

# TYMELY TOPICS

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Date** June 18, 2017

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

**Bobcaygeon Settler's Day event is June 11, 2017**

**Agenda** Call to order  
Report from Treasurer  
Report from Secretary

### New Business

- a) 2017 member contact list
- b) report on Bobcaygeon show
- c) Madoc (July 23), Lang (September 10)
- d) new meeting location update (Gillespie, Hartog)
- e) next meeting September 17
- f) other business

### Presentation

Although Bruce Dyer already sent out his photos of the NAWCC Regional in Wilmington OH to those of us with email, we will be seeing them again and Bruce will describe them and answer any questions we may have.

### Show and Tell

- a) recent acquisitions
- b) clock/watch stories
- c) tips, tools and techniques
- d) the theme letter will be "B" for clocks/watches/etc.
- e) first clock/watch (added to Show and Tell by Presidential decree at the last meeting)

**50-50 Draw** (Michael Gillespie)

**Contest Question** (Michael Gillespie)

Last meeting's winner, Jim Hartog, will have the June meeting question.

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

(April 9, 2017)

## **Reports**

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. Twenty-eight members were present and the President welcomed new members, Don and Noryl Flanders, Fitz Gaylord, and Everett Payne. He called attention to all the black mantle clocks on display. Later in the program, those who brought the clocks, will give a history about them or when they were acquired. He also mentioned that this meeting was the time to pay your dues for the year.

The Treasurer gave his report on our bank balance and the number of paid up members not including the members who were paying today. He also mentioned the review of members who had not paid or attended over the past couple of years. The minutes of the report were moved and adopted.

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

## **New Business**

The President presented the NAWCC 2016 business report giving an outline of their goals and achievements. Declining membership is still somewhat of a problem but they are financially solvent.

He mentioned the death of our member, Ralph Hudgins, and that an expression of sympathy had been sent to the family.

Also, he told us that Google Street View includes a tour of the NAWCC museum, where you can explore all the displays.

Collectively, we reviewed the members list and removed 6 members whom had not paid or had not been seen in two years (the grace period). They will no longer be receiving the newsletter.

He discussed a proposal by some members to split the location of some meetings, due to the area that the Quinte Timekeeper's covers. This, in turn, would allow all members attending to share the driving distance more equitably. Further discussion took place and some felt that if the meetings were split, there would be a one-sided representation of members who were closest to the meeting site. Rental of space at another site was also discussed and also the accessibility of the location, i.e. opening and closing of the space. Michael Gillespie volunteered to do further research into the possibilities and would report back at the next meeting.

Dates for our yearly attendance at various functions are:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Bobcaygeon Settler's Day | June 11, 2017      |
| O'Hara Mills, Madoc      | July 23, 2017      |
| Lang Pioneer Village     | September 10, 2017 |

Our next meeting is June 18, 2017 at our regular spot. Hall rental has been paid for September 17, 2017, November 5, 2017, April 8, 2018, and June 24, 2018.

## **Presentation**

The presentation was black mantle clocks by manufacturer. There were Ansonia, Gilbert, Ingraham, New Haven, Sessions, Seth Thomas, Waterbury and Welch. There was a French ancestor clock in stone and the black Pequegnats were present as pictures only. Maurice Blanchard had the French stone clock and estimated that it weighed approximately 50 pounds. It was suggested that the French clocks were of high quality but somewhat less reliable than the inferior American clocks. Dave Riley showed an Ansonia Boston model in cast iron. Michael Gillespie also had an Ansonia Boston which was manufactured about 1904. Jim Hartog showed a Gilbert Noah from about 1904 and an Ingraham with a porcelain dial circa 1914. Jim Hartog also had a Sessions black mantle from shortly after 1903 (E. N. Welch mentioned on the label). Maurice Blanchard showed a Sessions black mantle with no feet. A Seth Thomas Prince was shown by Michael Gillespie circa 1900 with the patented adamantine finish. Tim English also showed a Seth Thomas that he had picked up at a flea market. The only manufacturer missing was Kroeber. It appears that there were many variations in dials, bezels, pillars, side ornaments, feet and incising on the popular black mantle clocks.

## **Show and Tell**

Maurice Blanchard told us how he had acquired 22 clocks from a fellow who was moving to a new place with less space. A couple of the clocks he had acquired were black mantles and he had brought them to the meeting.

## **50 - 50 Draw**

Michael Gillespie was selling the tickets for our 50-50 draw and the winner was Don Flanders who won \$27.50 with the rest going to our bank account.

## **Contest Question**

Our contest question was asked by Michael Gillespie as the previous contest winner was out of the country. His question was about 400 day or anniversary clocks as they are also called. His question was: from what names did the Kundo name derive from? The correct answer was given by Jim Hartog, who will ask now ask the next contest question at our meeting in June. The correct answer was Kieninger und Obergfell.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn, was seconded and adopted by all.