

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of March 7th, 2012

At: The Coliseum Bar & Grill, Madison WI

Acting President for Doris Rusch, Jim Miller, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

43 paid members and guests were present.

The meal was \$14.00.

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 the previous month's meeting were read, and approved.

Financial Report:

The opening Savings balance was \$1171.73 and opening Checking was \$212.73.

We collected \$33.00 from the lunch proceeds.

We collected \$ 4.00 from 2 new members.

Closing balance is--Savings: \$971.73 & Checking: \$449.73.

Guests:

Mary Hamel attended her first meeting:

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

Kathy Curtner & Dan Fields each paid their \$2.00 lifetime dues. Kathy was voted in as new member. Dan will be at his next meeting

"Frank-n-Miller Report"

Everything was up 6% in January and February. But now there will be a 7% reduction if you are eligible to give back, which is the highest since 1986.

2012 should be last year for the reduction to be taken from the 2008 crash.

Annual meeting for COA will be May 14th @ American Family Insurance Headquarters.

Bob Schaefer reported that the Assembly passed Bill 318, which allows UW employees to opt out of WRS. It now goes to the Senate.

Old Business:

Jim Miller & Dave Ives are continuing the research on the PA System purchase possibilities.

New Business:

Doris Rusch needs suggestions on possible future guest speakers.
Projection screen needed. Looking into digital recorder for Secretary. FL ARC chapter met in Fort Myers.

Deaths and Illnesses:

Stan Kmiotek, who is a member of our group, and Roy Jacobson, who wasn't a member both passed away.

Birthdays and anniversaries:

Stanley Solheim turns 73 on March 17th and Al Prey turned 77 on March 11th.

Trips:

Kermit Traska visited the Folsom Fish Hatchery in CA during the salmon run and also the site of a 10,000 acre fire in a national park in Tucson AZ.

Jokes: Tom Thoresen had one joke he could repeat from Dave Gjestson.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. **Acting President announced next meeting will be at the Imperial Gardens in Middleton on April 4, 2012.**