PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY MEN’S CLUB

Meeting Minutes - Aug 3, 2017 9:00 A.M.

Opening: Called to order at 9:00 am with 24 members and guests

 Opening song Jay Kettler “My Country Tis of Thee”

 Pledge of Allegiance Les Fissette

 Prayer Les Fissette

Introduction of newcomers and guests: President – Les Fissette

Program – Bonnie & Clarence "Tuffy" Cross- The Besser Museum- the Great Lakes Fishing Heritage.

 Restoration of the Katherine V - Built in 1928 in Rogers City – Fishing boat until 1978

 Pulled out of water on to beach until 2002

 Moran Ironworks crane lifted her off of her gravel bed and trucked to Alpena Besser Museum

 Rested from 2001 – 2014 at Besser under cover, but still deteriorating

 Restoration began in 2014 – Nothing at all was left of the stern

 All interior white oak was rotted and crumbling

 Had to make new stern, patterns and ribs and rails

 After rails and floor, work began on the hull.

 All rotten wood was replaced with new lumber

 Painting continued even on Halloween 2014 – between the snowflakes during flurries

Work continued on interior and pilot house through the fall, work resumed in spring 2015

57’ long, 14’ wide

After restoration was finished, a “dock” was built to allow visitors to the museum to view.

Interior of display building became a fish market, restaurant, etc. facades

About $6000 was raised from fundraisers for reconstruction expenses

John Vogelheim added comments about the significance of the Katherine V project

50/50 Drawing Run by Jim Gregus; Won by Morley Kellogg $23, donated back to club

Break at 9:42

Business Reports and Meeting Set-up

 Minutes- July, 2017 Secretary-Jay Kettler

 Moved to approve as distributed D Fay/B Long PASSED

 Financial Report Treasurer-Bill Fay

 Moved to approve as presented B Long/B Hellmuth PASSED

 Set-Up for Aug, 2017 Bob Long and Tim Lutes

 Set-up for Sept, 2017 Larry Fields and Jim Gregus

 October meeting will be at the Portage Restaurant

Committee Reports

Project Evaluation Committee-Morley Kellogg-Chairman - nothing to report

Health and Family Committee-Bob Beres –Chairman

 Paul Melcheck died last weekend

 Scholarship Committee- Tim Lutes

 Audit Committee will be meeting this month to conduct the yearly audit

Old Business

 Road Cleanup Report-Tony Velat

 10 Members showed up to do the July clean-up

 Tuesday September 26 will be the final pick up

 Certificate was received from the state for the year 2016

 Tony is no longer doing a sign-up sheet since members are now informed by e-mail

 Hydrant is no longer available for watering flower beds at 638 & East Grand Lake Road

 Water company will not run a 150’ line to install a tap there.

 No way for us to get a water supply to the flower beds

 Men’s club has supported the purchase of flowers for many years, but the burden of

hauling water to them through the summer is significant

 Several “outside the box” ideas were offered as possible solutions

Two than you notes – From Boy Scouts for helping 10 boys from Alpena to attend the National Jambouree; Habitat for Humanity for the contribution to their program

New Business

 John Goode has moved back down south, someone is needed to help arrange programs, especially in the winter. Contact Les Fissette to offer your assistance

 Attracting new members was brought up. Club was founded by 35 members and enjoyed a membership list of double that. Our current membership averages around 25 members at each meeting. Many new men have moved into the community, but few have joined the group. Our core membership has lost several to moving away or passing away. Younger men have limited volunteer time, and do not seem to be interested in what we do. Have times changed and does the men’s club no longer have a viable purpose.

2018 Directory – September meeting will be set up for the next directory – no speaker that month.

Announcements

Adjourned Meeting at 10:24