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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date June 23, 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) updated members list
- b) hall rental situation
- c) report on Bobcaygeon show
- d) discussion re 50-50 draw and contest question proceeds
- e) discussion re Kijiji ad prior to April meeting
- f) report on Miller and Miller auction of Curt Davidson's Pequegnat collection, June 8
- g) QT website (addition, down time)
- h) other business

Presentation

Hartog will do a quick presentation on a method to do Seth Thomas date stamps.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Joe Willems (although he refused the prize) will have the question?

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(April 7th, 2019)

Reports

The President called to order our first meeting of the year with 22 members in attendance. He welcomed new members and guests and outlined the meeting agenda. He also informed us that our annual membership dues were now payable.

The Treasurer reported on our finances and membership at this point but would give an updated report at the next meeting. This motion was moved and adopted.

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

New Business

The President discussed our membership list update with one member being removed as per our bylaws. A new membership list will be available at the next meeting.

The new hall rental dates are tentatively set for September 8th and November 10th of 2019, and April 5th and June 28th of 2020.

Settlers Day, held in Bobcaygeon, will be on June 9th, 2019. There will be no representation at the O'Hara Mills in Madoc this year as no hosts are available. We will be attending Applefest at the Lang Pioneer Village held on October 6th, 2019.

Members were asked about future presentations. At the moment, the June meeting will have a presentation on Seth Thomas case date codes. The September meeting is still open for offers.

The November presentation will be about pocket watches.

In other business, it was announced that Gary Fox (Ottawa chapter) and Ben Orzulak (Toronto chapter) have been appointed Fellows of the NAWCC.

Paul Balharrie is looking for a pendulum to fit a Pequegnat King Edward. (He found one.)

On a sadder note, the passing of Snowden Taylor on March 11th, 2019 is a loss to the horological community. He published many articles and will be missed.

Jim Hartog mentioned, that since our last meeting, Maurice Blanchard has been “under the weather”. His humour and comments are missed and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The President mentioned that member Tim Clarke has opened a shop with clocks and watches for sale, and repair service available. It is called Old Tymers Clocks and Watches and is located at 571B Princess Street in Kingston, open Friday-Saturday. The website is www.oldtymers.ca, email is oldtymers.kingston@gmail.com. Check out the website.

Our next meeting is June 23rd, 2019.

Presentation

This presentation was all about horological tools. Members had been asked to bring any tools they used or didn't know what they were for or how they were used. Jim Hartog showed a clock mainspring winder that he had made based on the Joe Collins model. His was made from oak and for the spring holders he had used hole saws with the teeth ground off and a slit cut in the side for the spring to stick out. Andy Soper showed his homemade mainspring winder and explained how he keeps his eyes open for other old tools that could be adapted to suit his needs. He also suggested that dried out handy wraps were good for keeping fingerprints from marring his work and were also lint free. Marjorie Wilson brought an old tool catalogue and some tools that had belonged to her father. She had a small hand blower, a micrometer and a hand remover. Bruce Dyer was at an auction and had purchased an item he was looking for but included in the lot was a box that contained various watch tools. There was a good discussion of what these tools were and they identified a hand remover, a pin vise and a hairspring winder.

Show and Tell

Recent acquisitions by Jim Hartog were a Pequegnat “Ontario” with issues and an Ansonia “Queen Mary” that is 41 inches top to bottom and still had its original finish. Michael Gillespie had a Seth Thomas black mantle that had another label over the original label. He checked further and found the clock to be circa 1904. Bruce Dyer told of his latest clock, which had not arrived yet. It is a Seth Thomas #6 Regulator and he also picked up a B & O railway watch. Ian Watson showed a travel clock with an eight day running time and a movement with 15 jewels.

For the theme letter “I”, Andy Soper had an Illinois “Bunn Special” with 21 jewels.

50 - 50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Fitz Gaylord who received \$23, while the other \$23 went to the treasury.

Contest Question

Ian Watson asked the contest question. "Sometimes, in the movies, when they used a clock for dramatic effect, what are they showing that is not correct?" There were a lot of ideas but the correct answer was that the minute hand jumps ahead to the next minute. The correct answer was given by Joe Willems but he decided that the answer was a group effort and he put the prize money back in the pot (the treasury). He still gets to ask the next 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)