnstablnewcomers.com).

Guests and New Members

Joe and Rosemary Mooney, Membership Committee, noted that there were no guests or first time members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Mohan, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2014 the Club's bank account held a balance of \$3,219.74. As of this February Meeting, BNC has 182 paid members participating in Club activities, which includes 9 new members this year. The report was seconded and accepted.

Meeting Venue

This year the Senior Center increased the Club's monthly rental cost of space by \$50 to \$200. One of our BNC members asked the BNC Board to review other less costly venues. This item was discussed at the September 2013 Newcomers Monthly Meeting, but a formal vote was not taken at that time.

Based on this request, Jack Strudwick reviewed 5 alternative locations and presented his findings at this February meeting. A discussion followed, and then a motion to continue using the Senior Center was made, seconded, and approved by a majority of the members present.

Dine-Out Dinner

Connie Champlin and Ron Lyons were given a round of applause for organizing and hosting a very enjoyable Dine-Out at Alberto's Restaurant on January 29. There was

record attendance even though the event had to be postponed for a week due to weather. Everyone left the dinner looking forward to next year.

Activities

Please remember that Activities are always open throughout the year for members to join (or just give it a try). The list of Activities is on the Club website.

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Business Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and accepted to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 7:45PM and move onto the Speaker for the evening.

Speaker of the Evening:

Gil Newton, environmentalist, author and teacher, took us on a virtual tour of Dowses Beach. Gil explained why Dowses is a barrier beach along with a discussion and examples of animals and sea weed plants which can be found on Cape Cod beaches and their impact on the environment. Gil's presentation was interesting and very well received by everyone. His book, "Discovering the Cape Cod Shore Line" was available for purchase with the proceeds going to the Barnstable Land Trust. Gil has written "Seaweeds of Cape Cod Shores" and other books discussing the unique aspects of the Cape Cod shore line.

Next Meeting

Wednesday March 19th at 7:00PM. Once again there will be social time, followed by a short business meeting and a Speaker. **The March speaker is the Department Head of the Department of Public Works for the Town of Barnstable.** He is expected to outline how this Department functions, and what are the Town's plans in this area. I'm sure he'll also be able to tell us how they coped with this tough winter!! Please bring your questions.

The evening ended at approximately 8:45pm.