PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY MEN’S CLUB

Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2017

Opening: Call to order at 9:00 with 20 members and guests present

 Opening song Jay Kettler “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

 Pledge of Allegiance Les Fissette

 Prayer Jay Kettler

Introduction of newcomers and guests: Scott McLennan, Dr. David Dargis, Dana Howard

Program – Scott McLennan, Rogers City councilman

 Scott grew up in Rogers City, population was 5000 in 1970, today is 2900

 There was a hospital then, and most industrial plants employed many more workers.

 Even though times have changed, there are many positive things happening in RC today:

 Sustainable harbors project is ongoing

 Communities on this side of the state are working hard to attract more visitors

 RC is working on drawing travelers downtown, rather than bypassing on US23

 Rygelski’s will open a deli downtown

 There is a new “Save-A-Lot” downtown

 “Sugar Coated” will be in the old gas station at Erie & Third Street (donuts & cupcakes)

 “Painted Lady” is a great gift & craft shop downtown

 “Mr. Mustache” toy store will be open from March thru December

 The old DHS office is being repurposed as an adult foster care facility

 Presque Isle Museum and Annex, and Maritime Museum are attractions downtown

 An art gallery, the Rogers Theatre are also attractions

 The harbor Fresnel range light is being restored and will be placed at 3rd & Erie Streets

 Carmuse is investing millions of dollars in updating infrastructure at the quarry

 Moran Iron Works continues to expand both in Rogers City and Onaway

 The Grambeau Center (Old High School) may be repurposed into high end retirement apartments for folks who want to spend summers in RC, and winters in warmer climates. A developer and investors are needed to move this forward

 TEAM ROGERS CITY is meeting to coordinate all major groups in the community to communicate and get them all on the same page

 Suggestions for the harbor include 1) Green space, picnic tables, relax space for boaters, 2) visitors center, 3) tiki bar, 4) walkway for Avenue Of Flags, 5) Hidden Harbor condos next to the marina, 5) Hidden Harbor kayak and paddleboard launch site, 6) move basketball & other rec areas around for easier access, 7) $120,000 Sling lift trailer for boats – grants are pending, 8) boat storage area two blocks away from harbor

 Club members suggested that RC consider additional snowmobile trails, looking at other old high school building projects in other communities, and having more pet-friendly areas in the RC parks

Dennis Fauver of the Grand Lake Sportsman’s Club addressed the PICMC to thank us for our donation to the Cormorant Control program on Grand Lake. A Federal Court ruling has suspended all control measures until such time as a new assessment of harm is submitted to the court by the state of Michigan. When or how that might occur is not known. Therefore the funds we have donated to GLSC have not been spent, and Dennis asked if we would like that money returned to us. Tim Lutes/Morley Kellogg made a motion for GLSC to keep the donation and use it as they see fit, either holding it until cormorant control can be resumed, or use it for any other worthwhile purpose. PASSED unanimously.

Dr. David Dargis and Scoutmaster Dana Howard of the Alpena Boy Scouts addressed the PICMC to thank us for our generous donation to their fundraising campaign to allow scouts to attend the National Jamboree this year. The funds will be used to help 6 scouts to attend the Jamboree. Cost for each boy is$1400, with each scout responsible for half. For some of the boys, this will be the first trip out of Michigan for them. An additional 10 boys will be going to summer camp this year at a cost of $390 per camper, so many young men will benefit from our donation. Dr. Dargis and Scoutmaster Howard also spoke about the ideals, skills and talents that boys get from scouting, and the good they do in our communities.

50/50 Drawing Run by Bob Beres; Won by Harry McCown - $14.00; donated back to the club. Thank you Harry.

Break at 9:50

Business Reports and Meeting Set-up

 Minutes- January 1, 2017 Secretary-Jay Kettler

 Moved to approve as distributed John Goode/Morley Kellogg PASSED

 Financial Report Treasurer-Bill Fay

 Question raised why the $18 from last month’s 50-50 was put in the general fund, rather than the President’s dinner fund? Answer – It was treated as a donation, and our past practices have placed all donations into general fund, not president’s fund.

 Moved to approve financial report Tim Lutes/Harry McCown PASSED

 Set-up for February 2, 2017 J. Goode & Harry McCown

 Set-up for March 2, 2017 Harry McCown & B. Long

 Set-up for April 6, 2017 T. Lutes & C. Aufschlager

Committee Reports

 Project Evaluation Committee Morley Kellogg-Chairman

 No New Requests

 Health and Family Committee Bob Beres –Chairman

 Former member Larry Miller has moved to a care home in Saginaw

 Scholarship Tim Lutes

 Tim has been in contact with counselors in each high school to make sure they have access to application form, or Tim will e-mail forms to use with current applicants.

Old Business

 Website - Bob Long not able to be present to give report

 Thank you received from Hospice of Michigan for our donation.

New Business

 There is a possibility of a tour of the plastics plant in Rogers City in April. It would begin at 12:45 on our regular meeting day, preceded by a lunch and brief business meeting. The maximum number people would be 20. President Fissette asked for a show of hands of those interested. There were enough to continue with arrangements. Question raised about guests or spouses attending; answer was the PICMC members have 1st priority, but others might attend if there was space available.

 Habitat for Humanity has asked if PICMC members were willing to work on projects in our area, such as wheelchair ramps. A show of hands indicated 6 or 8 members would be willing to do so.

Announcements

Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 am