

# **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

Meeting of January 4, 2012

At The Vintage Brewery, Madison WI.

ARC President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

60 paid members and 3 guests ate lunch and 1 left before eating for a total of 64 present.

The meal was \$ 11 - \$17.50 depending upon selection from a limited menu.

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

The minutes of November and December 2011 were reviewed and approved.

## **Financial Report:**

The opening balance was \$ 2,376.65 including interest earned on the savings account. Checks and reimbursements for Holiday Party door prizes (chocolates & baked goods) cleared for about \$100.

We collected \$ 1 extra total from the lunch proceeds and \$6 from three new members present for a second meeting and elected members.

Closing balance will be \$ 2,131.29 including \$ .20 interest earned and memorials paid out for Dick Knitter and Ken Beghin.

The funds collected were handed over to John Hagman and deposited in Summit Credit Union account.

## **Guests:**

Jim Baumann, Dan Fields and Kathy Curtner attended their first meeting as guests.

**Guests who were attending their second meeting and were voted in as new members.**

Randy Jurewicz , sponsored by Sheree Vande Brink, attended his third meeting and paid \$2 since no vote was taken at the Christmas party.

Barb Zellmer and Signe Holtz also attended their second meeting and paid their \$2 membership fee.

**“Frank & Miller” Report**

With no final year end numbers from ETF yet, Ed Frank estimated that there will be a “take back “ of about 4% on the core for those who have received dividends. The variable should remain approximately even. Social Security gave a 3.6% increase for the first time in many years

**Old Business:** Bob Schaefer had requested consideration of making Dave Stella, recently retired Secretary of ETF and chair of the ETF Board, an Honorary ARC member for his years of service to the ETF and retirees. It was approved by a substantial majority.

**New Business:**

No action was taken concerning making Retired DNR Women’s Group members ARC member. They will be notified that they would be welcome to join through the normal process.

It was agreed to continue to invite spouses of deceased members to the picnic and Holiday Party, unless they request to be removed from the invitation list.

Election of officer was to be in November but time ran out. Doris Rusch, is the president elect nominee, John Hagman candidate for Vice President and Sheree Vande Brink is candidate for Secretary / Treasurer.

All three nominations were approved unanimously

**Deaths and Illnesses.**

Dick Knitter has passed away.

Ken Beghin passed away.

Don Fensky, Bud Wandry and Ray Cairo also have passed away recently.

Ollie Williams fell in Arizona and broke a leg and injured his shoulder and is hospitalized.

**Birthdays and anniversaries.**

Ed Frank will be 79 in January and celebrate 58 years of marriage.

Gen Bancroft will be 81 in January

John and Brenda Hagman will celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary while gone in February.

**Trips.**

Rom Semmann, Bruce Braun , and John and Brenda Hagman will be on the Natural Resources Foundation trip to Chile in February 2012

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is at Pedro's West on February 1, 2012 .

**Meeting adjourned** at 1:45 pm.