PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY

MEN’S CLUB

Meeting Minutes April 1, 2021 9:00 A.M.

**Opening:** Called to order 9:00 a.m. by Jerry Broad with 10 members in person, 1 member on Zoom, and no guests in attendance

Opening Song Jay Kettler

Pledge of Allegiance Jerry Broad

Prayer Jay Kettler

**Introduction of Newcomers and Guests:** None

**Program:** Chuck Austin found a program on Great Lake ships entitled Great Lakes Now, which Mark Kinney presented to the Club. (Please note that this summary is based on video only as there was no audio of the film.) The video showed that supply boats bring groceries as well as deliver and pick up mail. One of these boats is the J W Wescotte, a supply boat in the Detroit River. These boats also provide pilots to guide the Great Lakes freighters through the river. A scene showed the pilots climbing a long rope ladder to board the ship. Supplies have to be lifted to or dropped from these freighters, and the boat used to depict this was the Victory of Cleveland Ohio.

The next segment of the film was at the Soo Locks in which we saw the operation of the locks as well as interviews with the men and women who work along the locks. Apparently there was concern about the sailors staying physically fit while on board for months as most ships have a workout room. One of the Captains at the Soo commented that “when the Soo Locks are busy and we’re leaving the Locks, we have to scan for incoming ships as that is the danger point in the process”.

Next was a segment on the Great Lakes Marine Sanctuary of Alpena with a tour of the Sanctuary’s interior as well as training of divers at the Alpena High School swimming pool. We also saw video of divers on the wrecks of the Noormeer, a Great Lakes steel freighter; the Manohansett, a wooden-hull cargo ship, and the E. B. Allen; another wooden-hull cargo ship. The U.S. is now working to establish a Lake Ontario Marine Sanctuary.

This video may be accessed at www.GreatLakesNow.org

**Break and 50/50 Drawing:**  Coffee Break and 50/50 Drawing: Les Fissette won $8 which he donated to the Club

**Business Reports and Meeting Set-up:**

Minutes February 4, 2021 Tim Lutes - Secretary

Corrections were made and accepted Dennis Fay/Mike Bugenske MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report Treasurer – Bill Fay

Report approved as presented Mark Kinney/Jay Kettler MOTION CARRIED

Set-up for May: (Parker House Restaurant)

**Committee Reports:**

**Health and Family Committee**: Chairman Bob Beres had nothing to report

**Project Evaluation Committee**: Morley Kellogg absent; Dennis Fay proposed that we donate $500 to the Presque Isle Yacht Club for the support of the Fireside 500.

Dennis Fay/Tim Lutes MOTION CARRIED

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Tim Lutes: Last year’s winners have all applied for the second semester monies and have received them. This year we have received four applications so far: two from Alpena, two from Rogers City.

**Program Committee**: Chairman Chuck Austin reported that, with meeting being held at the Parker House, there will not be a speaker.

**Old Business:** Much discussion on how to attract new members. Chuck Austin and Dennis Fay mentioned ideas that we have discussed before, including advertising on the Presque Isle Happenings, having a meeting at a time when businessmen could attend or having Zoom meetings.

**New Business:** Jerry Broad donated the President’s Fund to pay for the Parker House breakfast for members as well as for the firemen from the two stations that service our area. Mike Bugenske will extend the invitation. Dennis Fay and others will call members to determine who will attend.

**Announcements:** No announcements.

**Adjourned Meeting** at 10:23 p.m. by President, Jerry Broad

**Minutes submitted by Secretary, Tim Lutes**