

**Smoking Shields Cigar Club of New Jersey** General Membership Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022 1600-2000 hours @ Barrister Cigars, Union Twp

This was a General Membership meeting of the NJ Chapter and was broadcast on Facebook Live for those who could not attend.

# Location of Meeting

The meeting was held at:

**Barrister Cigars** 

2565 US-22

Union, NJ 07083

### **Officers**

Christopher Dottino – President - Present

Joe Quinn – Vice President - Absent

Dominick Albanese – Secretary - Present

Tim Musto – Treasurer - Present

Paul Piano – Sgt. At Arms – Present

# **Trustees**

Anthony Cacchione - Absent

Joey Mac Dizon –Absent

Scott Hobbs – Absent

Vito Spadea – Absent

Jorge Martinez- Present

Scott Buccine (South)- Present

# <u>Attendance</u>

See SSNJ Member Sign In Sheet

## **Opening**

This was a monthly scheduled general membership meeting with the purpose of complying with Bi-law meeting requirements to discuss general club business and concerns. The meeting was called to order at 1914 hours by President Dottino. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who have fallen.

<u>Minutes from last meeting</u>: Motion by membership to waive a Reading of the Minutes and accept and adopt March Meeting Minutes as prepared by Secretary Albanese. - Carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

Appears that recording started after Report was given. Request of written report by Secretary Albanese

# President's Report

- Discussion about Black Six Coffee and that they offer a National Discount to ALL Shields Members- Money is donated back to the Regions of the World that the beans are acquired from. Visit Black6Coffee.org to support the company- SmokingShield20 for 20% off.
- OD Green Fleece Shirts are in- see President to pick them up
- Club Shirts- Still having problems obtaining Shirts from different companies. Red Kap is the shirt that will be used going forward.
- Associate Members are invited to trade their shirts in for the solid Blue as opposed to the Blue and Black. We are not looking to adopt the "Associate Member" Rocker
- Webpage is now being run and updated by Secretary Albanese- updates will be made monthly. Minutes , Bylaws and other pertinent info can be found in the Login portion of the site.
- Motorcycle Run proceeds will be given to a disable Veteran that has been contacted by Joey Mac Dizon. The recipient is requesting to remain anonymous. We are still looking for Members to go out and get \$100 sponsorships. \$2500 would cover the entire cost.
- Looking to get to Golf Outings to raise money and get Club exposure
- April 26th South Meeting at Lit- Sweedsboro 6pm
- May 15th Coffee and Cigars at Verve- Somerville(Belleau Wood Cigars and Pale Horse Coffee are sponsors) 11am

- May 16th North Meeting Havana Vault- Nutley 6pm
- May South Lodge Location and Date unknown- waiting to hear back
- June 16th (Joint Meeting) STFA HQ Manasquan
- June 21st Barrister Cigar Hosting NJ Cigar Fest \$80 12-6pm
- Thanks to Dave, Owner of Barrister, for hosting our Meeting
- Special Mention to Member Tim Kirpack retired after 26 from Middlesex County Corrections
- Welcome Home to Edwin Medina after 10 month deployment overseas
- Offer stands for Italian Feast (Joe Arancio) in October to set up a 10x10 spot to promotee SSNJ
- Welcome back member Kevin Bockus after long battle with Covid 19
- Robert Snowfield spoke about how well he felt the exposure went at the PBA State Convention Event

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1932 hours by Pres. Dottino.

Minutes prepared by: Secretary Dominick Albanese {These Minutes were created by secretary Albanese using the Facebook live video posted.

Approved by: Chis Dottino