

**Pomfret Sr Advocate Commission  
Minutes May 15, 2013  
Pomfret Senior Center  
Annual Meeting**

**Present:** Susan LaRose, Rita Conrad, Judy Miller Cathy Grant, Liz Cartier

**Alternates:** Ann Hinchman, Gail McElroy

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 PM

**No Alternate Seated**

**Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue to appoint Ann Hinchman to be secretary for the meeting. Approved.**

**Meeting Minutes:** April 17, 2013 : Accepted

**Secretary Report:** 4 emails read, 3 from Ford Fay and 1 from Maureen Nicholson

**Citizen Participation: 10**

**Sally Johnson,** Thanked Sue for her work, time and energy spent this past year at the PSAC. Sally asked the PSAC 3 questions to be answered: What made the members interested in being appointed to the PSAC? What qualified them for the PSAC and were their personal goals met? This item will be added to the agenda.

**Peter Mann,** Wished those present to know that he as a selectman tried to have \$500 reinstated into the program budget of the Sr Center. Also stated that the Secretary of PSAC needs to name those citizens who speak during citizen's comments.

Gene Gerum distributed fliers explaining a new Men's Breakfast Club. This item will be added to the agenda.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Motion made by Rita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy, Approved to add 5 items to the agenda

- 1) Annual review/changes to by-laws
- 2) Men's Breakfast Club
- 3) Essex Steam Train Trip
- 4) Comments of the round Table 5/14/13
- 5) Answer's to Sally Johnson's questions

**Treasurers Report:**

Budget does not reflect the \$935 from reimbursement of trips

Current balance is \$659.21

**Committee Reports:**

Program Committee meeting discussed fund raising in the future and future trips

2<sup>nd</sup> Whale Watch in July 2013

Wright's Mill Chicken Farm

Cook Off

Essex Steam Train

**Old Business:**

Opening and closing of the Sr Center- Gail announced that everyday is covered for opening and closing PSC except Tues and Wed afternoons

Cleaning of the Building has already been addressed by Maureen

### **New Business:**

Pot Luck to be held 6/4/13 overseen by Gail

Bistro Lunch and program on hearing 6/5/13

Movies all set for Fridays

Oil Painting classes : Motion made by Rita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy to add this item to the agenda. Approved. Motion made by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy to offer Oil Painting classes at a cost of \$15 to Pomfret residents, \$30 to non Pomfret residents beginning 6/28/13 Preference given to all who have not taken class before. Class limited to 8 people. Discussion about having enough money remaining in the 2012-2013 budget to offer this discount.

Approved.

Q quilting Classes continue until August

AARP Smart Driver course offered 6/18/13

Whale Watch on 7/27/13 Gail in charge. Car pooling, 8-10 have signed up, \$28

Motion made by Rita 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to charge \$18 for Pomfret residents and \$28 for non residents. Up to 10 residents. Approved

By-Law Review, no changes presented. Bylaws stand

Men's Breakfast: See attached flier by Gene Gerum Motion by Cathy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita to have PSC open on the date Gene wishes to have Men's Breakfast. This will be a trial, to see if there is an interest in more.

Essex Steam Train Trip 6/24/13: van being rented cost of \$200 including gas.

Participants pay admission, pay by 6/14 \$15. Motion made by Rita 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to pay for cost of van from PSC program cost. Discussed to determine if the budget would handle this. Approved. Sue will organize this trip.

Round table 5/14/13: All felt this went well and thank you to Walter Hinchman, good feedback and understanding that not all at PSC can be free. Idea to have a budget meeting to set aside certain amounts for trips etc.

Sally's questions:

Judy- is newly retired wanting to meet new people. Has background in management and feels she has met nice people and is still working on her goals

Ann- asked to be on PSAC because of her background as visiting nurse in town working with seniors and on Board of SBV. Goals of having more people involved in the PSC are a work in progress

Rita- Lived in town, but felt she did not know many people and was willing to serve on a commission. Feels that PSC is an investment in the town and needs to be serving more people.

Gail- had been on the Pomfret Sr Center Board of Directors before. Wanted to see the PSC used by more people. More work to be done.

Cathy- Was on Pomfret Sr Center Board and Manager of SBV. Happy to be a member Happy for the good programs that are at PSC and feels need for more.

Liz- Had heard very negative things about activities at PSC and feels that it should be a happy place and that more has to be done to get homebound people involved

Sue- has a zest for life, creating things and making them happen. She has learned a lot by being involved for this year.

Election of new Officers

Chair: Nomination made by Liz for Cathy to be Chair Accepted by Cathy

Nomination made by Judy for Sue to be Chair Refusal by Sue

Approved Cathy will be Chair of PSAC  
V Chair Rita volunteered to be VP again. Approved

Treasurer: Liz volunteered to be Tres. Again. Approved

Secretary: Judy volunteered to be Sec. Approved

Liz stated that she has notified WINY and newspapers, but we have had nothing yet for program ads etc. she will contact them again.

Citizens comments:

Sybil Williams , Peter Mann Monique and Ford -Sue has done a great job this year in getting people motivated. Many thanks for all her work.

Gene Gerin- Women's breakfast will be coming next

Adjournment 9:00pm

Ann Hinchman  
Acting Secretary

Next meeting June 19, 2013