

BNC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

This was the first meeting of the 2013-2014 season. An active social time occurred between 7:00PM and 7:30PM as members greeted new members and caught up with other members after the summer. Desserts were provided by the Club's officers.

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Guests and New Members:

Joe and Rosemary Mooney, membership committee, introduced and welcomed 5 new members.

At least 7 other people used the Club website to contact the Club about membership over the summer, and we hope to see them sign-up at future meetings.

To advertise the Club to potential members, flyers were put up at the post offices and libraries across the Town.

Sign-up sheets for club activities and copies of the Winter/Spring Bulletin were available on the back table.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Mohan, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. As of June 30 the Club's bank account held a balance of \$2,379.27. As of August 31 the balance was \$2,021.

The report was seconded and accepted.

Jack Strudwick noted that the monthly rental charge for the Senior Center room has increased by \$50 per meeting to \$200. Jack asked if there was concern among the meeting attendees about the price increase. Everyone at the meeting was OK with continuing to use the Senior Center at this increased price.

Past-President

To thank Ron Lyons for all of his efforts as Club President last season, Ron was presented with a gift certificate to a local restaurant at the Club Board meeting in June, and presented with a past-president's badge at this meeting. Thank you, Ron!

Club Officers

There is a current need for someone to come forward for this year's Vice-President position, and who would take over as President for the next Club year. Please contact Jack Strudwick (strudwickjack12@gmail.com) if you would like to discuss what is entailed with these Club Officer positions. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Activities (See a list of all Activities at <http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com/activities.html>)

All Activities are continuing. Some specific Activities discussed at this meeting were:

- **Movie Discussion:** Jack Strudwick thanked Joan and Dave Chase for their leadership coordinating this Activity for many years. At this time the Coordinator will change to Walt Jebens.
- **Bowling:** The very active candlepin bowling group is seeking substitutes for the weekly bowling. To be a 'sub' you just need to show up on a Monday afternoon when you can, with no commitment.
- **Dine-In:** This activity has a few openings to join with small groups at member houses for a shared dinner. It's a great opportunity for new members to meet others.
- **Book Group 4:** This book group has openings for 2 members.
- **Stitchers & Chatters:** This Activity has openings for a few new members to bring their knitting, stitching..... and chatting to meetings in member's homes!
- **NEW Activity Proposal:** One new member proposed starting a **Sports Discussion Group** that he would coordinate. Three members showed interest in joining this Activity.

If you are interested in getting information about, or joining, these and all other Activities, please come to the October monthly meeting on Wednesday evening October 16, or contact Jack Strudwick (strudwickjack12@gmail.com).

Events (See a list of all Events at <http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com/events.html>)

- **October 24:** Pot Luck Supper and 'Crazy Whist': Bette and Bob Silva are coordinating this Event. Mark your calendars for this popular event – Wednesday October 23.
The cost is free, with bringing of a dish to share. Please fill out the attached Event Form and return to Bette indicating your attendance and what you'll bring to share. (Note the Pot Luck Supper Form is also available on the Club website.)
- **December 11:** Holiday Dinner Dance: Another very popular Event. This year the Dinner/Dance is scheduled for Wednesday December 11. Please mark your calendar! More information to come.
One item of note: Jack and Cathy Strudwick have coordinated this Event for several years. Cathy Strudwick is in need of a helper for the event for this year with the notion that the helper will take over the coordination role next year.
- **January 22:** Dine-Out: This is scheduled for January 22, 2014. More information to come.
Jack and Connie Champlin have coordinated this event for several years and are looking for help with this dining Event.

Club Support Activities

- **Hospitality:** Doug and Dori Scott are coordinating setup and refreshments for our monthly general meetings. For each meeting, volunteers sign up to bring a dessert for sharing among meeting attendees. The signup sheets are available. Please signup!
- **Publicity:** Bette Silva is continuing to publicize our meetings and events. Ads are put out monthly.

- Sunshine: MaryJane Melia provided support for this activity the past two years. Thank you, MaryJane. Len Davis is the new coordinator starting this club year. If you know of a member that is ill, please let Len know so that a card or suitable gift can be sent from the Club.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made and seconded at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 16th at 7:00PM. Once again there will be social time, followed by a short business meeting and then a speaker. This evening's speaker will be Bernadette Lundbohm, Postal Inspector from the US Postal Inspection Service.

Speaker:

Our speaker for the evening was Erin Healey, Editor of Prime Time magazine. Erin highlighted the goal of this local free magazine to focus on active Cape Cod people whose stories may help readers think about opportunities on Cape Cod that are available for all of us. Erin provided an interesting overview of the writing and publishing process for the magazine, for which over 30,000 copies are distributed each month.

The evening ended at approximately 9:00pm.