

## THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of February 7, 2018 held at Babe's, 5614 Schroeder Rd., Madison

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

38 people were in attendance. 4 menu items were offered: fish sandwich \$14 (18 ordered); burger \$14 (6 ordered); Rubeen sandwich \$15 (4 ordered); raspberry chicken salad \$15 (10 ordered).

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 January minutes were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Financial Report

Will be compiled separately by Treasurer.

### Guests and New Members

Larry Landsness, Don Faith and Steve Holaday were all attending their second meeting and were unanimously approved for membership. Welcome, everyone!

Joe Brehm attended his first meeting and was introduced by Don Faith. Joe worked as a DNR air engineer for almost 40 years. He and his wife have enjoyed a lot of travel since he retired about a year and a half ago.

### "Frank-n-Miller Report"

Ed Frank gave the report. January saw huge fluctuations, good thing it's early in the year. ETF is predicting increases for both Core and Variable. Core likely 2.2-2.6% Variable as much as 16-20%. Should have final figures in early March.

### Old Business

Election of Officers - President Steffes entertained nominations for Vice President and Secretary positions. Laurel briefly described the duties and thanked Steve Holaday for taking on Treasurer responsibilities last month. Dan Fields was nominated and accepted the VP position. Diane Brinson will share Secretary duties with Barb Wolf.

### New Business

DNR Summit in Eau Claire. Laurel will post additional information on the website.

Derek Johnson, a member of the Boston Globe editorial board, is writing a piece on DNR's Science Services.

### Deaths and Illnesses

Clayton Stautz of Kewaskum, who worked as a carpenter for Wisconsin State Parks for 38 years, passed away January 20.

ARC member Dean Runyan passed away January 29. Dean was a mechanic at the Southern District/South Central Region Office for many years.

Walter Gyllander who was the Area Forestry Supervisor in Brule, passed away January 29.

Joe Corbin's widow passed away.

Trips

Laurel and Dick Steffes visited Bangkok and Cambodia. For one excursion, Dick went on a fishing trip in the waters where they catch "river monsters."

Sheree and Tom VandeBrink toured the western states by car, putting 6,000 miles on their odometer. And yes, Sheree said they are still speaking to each other!

Birthdays

Bill Horns turns 70.

Jokes

Sheree VandeBrink, Ron Poff and Tom Thoresen shared jokes. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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