

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of July 8, 2010 Maple Tree, McFarland

ARC Vice President, Jim Miller, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

49 paid members and guests were present.

The meal was \$12.00

The raffle was not held

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harms way.

The minutes of the June Meeting were read by the secretary.

One error was noted and corrected (Guest's name George Mickelson, not George Mitchell. and minutes were approved.

Financial Report

The opening balance was \$1,772.11

We collected \$49 from the lunch proceeds

We collected \$2.00 from new member, George Mickelson

The closing balance is \$1,823.11.

Guests and New Members

New Member George Mickelson paid \$2.00 dues. Officially retired yesterday.

Frank and Miller Report (Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants)

No good news. Ed reported the Dow down 6.5%, NASDAC down 7.72%, S&P down 427%. SWIB = Core fund down 1.8% and Variable down 2.3%. The previous depressions were 16 & 17 years – this one is only 11 years old. Does that mean many more years to go? We need a 15% increase to avoid a reduction in dividend. Variable needs an 8% investment return for minimum dividend increase of 2%. Ron Poff pulled up the latest from Wall Street for Ed and the Dow was up 1.2%!

Note: Two-thirds of your annuity check comes from investment return.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

The Annual picnic, August 4th at Lakeview Park, corner of Allen and Mendota Avenue is still new business. Linda Meyer is asking for donations at the picnic for 2nd Harvest. Cash is better than food items.

Death and Illness

Louise Keener. There will be a memorial on July 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the chapel at Roselawn Cemetary (Broadway – west of Hwy 51).

Harry Strobe. There will be a memorial July 31 at Hawk's Landing Club House, 88 Hawk's Landing, County M and TownLine Roads. The program will start at 4:30 pm.

Bill Creed, retired deer biologist, Rhinelander. Died on Friday, June 2nd. The Service will be on Thursday, July 15, two days after his 80th birthday. Call Pam Creed at 715-282-6438 or Keith McCaffery at 715-362-3566 to know the final plans (or Ed Frank).

Jon Warren had a total hip replacement on 1st of June, and is the poster child for recovery. He's mowing his lawn and berry-picking.

Jim Amundson had a knee replacement 2nd of July.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Stan Schneider had his 61st birthday and 37th wedding anniversary!
Dave Croft will be 70 years old on July 12.

Guest Speaker

none

Trips

Jon Warren and his wife did an 11-day driving tour of Germany and Austria. Jon said the highlight was the 8 hour Oberammergau Passion Play

Jerry Rodenberg went west on a camping trip, visiting the Black Hills and Custer State Game Park, viewing multitudes of big game animals, deer, sheep, elk and bison.

Jokes

Kevin Kessler gave us a wild west joke, in which the meaning of the chief's wife's name of 5 horses was made clear. It meant nag, nag, nag, nag, nag.

Another joke was about a woman learning that 'bullshit' was 'fantastic'.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

The next meeting is the picnic at Lakeview Park on August 4.

Minutes recorded by Doris Rusch