

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of September 7, 2022 held at Chalet Landhaus, New Glarus

ARC President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm.

29 people were in attendance. The cost of the meal was \$20.00 for plated weinerschnitzel and green beans, rosti and spatzlie served family style, along with house salad, rolls, beverages and ice cream sundae. The cost included tax, gratuity and a \$1 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 for Savings of \$189 and Checking \$386.

Recent Expenses:

Several checks were written for the \$75 donation ARC makes to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin in memory of deceased members.

New Members:

Members attending their second (or maybe third or fourth!) meeting were Ruth Klassy, Mary Zickermann and David Woodbury. All were unanimously voted in. Welcome to ARC!

"Frank-n-Miller Report:"

Bob Schaefer said that the latest report available in July shows -9% for Core and -14% for Variable. He said those numbers are low, but should be no problem in terms of annuity payments until they are down to -18% because of the "smoothing" effect, or 5 year averaging.

Ed Frank has been following the markets and said it is highly unpredictable lately. Not unusual for averages to vary from day to day, but right now seeing highs and lows within the same day.

Old Business:

Dick Steffes talked about Snapshot Wisconsin, the trail cams set up around the state to monitor wildlife. Go to the website if you are interested in the data collected from the 2,000 citizen monitored cameras (species, time of day activity, presence in counties) or want to browse the unidentified images to add input. Go to - dnr.wisconsin.gov and search "snapshot" or zooniverse.org

New Business:

Laurel is always looking to schedule speakers for the ARC meetings. Have you got 500 photos from your last trip you're itching to share or do you know someone who would put on an interesting presentation? (Some past presentations have included a meteorologist who talked about Climate Change, insurance providers to unravel healthcare options, and book authors).

Upcoming events: September 13 Greenfire - PFAS discussion and social in Madison, go to wgreenfire.org for details.

September 21 DNR - The DNR will host the third of several educational hunting webinars, this one is about **Where We Can Hunt**. Access by going the DNR website **Newsroom**

Check the NEWS NOW and What's New sections of the ARC website for posting about legislative issues, obituaries, DNR press releases, stories of interest.

Next meeting locations: October at Great Dane Fitchburg, November at Imperial Garden, December at Rex's Innkeeper for the Holiday party

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays this month – Roy Lembcke, Ruth Klassy

Wedding anniversaries this month - Jon and Beverly Warren, Dick and Laurel Steffes. Congrats!

Trips:

Dan Fields is heading to the regional competition for the National Senior Olympics in ping pong. Best of luck Dan, to move on to the Nationals in Pittsburgh!

Bruce Chevis will be going on a bike-and-barge trip in the south of France. And as long as they're in the neighborhood, they are also visiting Egypt and Jordan.

Mary Zickermann is making her way to Durango, Colorado later this month.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.