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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date November 5, 2017

12:00 p.m. - Mart setup for items you wish to sell.
1:00 p.m. - Meeting

Location Parkdale Recreation Centre, 119 Birch Street, Belleville, ON

Agenda Call to order
Report from Treasurer
Report from Secretary

New Business

- a) report on the Miller and Miller clock/watch auction for Jim Connell
- b) a group clock type presentation for the April meeting?
- c) the next meeting is April 8, 2018
- d) other business

Presentation

Jim Hartog will do a presentation on the history, geometry and pallet replacement for a Brocot pin pallet escapement.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Last meeting's winner, Tim Clarke, will have the November meeting question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 17, 2017)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. Also welcomed was Alan Symons, curator of the Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River. In total, 26 members and guests were present.

The Treasurer gave his report on finances and membership. The minutes of the report were moved and adopted.

As the secretary was absent from the last meeting, the President recorded the minutes. Those minutes were moved and adopted.

New Business

Marjorie Wilson reported on the response to our display at the O'Hara Mill in Madoc. A good crowd attended the event. Our display was on the covered bridge at the mill by the main entrance. There was much interest in the clocks on display.

Jim Hartog reported on the display at the Lang Pioneer Village, a good number of people attended the event. There were three volunteer members (two in period costume) at the show. Many thanks to all those who worked the various shows this year.

Further to our discussion regarding the meeting location, the President checked what dates would be available if the meeting were to be held at the Legion Hall in Colborne. After discussion with the Quinte members, the dates chosen were: April 15, June 24, September 16 and November 18, all in 2018.

The President then proceeded to outline the method of voting for either moving to Colborne or to remain at the location in Belleville. The President handed out ballots to the members present and asked them to mark their choice. The President and Treasurer counted the ballots and the result was 16 to stay in Belleville and 6 to move to Colborne. Therefore, the next year's meetings will be held at Parkdale in Belleville.

The President announced that Jim Connell is downsizing his clock collection. The live part of the auction will take place on October 7th at 10 a.m. in New Hamburg.

The President also mentioned that Steven Humphrey has retired from the NAWCC and that Tom Wilcox will be replacing him as the new executive director. We wish him the best.

Our next and last meeting of the year 2017 will be held on November 5th at the Parkdale Recreation Centre, 119 Birch Street in Belleville.

Presentation

We watched a video called How It Works: Mechanical Watch. This was produced in 1949 by the Hamilton Watch Company. It was an interesting insight into the various components that go into a watch and how it is regulated.

Show and Tell

Marjorie Wilson displayed a Telefunken plug in radio that had a wind up clock as part of the unit. Jim Hartog presented an Ansonia "Seneca" cabinet clock circa 1904. It has a porcelain dial but was missing the f/s arbor. However, he had dug into his movement drawers and was able to find a replacement arbor for it. Pat Blanchard showed a Coleman illuminated watch and compass in a leather pouch. It needed 3 batteries to run this unit.

50 - 50 Draw

A good number of members bought tickets for the draw that was run by Michael Gillespie. The winner was Robert Tarshis, who won \$32.50 with the remaining going to our bank account.

Contest Question

Ian Watson asked the question "In what year did the Waltham Watch Company produce its one millionth watch?" There were lots of dates being suggested but the winner was Tim Clarke with the year 1877. He admitted looking it up on his smart phone while all the guesses were being made. So he donated the prize money back to the Treasurer. However, he still gets to ask the contest question at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and all were in favour.

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