MINUTES

MEETING:	House & Activities Committee
DATE:	October 13, 2015
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Steve Siegel, V. Chairman; Stephen Berlin; James Ginzler; Marge Isroff; Linda Moskin; Joan Schepps; Barbara Sneider; Sandra Zahn-Oreck
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Arthur Adler, Chairman; Arleen Citren; Michael Englender; Arlene Yufe; Thomas Kassner
PARTICIPANTS:	Christina Kelly; Harris Levitt; Matt Linderman; Howard Boilen
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Steve Siegel, Vice Chairman
ISSUE DATE:	October 22, 2015
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 4PM in the Boardroom

In the absence of Chairman Arthur Adler, Vice Chair Steve Siegel called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The Minutes from the September meeting were revised and approved.

He introduced Board member Howard Boilen who was attending as an observer.

The Vice Chair reviewed the new dress code for men at Panache and MY PII. He stated that management and Arthur Adler had decided to alter the plan slightly for the current season only to allow shorts and short sleeve shirts at these 2 venues on Sundays: Panache because Deli Night would be there with the closing of the Grill Room and MY PII because Sunday afternoon football has been moved to Onyx Lounge for the same reason.

Food & Beverage Report by Harris Levitt:

Our last fiscal year ended on a positive note and the staff is looking forward to the coming season.

Only positive comments were received for dinners on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper serving 361 and 659, respectively.

Breakfast in Panache starts again at 7AM.

Happy Hour is back on Monday and Tuesdays in the Living Room from 3 to 5PM and will stay there until Mr. D's reopens in November.

A juice bar concept was started in the Onyx Bar from 8AM to 11AM, but the response so far has been weak.

Panache lunch has been enhanced with an "express lane buffet" and some other menu items which have been added.

MY PII lunch is set to begin on October 26th.

A Dinner Dance will be held on October 22nd in Panache and we expect 375.

Theme Nights will continue from Wednesday to Sunday with a new All American Station on Thursdays being added this season.

The restaurant opening schedules were announced with some being pushed back slightly due to the late arrival of staff.

A member asked Matt Linderman about changing the location of the gate to the Member Park because the bigger dogs can get out quickly when it is opened. M. Linderman said he will look into this.

S. Siegel asked when the Chiller System would be operational and M. Linderman answered sometime in November.

M. Linderman detailed for the committee the challenges with the current foreign staff.

House & Activities Report by Christina Kelly:

The Holiday brochure will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Christina Kelly detailed the activities schedule including the dates beginning with the Streets of New York Gala (which has been cut off with 600 reservations with close to 200 on a waiting list) and the Cabaret Nights starting in January and continuing until mid-March. All Cabaret nights already have 100+ reservations.

Reservations for the Character Breakfast & Carnival are currently being accepted.

Date for Sweethearts Ball had been announced- Saturday, February 13th.

Bridge News

Duplicate on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons starts back up in November.

Supervised play with John Black will also be starting up in November.

Renowned Bridge "Aficionado" Larry Cohen has been scheduled for December 11th to give special lecture and reservations are going fast.

Joan Schepps gave her monthly Bridge report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM.