

## **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

Meeting of February 1, 2023 held at Vintage Brewery, Whitney Way, Madison

ARC President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm.

38 people were in attendance. The cost of the meal was \$20.00 for one of 4 choices – chicken Caesar salad, cheeseburger and fries, fish sandwich and fries or a chicken salad wrap.

A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harm's way and essential workers who are still dealing with Covid response.

### Financial Report:

The treasurer report was given by Laurel: Savings \$110.92, Checking \$159.57, Petty cash \$100.

### 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:

Mark Martin was attending his second meeting and was unanimously voted in. Welcome to ARC!

Potential members attending their first meeting were Susan Foote-Martin, Steve Ugoretz and Jeff Schrimpf

### "Frank-n-Miller Report:"

Bob Schaefer said that the latest report available shows -12% for Core and -17% for Variable.

Bob is currently vice chair of the Coalition of Annuity. He reminded everyone that the COA annual members meeting will be this year on May 11 and May 18. You can attend virtually and have the opportunity to submit questions. The ETF Secretary will be speaking. See ARC or Coalition of Annuity websites for further information about times, speakers and how to register to attend.

### Old Business:

Elections – the current Board has indicated that they would continue if there are no other nominations. Elected to another term by voice vote were Laurel Steffes, President; Dan Fields, Vice President; Treasurer, Dick Steffes; Secretary, Barb Wolf and Diane Brinson; Meeting Coordinator, Linda Netzer.

### New Business:

Upcoming events: DNR seeking input on Wolf Management Plan, comments due February 28. See DNR website for info (NEWS tab.) River Alliance of Wisconsin is sponsoring a Wild and Scenic Film Festival March 2 at the Barrymore Theater.

Dennis Schenborn gave a short presentation about his recently published, and positively reviewed, book *Heroes All: Race to the Pole*. The book details the story based on his extensive research into the race to the South Pole by Amundsen and Scott. Dennis will be giving presentations at several area libraries.

As always, keep up to date by checking the NEWS NOW and What's New sections of the ARC website for posting about legislative issues, obituaries, DNR press releases, stories of interest.

### Deaths:

Bonnie Zitske, retired Fisheries staff  
Audrey Kunstman, retired HR Bureau  
Rose Smith, retired librarian for Research  
Betty Duff, recent presenter at one of the ARC meetings, worked with Rachel Carson

Trips:

Dan Fields is making a trip to Egypt.

Rick Wojciak and Mary Jean Huston are going to visit Israel.

Laurel and Dick Steffes are heading to Cancun.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Next meeting locations: March 1 at Kavanaugh's Esquire Club on the east side of Madison.