

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of May 1, 2013 held at New Glarus Hotel, New Glarus

ARC President John Hagman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 47 members and guests in attendance. Members were charged \$14.00 for a plated meal which included salad, weinerschnitzel, rosti, spatzlie, Swiss green beans, rolls, coffee, tea, milk and ice cream.

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harm's way. Especially remembered was Dave Croft who passed away April 10 and had been very involved with ARC.

The minutes of the April meeting were read, and approved.

Financial Report:

The opening balance for Savings is \$222.87 and Checking is \$676.12.

Dividend on Savings account for May was \$.02.

DEPOSITS: Cost of the meals, tax and gratuities at the New Glarus Hotel was \$621.00 (note: \$621 is the cost of 46 meals. One member who wanted to use a credit card paid the restaurant directly.) An additional \$69.00 was collected and deposited. Reservations for the August picnic are coming in, \$60.00 deposited.

EXPENDITURES: A donation was made to the Natural Resources Foundation in memory of William Johnson, \$75.00.

Closing balance for Savings is \$222.89 and Checking is \$730.12.

Guests:

John and Kate Grossman from Woodruff.

New Members:

None.

"Frank-n-Miller Report":

Jim Miller reminded everyone that Monday May 13 is the annual Coalition of Annuitants meeting. It is a good chance to find out what the system is all about. The talks are very informative. Bob Schaefer said that Bill Cox will be speaking about state insurance integrating with the affordable health care act. Registration for the meeting is at the COA website. The website has links to other websites you can check out, too, worth visiting.

Miller reports that ETF letters were sent recently notifying annuitants of their adjustments. This is supposed to be the last year of down-averaging. SWIB doesn't have figures for March or April, yet.

Seventy years ago this month, a retirement system for State of Wisconsin employees became law. Miller talked about remembering the efforts of Ingeborg Halverson Sidwell, who was then working as a "scrub woman" in the capitol building though she was in her late 70's. She personally asked Governor Walter Goodland to reconsider his veto of a pension bill; he did and urged the legislature to override his veto. She is credited with influencing the passage of the bill that created the pension system we have today. (Ingeborg was able to retire on a pension of \$14.70/month, she died at age 84.) Read more in a posting by Dean Tvedt at <http://www.wisarc.org/sidwell.html>.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Picnic announcements are available. A sign up will be on the ARC website in early June, hard copies of the announcement will be mailed to those without Internet access.

Deaths and Illnesses:

Bill Johnson is at Waunakee Manor. ARC member and DNR employee of 40 years, David Croft passed away April 10. Ken Corbett, DNR pilot in the Oshkosh area for 35 years, passed away April 18. DNR employee Jeff Brauer's wife passed away.

Birthdays and anniversaries:

Happy birthday to members celebrating birthdays this month: Don Behgin turns 86, Rudy Nigl will be 80, Gary Karl is 76, Dennis Schenborn celebrated his 61st birthday by running a 6.7 minute mile. Jerry and Margaret Dorscheid are married 54 years this month. Congrats to all!

Trips:

Marcia Penner traveled to Florida.

Jokes:

Kermit Traska shared an Ole and Lena story.

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 pm.