

# **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

**Meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**At: Erin's Snug Irish Pub in Madison, WI**

**ARC President Doris Rusch called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.**

**41 paid members were present.**

**The meal was \$11.00 to \$15.00.**

**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 balance for Savings was: \$1698.36 & for Checking was: \$19.96.**

**We paid \$54.00 for stamps.**

**We gave the Natural Resources Foundation \$225.00 in memorial for 3 members.**

**We collected \$31.00 from the lunch proceeds.**

**Dividend for October was \$.14.**

**We collected \$918.00 for Christmas Party meals.**

**Closing balance for Savings is \$1470.46 & for Checking is \$918.00.**

## **"Frank-n-Miller Report" :**

**Ed Frank reports that October was likely not good. There was no report available, but Wall Street did not like the election outcome. But as usual, it's not over until 12/31/2012. SWIB will more likely be down, but should go up in December. Bob Schaefer stated that it should be the 5<sup>th</sup> and last year of take back if we hit 7.2%.**

## **Old Business:**

**Jim Palmer would like big letters printed on nametags, so he can read who's who from our web pictures. John & Sheree are still looking for donations for the raffle for Second Harvest fund raiser. If you have no items to donate, there will be a box for cash and checks at the Christmas Party. Linda Meyer reported on restaurant list for 2013. Check website for details.**

**New Business:**

**Barb Wolf was nominated and elected for new Secretary/Treasurer for 2013.**

**Deaths and Illnesses:**

**Bob Heding, Don Soderberg, Mike Bailey, Jonathan Ela (Natl Resource Board), Tom Wirth, Frank Hrovat and Lyle Christenson all passed away this month.**

**Birthdays and anniversaries:**

**George Brader turned 85 and Linda Meyer turned 65. Barb Wolf also had a birthday. Milt Reinke turned 90 and finished a book on WWII history.**

**Awards:**

**Gordon Landphier, Chief Forest Ranger: Inducted into Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame.**

**Thomas Roberts, Chief Forest Ranger: Tom Roberts Memorial Nature Trail, Crystal Lake Campground, Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.**

**James R Miller, Forest Fire Prevention and Forestry Law Enforcement Staff Specialist/State Locomotive Inspector: Golden Smokey from the National Association of State Foresters, USDA Forest Service and the Ad Council for work in railroad fire prevention and training. Northeast Forest Fire Supervisor's Eugene F. Mac Namara Fire Prevention Award for work in Railroad Fire Prevention and Training.**

**Trips:**

**Jerry Dorscheid, Domick Mangardi, Ron O'Keefe and John Hagman went to IN Association Conservation Engineers Conference.**

**Jokes:**

**None.**

**Meeting adjourned: at 1:25 pm.**