

# **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

Meeting of July 10, 2013 held at the Maple Tree, McFarland

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

42 people were in attendance. The meal was chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans, and cole slaw, all served family style. Coffee, tea and milk was provided, sherbet served for dessert. Meal cost, including tax, tip and contribution to the ARC Treasury was \$13.00.

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 June meeting were read, and approved.

## Financial Report:

The opening balance for Savings is \$222.91 and Checking is \$1,020.83.

Activity on Savings account, dividend for July and August - \$.04.

## Activity on Checking account:

DEPOSITS: Cost of the meals, tax and gratuities at Maple Tree was \$504.00. An additional \$36.00 was collected and deposited. Other deposits: dues from new member - \$2.00; cash donations to Second Harvest collected at meeting and picnic - \$109.35, reservations for the August picnic - \$1,587.60.

EXPENDITURES: donations made to Natural Resources Foundation in memory of ARC members Gordon Cunningham, Milt Reinke - \$150.00; 100 copies of the directory update - \$2.60; name tags for picnic - \$11.49; plastic tablecloths for picnic tables - \$13.23; beverages for picnic - \$72.16; check for the Second Harvest donations made by ARC members - \$109.35; Angelo's Catering - \$1,050.00.

Closing balance on 9/3/2013 for Savings is \$222.95 and Checking is \$1,346.95.

## New Members:

Greg Delwiche attended his second meeting and was voted in as a new member.

## "Frank-n-Miller Report":

Jim Miller said the June preliminary for Core is 3.4% and Variable 10.2%. All signs point toward a positive year. An online report detailing the ups and downs in the funds over many years can be found on the COA website. Jim mentioned that attendance is down at many of the retiree group meetings.

Northwestern group only meets twice a year, Western Region once a year. The North Central (Rhinelander) group meets monthly and the Lake Michigan folks (Green Bay) four times a year.

## Old Business:

John Hagman sent a letter to legislators regarding the high capacity well provision in the budget bill as discussed at the June meeting.

John reminded everyone the picnic sign up deadline is July 15. At the picnic, we will collect money for Second Harvest. They appreciate getting monetary donations rather than food items as they have more buying power that way, but food donations are also welcome.

New Business

Bruce Chevis has stepped up to assist Linda Netzer with meeting venue and menu coordination, replacing Linda Meyer. Thanks to Bruce for volunteering!

Jim Miller reports that ARC member Milt Reinke is researching and writing a book about the air war in Europe during World War II. He retired as the chief forester for DNR. Jim said that Milt has amassed an incredible volume of records for the book. Feel free to contact him at Oakwood Village west.

Deaths and Illnesses

Deaths - Gordon Cunningham, ARC member and Professor Emeritus of Forestry. Richard O. Viegut of Rhinelander, heavy equipment operator for DNR fire control. Doris Hoppe who was assistant to Department Secretaries going back to Les Voigt. Ed Nelson, conservation warden in Minong. Janice Brunzell passed away in May; she was a 30 year employee of the DNR working in the aids program.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Stan Schnieder turned 64 and celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Gary Karl celebrated his 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Trips

Mike and Carol Lutz took a cruise offered by the UW Alumni Association. They traveled from Portugal to Spain and France, partaking in wine tastings along the way.

Dick Lindberg was a guest of his son on a fishing trip to an Ontario outpost. They had to rearrange their original plans at the last minute, but it turned out well.

Jokes

Ron Poff had a joke, and Rick Kalvelage told us about his observations at the pig wresting competition at the Stoughton Fair. Make sure to ask him about it.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.