

TYMELY TOPICS

Quinte Timekeepers - Chapter 119

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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date September 18, 2022

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

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

Location Gord Gibbins' place at 1078 Royal Road, Milford ON

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

New Business

- a) updated members list
- b) rack card update and costing
- c) Applefest at Lang
- d) Bev Davis
- e) other business

Presentation

Gord will conduct a tour of his clock collection. Logistics will be decided on at the meeting.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

This may be cancelled if attendance is low.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

This will only happen if there is a 50-50 draw. Ian Watson is "on deck" with the next question, whenever that happens.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(June 26, 2022)

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Quinte Timekeepers had no "live" meetings at Parkdale in 2020, nor 2021. Pandemic mandates were lifted in 2022 but Belleville was still not prepared to rent out Parkdale for our April and June meetings. The reason given was staff shortages. Alternate arrangements were made for the rest of 2022. There was no in-person April meeting. A June 2022 meeting was held at the picnic shelter at the Lang Pioneer Village near Keene, ON. The September and November meetings will be held at private locations. In 2021, we did have informal (no agenda/business) meetings via Zoom set up by Bill Legere. This did maintain some contact within the membership but was not well-attended.

The numbering of the Tymely Topics reflects that there were no in-person meetings in 2020 and 2021. Therefore, there are no Volume 35's after Volume 35, Number 1, nor any Volume 36's, nor Volume 37's, Number 1 and 2. Volume 37, Number 3 is the first edition published after Volume 35, Number 1 in March 2020.

Reports

The President called the meeting to order. In attendance at Lang were Graham Andrews, Bruce Dyer, Michael Gillespie, Jim Hartog, Bill and Linda Legere and Ian Watson.

Treasurer Watson reported on our finances including the Belleville 2020 rental payment refund and the cost of renting the picnic shelter at Lang. This motion was moved and adopted.

Secretary Biggs had sent his attendance regrets but minutes from the November 2019 Tymely Topics were accepted as published.

New Business

The President reported on the passing of Robert Tarshis on March 2, 2020, Ed Burrows on December 18, 2020, Dave Riley on January 26, 2021 and Clayton Duff on February 4, 2021. Robert was a longtime member and served as Chapter Treasurer for many years. Ed was not a Chapter member but was the author of *Canadian Clocks and Clockmakers*. He did attend a meeting in 2011 to sell and autograph copies of his book. Clayton Duff was a recent member who formerly attended the Ottawa Chapter.

The contact list was discussed. An updated list will be distributed at the September meeting.

The rental situation at Belleville was discussed. Since we can't depend on Belleville, we will be holding meetings at alternate locations for September and November. We will be meeting at Gord Gibbins' place in September and Tim Clarke will host in November.

A prototype rack card was scutinized and it was decided to request a change to the map and request costing for printing. It was also decided to hold off on any printing action until the Belleville rental situation was resolved.

It was decided that club fees for 2020, 2021, and 2022 would not be collected.

Since the *Tymely Topics* has not been published in two years due to the lack of in-person meetings, there will be a gap in the T.T. numbering system and an explanation for the gap in the next issue, Volume 37, Number 3.

The interim zoom meetings were set up by Bill Legere and were enjoyed by those that attended.

Since the zoom meetings were not well-attended and there were only a few attendees at Lang, the future of the club was discussed. Those present remained optimistic. Age of members, distance of travelling, fuel prices and the COVID hiatus were cited as factors contributing to the low numbers at the Lang meeting.

Presentation

There was no presentation.

Show and Tell

Jim Hartog showed three clocks that he had recently acquired: a New Haven "Norwich Line A", an Ansonia "Pulford" and a Gilbert "Champion O". Bruce Dyer showed us his New Haven 30 hour steeple clock with a Jerome label. Michael Gillespie discussed his latest find (door prize at the Chapter 33 Invitational), a Sessions banjo clock which appears to be a variation of the "Revere".

Graham Andrews told us the story of his recent purchase of a four train clock from a Chicago auction. The clock is a Regency style bracket clock by Berguer of London ca. 1825. One train drives the time, a second the hour strike, the third the quarter chime while the fourth train runs the "musical

function that operates one of three tunes every two hours on a nest of ten bells".

Ian Watson showed us how to convert a fondue fork into an oiler for larger pivots based on the pen nib capillary principle.

For the theme letter "M", Michael Gillespie showed us a Peterborough Westclox electric alarm clock called the "Moonbeam". Its claim to fame was that it produced a pulsing light through its translucent, white plastic case during its alarm cycle.

50 - 50 Draw

There was no 50-50 draw due to low attendance.

Contest Question

Ian Watson's contest question was postponed until the next 50-50 draw.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Bill Legere, seconded by Michael Gillespie and passed unanimously.

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