

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of November 3, 2010 Maple Tree, McFarland

ARC President, Chuck Pils, called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.
46 paid members and guests were present.
The meal was \$12.00

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 October Meeting and the Financial Statement were read by the secretary and approved.

Financial Report

The opening balance was \$2,255.28

We collected \$46 from the lunch proceeds

We collected \$2 each from new members, Jon Hagman and Tom Aten

The closing balance is \$2,309.28.

Guests and New Members

Tom Aten and **Jon Hagman** attended their 2nd meetings and were voted in as new members. (Jon was actually attending his 2nd 2nd meeting)

Frank and Miller Report (Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants)

The QED decision has a major effect on market surge. This is a Treasury buy-back of \$100 million bonds every 5 months, amounting billions (or trillions) of \$\$ of buy-backs.

Ed reported that because of losses in private pensions, (i.e. 401Ks lost some \$6.6 trillion), the private sector feels a 'Pension Envy' of public pensions. (Seems public pensions are on the chopping block).

Old Business

New Business

- Christmas Party will be Dec 1 at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. Registration is \$18.00. Please send your reservation forms and checks to Doris before November 24 as we must provide a count by November 25. Also, we will be billed for the count we submit, therefore late registrations will be difficult to accommodate.
- Linda Meyer offered a slate of nominations for ARC Officials including John Hagman for Secretary-Treasurer, Doris Rusch for VP and James Miller for President. The slate was seconded and the ayes approved the slate.

- Dave Croft decided to retire after 10 years of serving ARC as the 'Finder'. Dave has performed all coordination and logistics for meetings, lunches, picnics and Holiday Parties. Dave received a resounding ovation for his years of service. ARC members decided it would take 3 people to perform Dave's job. Linda Meyer, John Hagman, the Secretary-Treasurer elect and Doris Rusch, the VP elect will try to fill Dave's shoes during the 2011 year.

Death and Illness

Bill Matson died at the age of 97 having been retired for 32 years.

Members welcomed Chuck Rieck to the meeting and lunch today with great enthusiasm after his prolonged illness. .

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dennis Konkol is now 80 years old. (but looks like 60).

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker, Elizabeth Kleisner, was a no-show, probably due to day-after-elections chaos.

Trips

Chuck Pils reported on his trip to NE Montana, (commented on the spectacular scenery...flat, flat, flat, fields, fields, fields) where he found some sharptails, but few pheasants. Recommended Iowa for pheasants.

Gerry Dorsheid attended the Conservation Engineers Conference in Chatenuga, then made a visit to the Cathedral Caverns in NE Alabama, which was spectacular.

Dave found waterfowl in ND, staying at Bowden, a haunt for many Wisconsinites.

Ron Poff had a fascinating trip to Glacier Park, face-to-face with mountain goats, sheep and other elusive mammals.

Roger Larson reported traveling with Chuck Pils to Norway; but catching only one Atlantic Mackerel (compared to Chuck's 12 Mackerel and 5 Pollacks.) But, that it was big and delicious.

Jokes

Chuck Rieck provided a special WW2 recipe for Black Bread (which had hitherto been a Top Secret in Berlin). Ingredients included sawdust, minced leaves and straw, glass and sand....

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

The next meeting is the Holiday Party and Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee on Dec 1, 2010

Minutes recorded by Doris Rusch