

# TYMELY TOPICS

## Quinte Timekeepers - Chapter 119

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

### Date

November 6, 2016

12:00 p.m. - Mart setup for items you wish to sell.

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

### Location

Parkwood Recreation Centre  
119 Birch Street  
Belleville, ON

### Agenda

Call to order  
Report from Treasurer  
Report from Secretary

### New Business

- preparation for the April 2017 meeting black mantle clock group presentation, we need to define black mantle clock and get some kind of commitment as to who brings what so that we cover many of the manufacturers and styles
- YouTube ideas that may be suitable for club watching
- other business

### Presentation

The restoration of a Seth Thomas "Lincoln" by Jim Hartog

### Show and Tell

- recent acquisitions
- clock/watch stories
- tips, tools and techniques
- theme letters will be "W", "X", "Y", and "Z" for clocks/watches/etc.

### 50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

## **Contest Question** (Michael Gillespie)

Last meeting's winner, Michael Gillespie, will have the question this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

(September 11, 2016)

## **Reports**

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. A special welcome was made to Alan Symons, curator of the Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River. Twenty members and guests were in attendance at this meeting.

The Treasurer gave his report on our bank balance and the number of paid members. The minutes of the report were moved and adopted.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting. These minutes were moved and adopted.

## **Presentation**

Our agenda was changed somewhat as we were going to view a video presentation by Jim Connell later. However, due to previous commitments of some members, it was decided to show the video first. As mentioned, the video by Jim Connell was called "What's so Unique about Canadian Clocks?" It was a very interesting look at the early clockmakers of Canada and the details of their work and ideas. The video started with Quebec clockmakers, then Atlantic Canada and Ontario. It was an interesting presentation and a lot of research and work had gone into the production. We do thank Jim Connell for all his work.

## **New Business**

The President reported on the auction sale of clocks for the late Wayne Precor. It appears prices for clocks and other items are not as strong as they were in previous times.

Bill Legere reported on the show at Bobcaygeon where there was a good turnout of visitors and our new printed cards identifying Quinte Timekeepers was given to interested parties.

Marjorie Wilson and Bev Davis were at the O'Hara Mill display in Madoc. It was a hot day but a good crowd was in attendance. The "Way Back Times" was in Madoc covering the show and an article about the show is in the last issue of the paper.

The show at Lang Pioneer Village was held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, again there were good crowds and lots of interest in our clock display.

The President talked about a group presentation for our April 2017 meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to have black mantles as our theme. All present were in agreement with the idea. So folks, dig out your black mantles.

Our past Treasurer, Robert Tarshis, was present at this meeting and the President again thanked him for his years of service and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

## Show and Tell

Bill Legere showed a rare Electro Clock Company clock circa 1909-1913. It had a cast iron mounted movement that was horse shoe shaped.

Jim Hartog showed an Ansonia oak cabinet clock with a brass dial. He also reported on the progress of the bevelled glass for his New Haven "Thoreau" clock. His new pieces of glass were a perfect fit. He also reported on the successful reproduction of a couple of dials done by Doug Legge from Cambridge, whom comes highly recommended.

Ian Watson told of a fellow who is building a three storey tower to house a 1910 Seth Thomas tower clock. This clock has an 8 foot pendulum. This is a work in progress and Ian is helping out as he can.

Alan Symons mentioned a spring driven fire alarm bell. This was made in Canada. When the works needed to be rewound, a red flag appeared.

## 50 - 50 Draw

Alan Symons picked the winning ticket for the 50-50 draw and the winner was Pat Blanchard.

## Contest Question

Ray Churchyard asked the question. It was a two parter. The questions were "What is Big Ben?" and "Where did it come from?" Well, we got the first part but not the second so he came up with another question re the first clock maker that engaged in mass production. Michael Gillespie had the answer (Eli Terry) and won the prize. He also gets to ask the question next meeting.

## Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and and approved.

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<b>President</b>	Jim Hartog
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ian Watson
<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Biggs
<b>Directors</b>	Tim Clarke (library)
	Hans Holterman (social)
	Bill Legere (shows)
	Michael Gillespie ((contests)