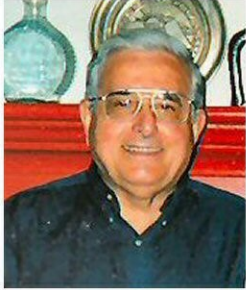


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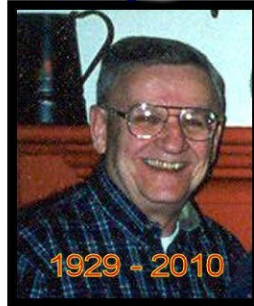
Jack Gahan



Ramrod



Gladiator



Deliberator



PC Wiz



Surveyor

HVBS Official Minutes – January 9, 2019 - First Meeting of the New Year

1- On a brisk, cool morning **Surveyor** picked up **Gladiator** and **PC Wiz** for the trek to our **Hoffman House HVBS** meeting. The cold-patched street cut had been replaced with a smooth concrete joint on Monday; members found the crews working on the next intersection which led to comments on the length of the job. **Gladiator**, on finding out **PC Wiz's** street was only the first wondered if they would be done in 10 years. We arrived a bit early, waiting until **Ramrod** arrived at his usual punctual 11:25 AM. We entered the closed doors to find the staff clustered around the bar. **Hostess Ginny Bradley** set the table for us and **HVBS Official Waitress Lorayne** appeared to take our drink orders. **Ramrod** asked if they still had cider for the warm drink, **Lorayne** said she would check. **Surveyor** ordered his usual Budweiser Ultra and **PC Wiz**, after some thought, opted for a Heineken – **Gladiator** seconded the choice.

2- **Ginny** arrived with the beverages and **PC Wiz** passed the Ultra on to **Surveyor** and received his Heineken. With drinks in hand, **Gladiator** proposed the toasts including well wishes for **Surveyor's** pending



vacation in the Sunny clime. The beer in hand reminded him of the train accident in Denmark between a freight train and a speeding passenger which resulted in eight deaths on the passenger train. It occurred in the Great Belt crossing of the Baltic Sea where a storm with high winds blew



the beer cases from curtain sided trailers into the passenger's path.

Surveyor thought it likely the beer was in wooden cases to cause so much damage. A very bizarre accident.

3- **Ramrod** and **Surveyor** both brought printed jokes along and we had some great laughs. **Ramrod** quietly cursed, **Gladiator** asked what the problem was and found **Ramrod** had forgotten his glasses for reading. No problem, **Gladiator** replied, and offered him the 'cheaters' he was wearing. It helped although so strong they annoyingly magnified the type. **Gladiator** informed us he went to Pearl Vision for permanent glasses but the optometrist came up with a correction to the distant lenses. He is insisting they check with his ophthalmologist who did the operations. **Gladiator** asked **Ramrod** about his recent visit to **Dan and family** in Annapolis. He told us he enjoyed playing with **Alex** and **Max** – they really loved 'roughhousing' with Grandpa.

There were two problems, he said: ‘you don’t lose weight with **Dan** cooking’ and (to member laughs) ‘**Dan** only has Roku and Hulu on his TV so no sports for 9 days!’ This reminded **PC Wiz** about the Spectrum ad on (blank) channel 87 about the Tribune Media raising their fee (since settled). **Gladiator** said that was the case when we had no cable Yankee YES network because they wanted exorbitant fees.

4- **Lorayne** arrived to take our luncheon orders. **PC Wiz** asked for the ‘Penne Elaina’ with chicken and shrimp from the specials menu. **Ramrod** said he was not feeling hungry enough for a lot of food. **Surveyor** suggested soup and half a sandwich for a light lunch. The soups were potato leek and French onion so **Ramrod** ordered the French onion and a half ham sandwich. **Surveyor** went for the French onion also with a half tuna sandwich. Turning to **Gladiator**, Lorayne asked ‘the usual?’ He decided to get his favorite French dip with au jus. **PC Wiz** brought up the Clemson – Alabama game which Clemson won 44-16 with a completed pass with only one second left on the clock. With the Giants out of the playoffs, **Gladiator** said the team ‘is a bunch of scumbags’. **HVBS** members could not answer the question of Eli Manning returning as QB next season but concluded management has a big job ahead. **Ramrod** noted that he hates the NE Patriots but likes them only for the quick release of the ball by QB Brady.

5- **Ramrod** stated that ‘no NY team won yesterday’, concluding with the Rangers 4-0 loss. **Gladiator** remarked that the team ‘has no will to win’. **Surveyor** heading South this week, **Gladiator** asked if he does a lot of golfing while vacationing. **Surveyor** admitted he did among other warm-climate activities. Which led to a discussion of development plans for the Edison Club; familiar to the Northerners since it was owned by GE (who started the club as a place for business dealings in 1904). They intend to shrink the course from 27 holes to 18 and build 215 housing units and a new club house. **Surveyor** said, if built, he will miss the extra 9 holes for their variety of play.

6- **Lorayne** appeared to ask about coffee and desserts. Members ordered coffees and pondered ordering a dessert. **Ramrod** settled on vanilla ice cream with chocolate syrup (they have no chocolate fudge). **PC Wiz** wanted a rainbow sherbet without topping (which **Lorayne** pointed out was her contribution to the desserts); **Gladiator** selected the caramel flan while **Surveyor** opted for the ‘apple pie dish’. **Gladiator** popped up with a comment concerning the ‘property tax relief’; saying the check from Cuomo should be due (\$144 last year). **Ramrod** said he had not gotten a check and had not heard of the program; **PC Wiz** confirmed he had received a smaller check last year. **PC Wiz** asked if **Surveyor** was now a Florida resident. **Randy and Bobbi** had Florida registrations and voted there in the election. **PC Wiz** was curious about residency because of double taxation, New York being fierce in State tax collection (auditing Rush Limbaugh every year although he has lived in Florida for years). **Surveyor** told us since he has property in New York he is not a Florida resident and has to file in both. **Ramrod** added that he found gasoline in Washington DC at \$2.09 – adding, of course, nine-tenths! No one could understand why the price still has nine-tenths.

7- Discussion turned to the border ‘wall, barrier, fence’ stalemate with the Democrats. **Gladiator** suggested that the President should take 5 billion dollars from the defense budget to build the fence. **Ramrod** pointed out that the Congress had approved 10 billion dollars for aid to Central America! **PC Wiz** suggested he would contribute to the wall if asked and **HVBS** members said they also would make donations. It was time to set a date for our next session (checking with **Lorayne** on the Hoffman House’s Winter closing dates). The next **HVBS** convocation is tentatively set for the first day of Spring, **Wednesday March 20, 2019**. The meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to **Ramrod** and **Surveyor** for their thoughtful reviews of the Preliminary Minutes.

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