

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS
Meeting of September 4, 2013 held at Erin's Snug Irish Pub, Madison

ARC President Sheree Vande Brink called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

28 people were in attendance. The meal was a choice of Angus burger, chicken salad, corned beef sandwich or salmon burger. Meal cost varied by selection.

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 July meeting were read, corrected and approved. There were no minutes for August 2013 (picnic gathering August 7 did not include a business meeting.)

Financial Report:

The opening balance for Savings is \$222.95 and Checking is \$1,496.95.

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

Paid to Erin's for 28 meals, including tax and gratuity was \$282.47.

Activity on Checking account:

DEPOSITS: Contribution to the ARC Treasury from lunch at Erin's was \$30.53. Middleton Parks returned the \$50.00 deposit for shelter rental. Dues from new member - \$2.00

EXPENDITURES: Paid to Dominick Mangardi (he made the reservation for shelter rental at Lakeview Park for 7-9-2014) - \$140.00. Refund to one person who canceled their picnic reservation prior to August 1 - \$15.00

Closing balance for Savings is \$222.97 and Checking is \$1,424.48.

New Members:

Karl Hansen attended his second meeting and was voted in as a new member.

"Frank-n-Miller Report":

Jim Miller reports that the DOW is up 110 pts today. SWIB strategic planning is underway, a consultant met with COA. As of July 31, Core is up 6.5% and Variable 16%.

Old Business:

Barb Wolf gave a report on the picnic. 90 attended, about a third of people used the electronic PayPal method to make reservations. Collected \$134.35 for Second Harvest (\$109.35 cash and \$25.00 checks.) Everyone pleased with Angelo's Catering, they have been booked for next year.

New Business:

Sheree mentioned Lloyd Eagan's retirement party is September 21. Flyer available. Barb Wolf said that the Ironman event is still looking for volunteers to staff bike and running route Sunday, September 8. It's held in Madison and western Dane County. See the Ironman website if interested.

Sheree is looking for suggestions on increasing meeting attendance. Next month, we will have a speaker from NRF. She encouraged everyone to bring another retiree along.

Correspondence was received from Vera Cunningham thanking ARC for remembering Gordon with a gift to the Natural Resources Foundation. Second Harvest thanked us for the donation and said that our gift will provide over 300 meals.

Deaths and Illnesses:

Alex Katovich of Wautoma passed away, he was a forester for 36 years with DNR. ARC member Milt Reinke passed away July 29, he was chief forester for DNR when he retired in 1986. Gordon Slifer who was the regional fisheries supervisor in Eau Claire passed away July 25 in Tucson; Don Knoke and Herb Schneider passed away, they were both conservation wardens. Family of our members who passed were Harley Lichtenwalner's wife Rosemary, Dave Gjesten's mother, and Judy Reuter's young grandson died after an accident at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Dennis Kulhanek has moved to a nursing home.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Roy Lemke is 70, Doug Fendry is 56 this month.

Trips:

Doug Fendry recently traveled to Scotland with his family hoping for glimpse of "Nessie." He talked about the exclusivity and high cost of hunting and fishing there. To get onto a private estate can cost a person \$3,000, there is very little public access.

Mike Spors took the really long way to Salt Lake City, toured the southwest US and drove 5,600 miles!

At time of the meeting, Rick Wojciak is biking in Poland. Jim Miller mentioned that you can follow his travels at <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/2013Poland>. Very interesting and fun to read the documentation of the trip, he has some beautiful photos posted and lots of information about history, people and the food.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.