

Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2023

Joe Watts called the meeting to order at Noon. This was a 63rd Anniversary Meeting with invited guests including wives. Joe reminded members that Bruce Johnson continues his recovery and should be in our thoughts and prayers.

Art Rosen offered the Words of Inspiration with his own Memorial Day Ode "Listing the Lost" to remember those fallen.

Dave Wood introduced his guest, Ned Strong, an Eastman resident. He is noted for his study of the Amazon and its origins.

Emerson Colby, our new member, was voted into the Squires unanimously by the membership.

After an enjoyable lunch, Dr. Mark Friedman introduced our speaker Steve Priest, the noted outdoorsman. Steve related his experiences on hiking the Appalachian Trail with the focus being the northernmost section in Maine. Steve related the expedition to hike the trail at perhaps its most treacherous section, the Knife's Edge. This 1.1 mile section looked extremely dangerous and spoke to the ability of Steve and his party. The filmed part of the lecture was breathtaking for its panoramic views of Northern Maine as well as the treacherous nature of their "hike" which took 18 hours! Those wishing to see more of Steve and his exploits can find him at "outdoorsteve.com".

After the lecture Joe Watts introduced the new candidates for officer's positions including:

Garry Keane for President
Art Scutro for Vice President
Richard Beffa for Treasurer
Tom Flynn for Secretary

The officers were voted in by the unanimous vote of the membership. After the vote, Garry thanked Joe for his three years of service as president and for carrying the Squires through the Covid period by acquiring and learning the Zoom operation. Garry also thanked Jon Bellis and Art Rosen for their contributions, respectively, as treasurer and secretary.

The next meeting of the Country Squires will be held on Thursday, June 8th. Our speaker will be Bobby Rubio discussing the history of the Abenaki Tribe in New England.

Submitted: Tom Flynn, Secretary