

TYMELY TOPICS

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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date April 5, 2020

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

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

DUES are due at this meeting. **Still \$15**, cash preferred.

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

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

New Business

- a) Robert Tarshis
- b) contact list update
- c) Gibbins picnic/tour update
- d) rackcard sample
- e) hall rental dates
- f) future presentations
- g) next meeting
- h) other business

Presentation

All members are invited to bring in "novelty clocks" and say a couple of words about what they have brought. I can't give you a definition other than they are strange in some way. Tran Duy Ly's books usually have section for them.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Ian Watson will have the question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(November 8th, 2019)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for today. Twenty-nine members and guests were welcomed by the President.

The Treasurer gave his report on our financial situation. A motion was made to accept the report. It was moved and accepted.

The Secretary gave his report on the minutes of the last meeting, these were moved and adopted.

New Business

The President reported on our exhibit of clocks at the Lang Pioneer Village. Five members had various clocks on display. He also stated that the event was well attended.

He also discussed the possibility of acquiring pamphlets to be available for distribution at these events and other locations. Member, Barry Harper, in conjunction with the President, will develop a sample for review at the next meeting.

The President asked for ideas for our next meeting and, after some discussion, it was agreed that members would bring in novelty clocks and tell us a little about them.

The next meeting is slated for April 5th, 2020.

The President also discussed the rent payments for the recreation centre. We normally paid once for all our meetings. However, as two of our meetings were held in one year and the other two in the next year, there appeared to be some confusion with the lessor. So, the bookings for September and November will be made in January of 2020 and in following years, bookings will be made for one calendar year, not over two.

The membership decided that it was okay to use the members' contact list for buying/selling of things of horological nature.

In other business, Dave Riley mentioned that he has a Potts and Son tower clock works in his basement. He has had it for a number of years and is now starting to downsize and was giving any interested members first chance before going further afield. He had pictures and descriptions of where the clock was originally made and where it was located when he acquired it.

Gord Gibbins mentioned the idea of one of our meetings be held as a pot luck at his residence to include a tour of his clocks. It was decided to discuss this at our next meeting for timing.

Presentation

Jim Hartog gave a very interesting lesson on what he called "Pocket Watch 101". Included was a seven page handout showing the history of watch development, pocket watch production numbers, types of cases and how to open them, winding and setting methods, and dial types. All in all, it was a very thorough presentation. The Pocket Watch Database was explored.

Show and Tell

Peter Betts showed a clock he had recently acquired and asked for help in identifying the maker. Peter had also been in Venice, Italy and had viewed the Astro Clock there.

Gord Gibbins showed a pocket watch that on the dial read Picton, Ont. The watch was circa 1905-30 and it was assumed to be from a jeweller in the area.

Bruce Dyer spoke about Russell and Jones, the successor to Silas Terry in Pitsfield, Mass. They owned and operated the Terry Company for several years and put their names on it in 1889. It seems there were 30 different glasses offered with the 30 hour and 8 day movements and they could be had with time only, time and strike, and time, strike and alarm. The company closed in 1893 when the Gilbert Clock Company purchase the equipment.

Michael Gillespie showed his Jerome and Darrow woodworks he had acquired at the last meeting. Since that time, a replacement wooden tooth had been made by Maurice Blanchard and some veneer repair had been done by Jim Hartog. The back board label had a number of over-pasted repair labels which Michael was dissuaded from trying to remove.

For the theme letter, "L", a small Lux mantle clock circa 1914 was presented. Also, a pocket watch labelled Ludsen circa 1804 was shown.

50 - 50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Bill Legere who, as winner, received \$25.00.

Contest Question

Our question this meeting was asked by Norm Gerow. The question was: "What trade name was used for the first electric watch?" The answer was Accutron and was offered by Ian Watson. He won \$25.00 and gets to ask the next contest question.

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)