

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of July 1, 2015 held at Babe's, 5614 Schroeder Road, Madison

ARC President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

38 people were in attendance. The choices offered and cost (with the number ordered) were: cheese burger with bacon and fries, \$15.00 (8); cod sandwich with cole slaw \$15.00 (16); grilled chicken breast sandwich with fries \$14.00 (6); Cobb Salad w/chicken \$16.00 (7) and soup (1).

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 June minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report for July and August

Paid \$473.14 to Babe's for meals, tax, gratuity (from cash collected.)
Opening balance on July 1 for Savings is \$223.37 and Checking is \$329.82.
Dividend on Savings account \$.04.

Activity on Checking account:

DEPOSITS: \$92.00 proceeds from July lunch, \$5.00 new member dues, \$8.00 donations for memorials. Total picnic payments received were \$1,653.50 (includes individuals who paid cash and check at meeting, checks mailed in, and total from PayPal account)
EXPENDITURES: \$1,150 to Angelo's for catering at picnic, \$29.16 to Laurel Steffes - reimbursement for beverages at picnic. A donation of \$17.00 was sent to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Balance on September 1 for Savings is \$223.41 and Checking is \$807.17.

Guests/New Members

Bob Manwell attended his first meeting and was introduced by Laurel Steffes. Bob retired in May 2015 after 21 years of state service. He started as an intern in Recycling Education then spent his career in the field of communications and education with various DNR programs - Drinking Water, Fisheries, Land and Forestry Division. At the time of his retirement, Bob was the Public Affairs Manager for the Office of Communication, Fitchburg.

Mike Staggs attended his second meeting and was voted in as a new member. Mike retired January 2, 2015 after working for DNR for 33 years. He was hired as a fish and wildlife statistician, later he was a systems ecologist, then chief of the Fish Research Section in the Bureau of Research. For the last 17 years, until his retirement, Mike was Director of the Bureau of Fisheries Management. Welcome to ARC!

"Frank-n-Miller Report"

At the end of May, Core is up 3.8% and Variable 4.7%. Ed Frank said that international events have really affected the market, and the year-to-date DOW is down 1%.

Health insurance changes are coming. Retirees will pay more, mostly due to co-pays if you use services. You must select a dental plan in October during the "It's Your Choice" period. Pay attention when you receive the information!! The ETF website has all the changes for 2016. See page for retirees.

Budget has a provision to weaken the Insurance Board power. COA not sure how much we can influence legislator's decisions.

New Business

Online registration is open for the annual picnic on August 5.

Deaths and Illnesses

The memorial service and celebration of Bob Deer's life will be celebrated July 11 on the Deer Family property on the Menominee Reservation. Bob passed away November 27, 2014.

Jim and Jan Miller were on a cruise and both came down with pneumonia when they got home. Ed Frank is recovering from a torn calf muscle.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dean Tvedt turns 91!

Bruce and Patti Chevis celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary this month. They are going on an extended trip to Europe in the fall.

Trips

Bob Manwell is off to New Zealand later this month.

Dennis Schenborn was in Spain for 3 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.