PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY MEN’S CLUB

Meeting Minutes November 3, 2022 9:00 A.M.

**Opening:** Called to order 9:00 a.m. by Mike Bugenske with 15 members in person, 0 member on Zoom, 1 guest

Opening Song Jay Kettler

Pledge of Allegiance Mike Bugenske

Prayer Jay Kettler

**Introduction of Newcomers and Guests:** Mike Bugenske welcomed newcomer Eric Fischer and introduced guest speaker Cassandra Sandler of NOAA

**Program:** Cassandra Sandler spoke about the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary and the shipwrecks within. Approximately 80,000 visitors per year, over 700 students from public schools, and Viking Cruises are now in collaboration with NOAA. Ten visits, with over 400 Viking guests, are scheduled for 2023. NOAA is also educating the public about the Great Lakes shipwrecks. They have established premier dive sites which are world renowned. There are several non-shipwreck activities sponsored by NOAA such as studies in geology and work with 29 partners. They are supported by grants and corporations, like LaFarge.

In 1920, the Simpson brothers designed a fish tug named the Catherine V that was 57’ long x 15’ wide to fish in the Great Lakes. In October of that year, a 97# engine was added to the boat in Rogers City. In 1929, Rogers City widened and deepened the boat. Plate steel was added sometime in the ’30s which replaced the cedar deck. Although the boat could not operate in the winter, frequently Rogers City residents would have to chop the boat free of ice in late October through November. During that time of year, an ice breaker would sometimes have to go out 7 miles to free Catherine V. This fish tug had gill nets 10 miles long (yes, you read that right). In 1936, the DNR began to intervene and to restrict some fishing. The Catherine V operated continuously from 1929 until it was retired in1970. In 1973 it was sold to become a pleasure boat, and in 1989 it was donated to the Besser Museum and placed on a steel cradle. In 2004, funded by grants and built by volunteers, it was covered to protect it from the elements.

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**Break and 50/50 Drawing by Bob Beres:**  Ken Diamond $17 which he donated back to the Club

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

September Minutes presented Secretary – Tim Lutes

Report Approved as presented Dennis Fay/Harold Levy MOTION CARRIED

Financial Reports October Treasurer – Bill Fay

Report approved as presented Jay Kettler/Ken Diamond MOTION CARRIED

**Set-up for January 5:** Tim Lutes/?

**Committee Reports:**

**Health and Family Committee**: Nothing to report.

**Project Evaluation Committee**: Nothing to report.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tim Lutes read a thank you note from Rogers City winner, Bradley Myers, and reported that one scholarship application has been received for 2023.

**Program Committee**: Chuck Austin had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Les Fissette presented pictures that could be on the 2023 Directory cover. Dave Wolf’s wife Beverly has volunteered to crop the pictures to the cover size to see how they would look.

He also reported that some names and addresses will be in the Directory without phone numbers.

In an attempt to obtain an accurate membership count, Dennis Fay volunteered to call 12 members who have not been active since 2021. Chuck Austin has the complete list of members, and he will provide an update to Dennis.

**New Business:** NOAA donated a $100 Film Festival ticket to the PICMC, and the Membership voted to give it to Les Fissette in appreciation for the work he is doing on the Directory. Membership also suggested that PICMC send a $250 check to NOAA. Motion made by Jay Kettler and carried by Dave Wolfe.

Mike Bugenske suggested, instead of holding a PICMC meeting in Dec, touring NOAA or the Besser Museum on a Thursday. It was agreed that, instead of holding a December meeting, the Club will tour NOAA.

**Adjourned Meeting** at 10:26 a.m. by Mike Bugenske.

**Minutes submitted by Secretary, Tim Lutes**