

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of June 1, 2022 held at Great Dane Pub and Brewing - East

ARC Secretary Diane Brinson called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

20 people were in attendance (19 members and our guest speaker.) The cost of the meal was \$18.00 for a choice of Cuban sandwich (2 ordered), burger (4), Chicken salad (3) or fish fry (11). The cost included tax, gratuity and a contribution to ARC's treasury.

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harm's way.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Dick Steffes reported a balance in our Savings account of \$175 and Checking \$650.

New Members:

None

"Frank-n-Miller Report:"

No updates at this time.

Old Business:

Picnic is July 13, Lakeview Park in Middleton. Waiting for response from caterer to determine cost that will be charged to attendees. Rick will send out the invitation to sign up online and pay by credit card or send check.

New Business:

First weekend in June is free fishing and park entry for all DNR properties.

Legislative update:

No report

Deaths and Illnesses:

Joyce Weizenicker (wife of Parks Director Dave Weizenicker) passed away January 18.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The Dorsheids celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Trips:

Bruce Chevis said that their family trip to Ireland in May was great. Wonderful people and sightseeing.

Roy Lembcke ended the meeting with a joke.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

After lunch, Chuck Pils introduced our speaker Richard Thiel. Dick Theil gave a presentation on Wallace Byron Grange and Grange's memoir edited by Dick "As the Twig is Bent." Dick said that he believes Grange was as impactful on the early days of the Conservation Department as the more well known conservation leader Aldo Leopold. Grange spent his youth on a cut-over farm carved from the stump-lands of northern Rusk County from 1910-1920. Grange was largely a self taught naturalist who was appointed director of the predecessor to the Bureau of Wildlife Management when he was still in his 20's. He opened the state's first game farm in Door County and later ran Sandhill Game Farm with his wife shipping animals around the country. He sold the property to the state in 1962, which has hereafter been known as Sandhill Wildlife Area.

"As the Twig is Bent" is a great read, available on Amazon.