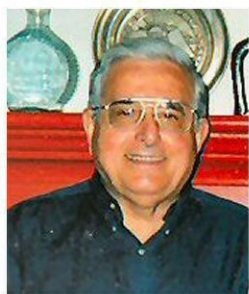


# *HV* *BS* *The Hudson Valley Bullshit Society*

*Jack Gahan*



*Ramrod*



*Gladiator*



*Deliberator*



*PC Wiz*



*Surveyor*

## Official Minutes – May 9, 2018 – 4th Meeting of the year.

1- On a clear, cool morning **PC Wiz** proceeded with **Gladiator** to designated driver **Surveyor's** residence. We found him waiting for us. Arriving at 11:15 we waited for **Ramrod** to arrive. **Hostess Ginny** was cleaning up the outside tables and came over to our car to greet us. **Gladiator** told her we had looked for the 'For Sale' sign when we arrived and didn't see it. She informed us it was still there but covered. **Pat** and **Ginny** had considered that the sign might discourage customers from patronizing the **Hoffman House** – especially after their vacation or for holidays. With **Ramrod** present we entered premises to a pleasant welcome from **Host Pat** and **HVBS Official Waitress Lorayne**. **Ginny** set the table for us and **Lorayne** presently arrived to take our libation orders.

2- While waiting, **Ramrod** put a sheaf of papers in order and read some great jokes. **Gladiator** asked **PC Wiz** for an article he had printed out from the Chicago Tribune. It stated that Chicago had seen its most violent week of the year with 9 killed and 76 wounded – 804 people shot this year! The police are using the latest technology – smart phones that can tell them where the shots are coming from. **Gladiator** castigated Mayor Rahm Emanuel (elected in 2011) for not getting the mob violence under control – such as asking for help from the Federal Government. **PC Wiz** suggested using the National Guard and remarked that the Democrats have been in office for the last 'hundred years' with no improvement.

3- **Lorayne** took our drink orders: **Surveyor** a Michelob Ultra, **PC Wiz** his customary Keegan's Mother's Milk, **Gladiator** a Stella Artois and **Ramrod** opted for a Tanqueray Gin and tonic. When it arrived, he stated that it was in the wrong glass – not the proper glass. **Lorayne** adamantly said it was – recalling the past 'to-do' over the citrus, which was the proper lime wedge. **Ramrod** told her he had been a bartender in a restaurant at the age of 16 and knew the correct glass. They agreed to disagree. **Gladiator** brought **Ramrod** and **Surveyor's** attention to the redesigned **HVBS** logo with **Founding Member Deliberator** added. **PC Wiz** said it was **Gladiator's** suggestion and **Ramrod** thought it a good idea. **PC Wiz** reminisced that our meetings had been held at **Deliberator's** home when he became ill and required oxygen. **Ramrod** informed us the illness was 'pulmonary fibrosis'.

4- **PC Wiz** noted that there was an attached sheet to the Official Agenda concerning Anheuser-Busch suing Heineken for allegedly stealing its new patented keg design. It involves a bladder holding the beer in a container charged with pressured gas – which keeps the gas from impacting the quality of the beer. **Gladiator** said Busch doesn't exist anymore – it is owned by InBev, a Dutch company. **Ramrod** thought it might be a Belgian company. **Surveyor** whipped out his 'smart' phone, checked and informed us the company is Belgian.

At this point **PC Wiz** brought up the agenda issue of a motion for more frequent meetings – once a month was suggested instead of the present approximate six weeks. With a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. On a motion by **Gladiator** and **PC Wiz** it was proposed that, considering **Surveyor's** golf obligations on Summer Wednesdays, our planned meetings be moved to either Tuesdays or Thursdays. It was decided to move to Tuesdays (**Lorayne** informed us she works on Tuesdays also).

5- **Ramrod** reminded us that the bylaws stipulate that ‘buying the booze’ was the penalty for the person responsible for a change in **HVBS** procedures. He said **Surveyor** must pay since he was responsible for the schedule change. **Surveyor** thought that quite fair and offered to cover the drinks. Somehow the offer was lost as the meeting continued. **Lorayne** came to take our lunch orders. **Ramrod** started telling her his selection and **Lorayne** finished his sentence with ‘French onion steak sandwich, medium well’. He agreed. **Gladiator** asked for the Omelet de la Maison (a three-egg omelet) and **PC Wiz** ordered the sesame chicken with rice and broccoli from the ‘special’ menu. **Surveyor** ordered the ‘Chicken Chimichanga’ – a deep-fried burrito with refried beans and rice.

6- **Ramrod** opined that Senator McCain is a real ‘RINO’. Dying from a brain tumor the Senator publically stated that he wanted former Democrat President Obama to attend his funeral – and not President Trump who will not be welcome. **Ramrod** also mentioned former Secretary of State John Kerry in the news ‘negotiating’ with Iranian officials concerning his Iranian nuclear deal which President Trump has decided to abandon. **PC Wiz** noted that the Logan Act of 1799 is a United States federal law that criminalizes negotiation by unauthorized persons with foreign governments having a dispute with the United States. Members do not expect anything to come of it. **Ramrod** noted that Iran has a ‘Death to America’ day – November 4 (anniversary of the 1987 seizure of the American embassy – Ted Cruz).

7- **Gladiator** mentioned a roofing problem he had recently. His roofer checked and found it was a loose extra shingle that wind most likely blew off the roof. Chatting with him **Gladiator** learned that he has no one from last year’s crew and is finding it very difficult to find workers willing to do roofing. He has limited his work to metal roofs which most roofing contractors will not tackle. **PC Wiz** related that Rick Peek of Capitaland Auto in Albany is presently training mechanics since it is almost impossible to find skilled help. **Surveyor** noted that 49% of the colleges do not have a single Republican professor. **PC Wiz** observed that most of the courses the students take are useless to provide the skills necessary to make a living – such as ‘Black studies, etc.’

8- **Gladiator** told us he enjoys his new bird feeder, watching the various birds feed. The feeder was made in Canada and is quite ingenious – heavy birds (or squirrels) lock the feeder. It still uses a lot of bird seed – requiring daily filling. **Ramrod** claimed he filled his once every 10 days while **Surveyor** thought he did it once a week. **Gladiator** remarked that the Yankees are presently tied for first place – **Surveyor** noting that there was one more in the three game Boston series. **Ramrod** said he was surprised at the Yankee pitching, it had been expected to be a problem. **Ramrod** and **Surveyor** discussed the Harvey trade to the Cincinnati Reds. **Gladiator** said that the France family has NASCAR up for sale (the only way to save a shrinking sport, they maintain) and asked if **Ramrod** was interested in buying it. **Ramrod** said he ‘would have the check with his bean counter’!

9- **Lorayne** brought our traditional coffees. **Surveyor** selected the crème brulee while **Gladiator** ordered the chocolate mousse. **PC Wiz** settled for a sherbet while **Ramrod** wished no dessert. Since the unanimous vote to change our meeting day, **Tuesday June 19, 2018** was selected for our next scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

**Gladiator** and **Ramrod** for approving the Preliminary Minutes and **Surveyor's** second of the motion.

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