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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date September 8, 2019

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 the Treasurer
Report from the Secretary

New Business

- a) Snowden Taylor obituary in NAWCC Bulletin
- b) Lang Pioneer Village: October 6, 2019
- c) next meeting: November 10, 2019
- d) other business

Presentation(s)

? Mystery Tools ? (Michael Gillespie)

video: "How an E. Howard Tower Clock Works" (Bill Legere)

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Marjorie Wilson (our last winner) will have the question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(June 23, 2019)

Call to Order/Reports

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for to-day. He welcomed the 25 members and guests in attendance.

The Treasurer gave his report and asked any members in attendance who had not paid their annual dues to please do so. A motion to accept the report was moved and adopted.

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

New Business

The President and Treasurer had updated our current membership list and copies were available for those who wished them.

The President explained the hall rental situation and the renewal of the contract for 2020. There was some confusion about payments as the payment for our first 2 meetings in 2020 had already been made. He was in the process of sorting things out. He also informed us that there was a small increase in the rental rates for 2020.

A report was given on the show held in Bobcaygeon on June 9th. It was acknowledged that attendance was down at the Settlers' Day event. However, many people visited the clocks on display and some kids were fascinated with the working cuckoo bellows that Jim Hartog had made. It was a wooden stand and you could crank a handle and the whistles and bird would do their thing.

A discussion about the prize money for the 50-50 draw and the contest question was held to determine if it could be made more efficient. It was agreed that 50% would go to the raffle winner and 50% would go to the contest question winner instead of 50% going to the Treasurer who then paid out \$25 to the contest winner.

The results of the Miller and Miller auction of Pequegnat clocks for Curt Davidson was discussed. It appears that prices varied considerably. Our Tim Clarke was at the auction and appears to have made a number of purchases.

Jim Hartog talked about our website and has added Parkdale Rec Centre to the location on the home page. It also appears that we had some down time on the site but that has been rectified.

Some copies of the magazine, Clocks, from the UK are available for perusal. You are welcome to look at them but please return them so that other members can look at them, too.

A September presentation has not been determined but Bill Legere is looking into the matter.

Presentation

Jim Hartog talked about the Seth Thomas case date codes and the process of making a date code stamp. He outlined time periods when certain heights of characters were used and when the sequence of numbers for dates were reversed. Later on, the height of characters were higher but the sequence was still reversed. Then later, the height stayed the same but the sequence was now in the correct order. He then proceeded to show how to make a date code stamp using a paper pattern, water-based glue, sheet foam rubber, water-proof glue and a wooden block. It was a very informative process.

Show and Tell

Bill Legere showed a German clock in a glass cover which had a level in the base. It had a compound pendulum and was self-winding. It would wind itself about every 50 seconds.

Jim Hartog talked about IBM master clocks and how his new model 16 was similar in some respects to his other model 16 and his 35.

Marjorie Wilson talked about a Kerry Thompson weight driven clock with paper label.

Andy Soper talked about a car barometer/altimeter that he had acquired. The dial was black and red indicating up and down. Using it on a trip to Toronto, he could read the difference in levels between there and Kingston.

Ray Churchyard showed his first pocket watch that he purchased back in the seventies. It had a pair case with fusee movement and the dial was in mint condition. The watch was dated circa 1765.

50 - 50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Maurice Blanchard who took home \$25.

Contest Question

The contest question was asked by Michael Gillespie on behalf of Joe Willems who couldn't make it to the meeting. The question was "Which country has the most time zones?" The correct answer was France, answered by Marjorie Wilson. Marjorie won \$25 and promptly donated the money back to the club. She will be asking the contest question at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was moved and adopted.

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