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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date November 10, 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) report on Lang exhibit on October 6
- b) discussion on publishing a club pamphlet
- c) ideas for all member presentation for April 2020 meeting
- d) booking for September and November meetings in January 2020
- e) next meeting is April 5, 2020
- f) other business

Presentation

Hartog will do Pocket Watch 101 and an overview of the Pocket Watch Database

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

The question will be asked by Norm Gerow, last meeting's winner.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 8, 2019)

Call to Order/Reports

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for to-day. He welcomed the 23 members present including our three new members.

The Treasurer gave his report on our finances and membership dues. A motion to accept the report was moved and adopted.

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

New Business

The death of Snowden Taylor was mentioned at the last meeting. Not many were aware of his contributions to the NAWCC. In the July/August edition of the Watch and Clock bulletin, his obituary spoke of his achievements in research and writing in the field of horology.

The Lang Pioneer display is slated for October 6th. The President enquired as to how many tables were needed and how many were going to attend the event.

Our next meeting is set for November 10th. Jim Hartog will be doing an introduction to pocket watches and an overview of the Pocket Watch Database.

Bruce Dyer mentioned how many pamphlets he and his wife had gathered at the NAWCC National. The pamphlets were on display at the meeting and we will be discussing whether our club

should publish something similar to promote ourselves.

Presentation

Michael Gillespie had a box of mystery tools he had acquired. He put them on display and asked members if they could help him identify them. It turned out that they were mostly watch tools. Among the items identified were pliers, punches, tweezers, hand reamers and hand vices.

Bill Legere showed a video on how an E. Howard tower clock works. The video showed the various sections of the clock, how it was wound (by hand) and how the works were fastened to the structure of the tower.

Show and Tell

Jim Hartog showed an Ansonia "Clara" that he had acquired. It was circa 1880's and on the door frame was a design made from metal. He had restored the case and movement but was still looking for a proper bell which was missing.

Michael Gillespie had acquired a metronome but didn't have the top weight of the compound pendulum to adjust the tempo and asked if anyone could help.

Ian Watson showed a chiming clock he had purchased. It was run by a platform escapement but the seller thought she had misplaced the pendulum.

Michael Gillespie offered up a magnetic pickup tool he had made. It consisted of a magnet, a mop handle and Gorilla Glue.

How to blacken brass screws using stained glass lead came blackener was discussed. It was also discussed as to how to find paint stripper with the active ingredient, methylene chloride, a.k.a. dichloromethane. This stuff is toxic so is being phased out in Canada.

The theme letter was "K". Jim Hartog showed a Kroeber china clock, "K71". He explained that it had ST 89 works. To fasten the movement to the china, a ring of wood was needed between the movement and the front of the case held by screws. Other screws are then used to fasten the movement to the wooden ring.

50 - 50 Draw

The 50-50 draw was won by Jim Biggs who received \$22.00.

Contest Question

The contest question was asked by Michael Gillespie on behalf of Marjorie Wilson who could not attend the meeting. The question was "In what year was the first pendulum used?" Each member had one opportunity to guess the year. The person who was the closest would be the winner. The winner was Norm Gerow, one of the new members. The correct answer was 1656.

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)