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Next meeting: 10am Wednesday May 16th at our usual location. Our speaker will be from the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. There will also be a discussion on club finances and 20th Anniversary celebrations.

Minutes: The monthly meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club at 10 am, with President Tor Bordevik chairing and about 35 members in attendance. Tor welcomed all, and especially the returning Snowbirds. After "O Canada", Clarence Blois led a singalong. (I almost wrote that Tor led it, but we heard ample evidence of *his* singing ability last month!) Minutes of March 21st were approved with one correction: the guest was Willard Buckley, not Lloyd Buckley. Moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Clarence Blois.

New Members: Willard Buckley, having paid his \$25 dues, was pinned by the President, along with Stewart Hansen who joined in January.

Member News: Richard Burpee is booked for back surgery. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lt. Col. Jim Kupkee, who passed away April 6th.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener continues to report that we are solvent, despite his numerous trips out of town, more of which are in the offing! We have \$1100 on account, with Boys and Girls Club donation and UPS bill to pay by year's end.

Huntsman Marine Trip: Member consensus suggested May 23rd, with carpooling from Lancaster Mall. Gordon Graham will activate his e-mail and phone lists to determine numbers, transportation needs and offers, and the day's schedule.

Membership Committee: Ed O'Keefe thanked Gordon Graham and Robert Taylor for providing updates, so that the list is now quite accurate. Our current list shows 113 members, of whom 90 are paid.

Phone Committee: Gordon Graham reported that only 20 to 25 members now need to be telephoned, as the rest have e-mail. His committee currently consists of Don Shaw, Dave Lester, Frank Ervin, and Ray Allan, and it is intended that all five will have backup callers. UPS can do block e-mails, so RSVP's can go to them to be passed on to Gordon.

House Committee: Clive Douthwright booked 15 for chili and breadsticks.

President's Comments: Tor repeated his wish to have backups for when committee chairmen are away. He also asked that the Nominating Committee activate itself for the annual election.

60/40 Draw: Guest speaker Jim Quinn drew Randy Giffin who won \$85.

Guest Speaker: Tor introduced Jim Quinn, CEO of Port Saint John, who spoke of an emphasis on port renewal under four themes: Inclusion of the business community and the community at large, extending into the schools;

The Port as an asset in the community – it is important to implement a maintenance schedule based on expected life cycles;

Raising Our Game: moving in unity toward goals in order to get support from all levels of government;

Renewal: Cruise sector: nine visits by Disney ships in 2012;

Real Estate Development, including Pugsley, Long Wharf, West Side;

Cargo, including potash, MSC (world's 2nd largest cargo line);

Renewal in the mid and long (up to 100 years) term.

Q & A: Members recommended attention be given to recreational boaters in the harbour area, including boaters from down the East Coast. Asked about the development of Partridge Island, Jim said that is in the realm of others.

Adjournment at 12:03 moved by Robert Taylor.

Yes you guessed right... its time for those side splitting Funnies

A man walks up to the bar with an ostrich behind him, and as he sits, the bartender asks for their order. The man says, "I'll have a beer" and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?" "I'll have a beer too" says the ostrich. The bartender pours the beer and says "That will be \$3.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pays with the exact change for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again, and the man says "I'll have a beer," and the ostrich says "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This became a routine until late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the bartender. "Well, it's close to last call, so I'll have a large Scotch" says the man. "Same for me" says the ostrich. "That will be \$7.20" says the bartender. Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the bar. The bartender can't hold back his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?" "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and I found this old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever needed to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money will be there." "That's brilliant!" says the bartender. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk, or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. "That's fantastic!" says the bartender. "You are a genius! ... Oh, one other thing sir, what's with the ostrich?" The man replies, "Oh, my second wish was for a chick with long legs."

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?" The bank manager looks back at her and says... "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

A blonde golfer goes into the pro shop and looks around frowning.

Finally the pro asks her what she wants. "I can't find any green golf balls," the blonde golfer complains.

The pro looks over the shop, and through all the catalogs, and finally calls the manufacturers and determines that sure enough, there are no green golf balls.

As the blonde golfer walks out the door in disgust, the pro asks her, "Before you go, could you tell me why you want green golf balls?"

"Well obviously, because they would be so much easier to find in the sand traps!"

Joe decides to take his boss Phil to play 9 holes on their lunch. While both men are playing excellent they are often held up by two women in front of them moving at a very slow pace. Joe offers to talk to the women and see if they can speed it up a bit. He gets about half of the way there stops and jogs back.

His boss asks what the problem is. "Well one of those women is my wife and the other my mistress," complained Joe. Phil just shook his head at Joe and started toward the women determined to finish his round of golf.

Preparing to ask the ladies to speed up their game, he too stopped short and turned around.

Joe asked "what's wrong?" It's a small, small world Joe, and you're fired"

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.