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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date September 17, 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

Lang Pioneer Village event is September 10, 2017.

Vote on the motion to move to the Colborne Legion is this meeting.

Agenda Call to order
Report from Treasurer
Report from Secretary

New Business

- a) report on Madoc show (M. Wilson)
- b) report on Lang show (Hartog)
- c) dates available at the Colborne Legion
- d) vote on the motion to move to the Colborne Legion

If you are at the meeting, you will be voting at the meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, you can send (phone, email, mail) your choices to Hartog before the meeting so that your choice will be included in the count. A copy of the ballot question and two survey questions is at the end of the newsletter.

- e) next meeting is November 5, 2017
- f) other business

Presentation

We will watch the truncated digital version of a 1949 film produced by the Hamilton Clock Company. The YouTube version is entitled How It Works: Mechanical Watch. The longer version has a five minutes introduction of analogies that we don't need but are alluded to in the part we'll watch.

Show and Tell

- a) recent acquisitions
- b) clock/watch stories
- c) tips, tools and techniques
- d) the theme letter will be "C" for clocks/watches/etc.
- e) first clock/watch

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Last meeting's winner, Ian Watson, will have the September meeting question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(June 18, 2017)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order and apologized for booking a meeting on Father's Day. This was caused by trying to avoid the Bobcaygeon show date. The President welcomed new member, Roy Richards, to the meeting. 17 members, plus Penny, were in attendance.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The Secretary, Jim Biggs, was not present but there were no comments on the minutes of the last meeting as published so the minutes were also accepted. President Hartog will take notes and produce the minutes for this meeting.

New Business

The 2017 Member Contact List with contact information for all members as of May, 2017, was made available. Members are urged to use the list to contact members should the need arise.

The Bobcaygeon show was attended by Trish and Maurice Blanchard, Bruce Dyer, Michael Gillespie, Jim Hartog, Linda and Bill Legere plus Penny. There were a fair number of visitors to our display and the weather was great.

Members were reminded that the Madoc show will be on July 23 and the Lang show will be on September 10.

Michael Gillespie described the process to trying to find a meeting location that would offer the same level of facility, same cost, and provide a more equitable driving distance for the members. After 27 phone calls, he found the Legion Hall in Colborne. The facility is as good or better than the Parkdale facility in Belleville, the cost is the same, and the membership is split 15:14 to the west and east of Colborne versus 21:8 for the Parkdale location. A lively discussion produced the motion that the potential move would be voted on at the September meeting. The vote will be by paper ballot for

those present at the meeting. Those that won't be present at the meeting can mail, email or phone their choices to President Hartog before the meeting and Hartog will bring those choices to the meeting to be included in the tabulation. The cut-off date for absentee votes is September 16. Since the Colborne Legion Hall normally opens at 1 p.m., if we start our meetings at 1p.m., instead of 12 noon, we will not cause someone to have to open early for us. But, you will get home an hour later. This choice is also on the ballot as a non-binding, survey question. The Legion has offered us the third Sunday of the month, except June, on which they hold a Father's Day Breakfast. This does constrain our date choices. President Hartog will contact the Legion's principals and determine what sort of flexibility there may be. Meeting dates will be discussed at the September meeting.

Members were reminded that the next meeting is at Parkdale in Belleville on September 17, one week after the show at Lang Pioneer Village on September 10.

Presentation

Bill Legere showed Bruce Dyer's pictures of his trip to the NAWCC Regional held in Wilmington OH back in April. Bruce narrated the pictures and described the three levels of sales at the regional: the unofficial tailgate sale, the official tailgate sale and the indoor sale. Details re travelling time/cost, over night accommodation and border crossing with large clocks was given. Although the NAWCC Regionals are some distance away for Canadian members, the experience could be well worth the time and cost since the clock/watch selection available is immense.

Show and Tell

For Recent Acquisitions, Jim Hartog showed 2 Westclox Peterborough alarm clocks, one he had just bought at our Mart, and the other he had found at a yard sale the day before. Michael Gillespie showed his very large, time only, carriage clock that he had bought at auction. Jim Hartog pointed out that Tim Clarke had just bought a very nice Hamilton Clock Company ogee at our Mart. For Tips, Tools and Techniques, Michael Gillespie mentioned that used dental picks are great in clock work to which Mo Blanchard added that dental drill bits in the end of a Dremel tool are a great idea. For the letter "B", Jim Hartog showed the alarm clocks again! They were a Baby Ben and a Big Ben by Westclox. He then gave a quick history of the Westclox operation in Peterborough. Ian Watson described a ship's chronometer as his First Clock and Trish Blanchard mentioned that her First Clock had belonged to her mother.

50 - 50 Draw

Bill Legere won \$15 in the 50-50 Draw.

Contest Question

Jim Hartog's question was "What stopped my Seth Thomas "Lincoln" from running 11 minutes past 2 o'clock after some adjustments had been made to the clock?" From the many fast responses, it was determined that Ian Watson was the first with the correct answer. The answer was that the hands had caught on each other. Ian will have next meeting's question.

Adjournment

Adjournment was moved by Julyan Holterman and seconded by Trish Blanchard.

Make three choices by circling the corresponding letter for each of the following.

Ballot

1. The Quinte Timekeepers should
 - a) stay at Parkdale in Belleville
 - b) move to the Legion in Colborne

Survey

1. I will remain a member of the Quinte Timekeepers if
 - a) we stay in Belleville
 - b) we move to Colborne
 - c) both a) and b)

2. I am okay with the following start times.
 - a) 12 noon Mart, 1 p.m. meeting
 - b) 1 p.m. Mart, 2 p.m. meeting
 - c) either a) or b)