

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of October 6, 2010 New Glarus Hotel, New Glarus

ARC President, Chuck Pils, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
51 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 September Meeting and the Financial Statement were read by the secretary and approved.

Financial Report

The opening balance was \$2,255.28

We collected \$0 from the lunch proceeds

We collected \$2 each from new members, Joanne Christensen and Bill Houda

The closing balance is \$2,259.28.

Guests and New Members

Tom Aten and **Tim Fox** attended their 1st meetings.

Joanne Christensen, Madison Area Office Manager retired 1996, **Bill Houda**, retired Legislative Reporter, and **Jon Hagman** attended their 2nd meetings and were voted in as new members.

Frank and Miller Report (Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants)

End of August, core fund was up 3.6%, the variable was down 4.6%. Anybody's guess what will happen before the end of the year, but the core fund has to make an additional 10% to avoid a 'take-back'. Because 'take-back' can only be from dividends, new retirees without dividends will not be subject to a 'take-back'

Nationally, 16 states are in bad shape and making changes in their pension systems. 3 states are taking back benefits. The retirement age has been changed to 67 in one or more states.

Remember, October is "It's Your Choice" month. Review your health care plans.

Old Business

Several of our members have art work on display at the Beaver Dam Area Art Association's Center on the north side of Beaver Dam. The Center is open from 1-4PM Wednesday through Sunday. The show goes until October 26. No admission charge, but donations are accepted

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.
- Nov 3 Meeting at Maple Tree in McFarland we will have Elizabeth Kluesner as a guest speaker. Ms Kluesner will be talking about an effort to build a partnership between the DNR, the Madison Foundation for Public Schools and the Toki School.
- Election of Officers for ARC will be in November. Nominations for candidates were accepted at our October Meeting (thanks Jon Hagman), but you can still get your names on the ballots! Contact Chuck or Doris if you'd like to volunteer for duty!

Death and Illness

Ron Kubisiak passed away last month.

Betty Dye, retired from law enforcement many years ago, passed away a couple weeks ago.

Lew Meyers was diagnosed with cancer last week. .

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim Miller turned 74 today and is celebrating with his wife.

Jerry Dorsheid is 73

Jon Warren is celebrating his 46th anniversary

Ken Wiesner is celebrating his 40th anniversary

Trips

Chuck Pils made a trip to his ancestral land of Norway, fished in 100 ft of water in the North Sea with a hand line, catching 12 Atlantic salmon and 5 Pollock. The North Sea was like glass, as opposed to Floyd's Stautz's experience. Chuck also saw drill rigs up close and personal.

Ed and Deane Frank took a motor trip through Banff and Jasper and the southern unit of the Teddy Roosevelt National Grassland.

Ruth Anderson related an exciting experience her son and daughter-in-law had with grizzly's in Glacier National Park. The photos were awesome.

Joanne Christensen flew over the Arctic Circle, landing in a village on the north side of the circle. Amazingly it was not a sheet of ice!

Jokes

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm

The next meeting is the Maple Tree in MacFarland on November 3, 2010

Minutes recorded by Doris Rusch