



Smoking Shields Cigar Club of New Jersey
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022 1600-2000 hours @ Stick's, Rahway

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:

Sticks Cigars

1513 Main Street

Rahway NJ

Officers

Christopher Dottino – President -Present

Joe Quinn – Vice President -Absent

Dominick Albanese – Secretary - Absent (FOP Mini Conference)

Tim Musto – Treasurer - Absent (FOP Mini Conference)

Paul Piano – Sgt. At Arms – Present

Trustees

Anthony Cacchione - Present

Joey Mac Dizon –Unknown

Scott Hobbs – Present

Vito Spadea – Unknown

Jorge Martinez- Present

Attendance

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 1909 hours by President Dottino. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who have fallen. .

Minutes from last meeting: Unknown if minutes were read at March Meeting. Recording seems to have started after the meeting was already underway.

Treasurer's Report

Inaudible

President's Report

- Tomahawk Steaks and Cold water Lobster Tails will be added to the menu for September Dinner: bringing the price slightly up per person
- Still working on \$2500 value Raffle Raffle for Dinner- Ticket drawn on September 29
- Raffle Prizes were purchased from the shop- (4) \$25 gift cards
- Additional Raffle Prizes: (2) items donated by the shop, also a bottle purchased and a Drew Estate Tim with various items in it.
- Reminder that moving forward Cigar Events will take priority over other events
- Reminder about Smile through Amazon
- Spoke about the success of the Cigar Meet n Greet Event at Tennessee Beer Hall in AC - Special Thanks to Steve Zengel for setting it up
- Check presented to Member Wayne Blanchard of \$1000 for Trooper Archer
- Check presented to South Trustee Steve Buccine of \$1000 for Sheriff's Officer Stackwell
- Donation to State PBA Survivor Welfare Fund of \$1000 was also presented in Atlantic City
- Reminder about June 26 Motorcycle Run- 50 mile escorted ride
- If members have connections with Department "Motors" they are encouraged to check availability
- Looking to have Premio Sausage also come out to the event and setup and give out free Sausage sandwiches
- Members are asked to take a Sponsor Form (\$100) donations are being sought from businesses or individuals looking to make a donation to us.

- JR Lounge event for Morris County PBA Conference is Feb 24th, Four (4) members will attend in an attempt to generate Club Interest
- Discount Code Available for Black Six Coffee (smokingshield20)
- OD Green are being embroidered
- Discussion about Member Shirts: Members will be given Blue & Black Shirts, Associate Members will be given solid Blue Shirts
- Considering getting a SSNJ Econoline Van- askin if members have any contacts
- New OD green T-shirts coming out with new Logo
- Discussion about NY Chapter Gentleman Night- NJ Members are discouraged from wearing Smoking Shields Apparel at the event.
- Website is up and running Login info: smokingshieldsnj Password: smokeemifyougotem
- Cigars were sent to Member Jason Grosser after his shoulder surgery
- Flowers were sent to the family of Member Mike LaJoie on the passing of a family member
- Upcoming meeting for North April 19 @ 6pm Barrister Cigars in Union & May 16 Havana Vault in Nutley
- Upcoming meeting for South March 29 @ 6pm Seagars in Rio Grande & April 26 @ Lit Cigar Lounge in Sweedsboro
- Reminder that membership renewal is going out for 2022- If you pay dues in 2021- Dues are still due by March 31st for the following year.
- May 6th Carteret Elks is having an event for Toys for Tots- If interested; email events email.
- By-Laws are being finalized by Board of Directors for submittal and approval by National Chapter
- First Annual Cigar Night Hosted by Jacksonville Fire April 28 1800-200- Promoted by South Trustee Scott Buccine

Floor Discussion:

- David Fox who works with Tony Caccione and will discuss upcoming Toys-4-Tots Cigar event May 6 at Carteret Elks Lodge- \$75 per ticket
- Steve Zengel spoke about an NCAA Tournament event at Cigars-n-More with Dave Calloway
- Wayne Blanchard spoke about his STFA Cigar Event on June 30 7 pm at the Grand Marquis in Oldbridge

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1925 hours by Pres. Dottino.

Minutes prepared by: Secretary Dominick Albanese {These Minutes were created by secretary Albanese using the Facebook live video posted. Sec. Albanese was not present at meeting (FOP Mini Conference) }

Approved by: Chis Dottino