

Association of Retired Conservationists
Minutes of October 4, 2017
New Glarus Hotel Restaurant

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by President Laurel Steffes. Forty-nine members were in attendance. Minutes are provided by acting secretary Bruce Chevis for this meeting.

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harms way. A special mention was given for the people who lost their lives in Las Vegas in the recent shootings.

The minutes of the September 6th meeting were read and approved as presented.

Financial Report: In absence of our Treasurer, the financial report from last meeting was reviewed to give those in attendance a financial approximation: Savings balance is \$223.91 and the checking balance is \$972.22 with an additional \$42 to be deposited from a reimbursement from Vintage Restaurant for an over-charge at the August 2nd meeting. Linda Netzer was again thanked for following up to secure the \$42.

Guests and New Members: Mike Foy (Wildlife Mgmt in Southern and Northeast regions) and Jack Sullivan (Water Quality and Science Services in Central Office as well as years at UW) were welcomed to their first meeting. Tom Thrahl and Randy Wade attended their second meeting and were unanimously voted into the organization and willingly paid their \$5 lifetime dues.

The Frank & Miller Report was presented by Jim Miller. Overall the trends are good so far.

* Regarding the health care insurance market: Every county will have at least one provider, but some of us will have to change companies. Jim advised paying attention to the Medicare and "Its Your Choice" literature you receive in the mail. The ETF website and phone number on the back of the brochures you received have good information on health care options.

* ETF pension: the Core Fund and the Veritable Fund were both up in the latest reports and today's market was up across the board. There should be a slight increase in our pensions next May.

Legislative Report: The Governor appointed Dan Meyer as new DNR Secretary.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Sign up for the annual Holiday Party will begin at the next meeting.

Deaths:

* Barb Wolf's mother passed

* John Conrad – was in water resources research

- * Janis DeBrock (Mike DeBrock's wife) – was in the Green Bay Regional office
- * Jerry Speth – was in Fisheries at Southern Region

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- * Jim Miller – 81
- * Jerry Dorschid – 80
- * Paul Didier – 81
- * Kermit and Beth Traska have been married 43 years

Trips:

- * Chuck Pils spent two weeks in Ice Land and reports that it is a beautiful country. They do not use oil or gas to generate their electrical needs but rather rely on geothermal and wind. Everything is expensive in Ice Land but definitely worth a trip.

Jokes:

Jim Miller provided a good one for the group.

Reminder: Next meeting is at Imperial Gardens where our speaker will be Chris Preisler of SWIB.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.