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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date

June 22, 2025
12 noon- Mart
1 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) new members list is available
- b) presentations ????
- c) Pequegnat themed Chapter 33 May Invitational
- d) Belleville clock tower update (Trudeau)
- e) other business

Presentation (none)

Show and Tell

- a) recent acquisitions
- b) clock/watch stories
- c) tips, tools and techniques
- d) theme letter is "X", "Y", and "Z"

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Jim Hartog and ?Bob Doyle? answered the April question and Bob agreed to come up

with a question for the June meeting.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

((April 27, 2025))

Reports

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for the day. There were 15 members in attendance. Included in this number were two new members, Bob Dobko and Bryan Johnson.

The Treasurer reported on our finances and bank balance of \$2129.50 which did not include any membership dues collected at this meeting..

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting.

New Business

The President discussed reviewing our membership list and updating it where necessary.

Also, the costs of renting the hall and the dates of the next meetings were given. The dates of the meetings are as follows: June 22, September 7, and November 9, 2025. He also mentioned that the rental costs of the building had increased by 26%.

The results of the Miller and Miller auction of a bunch of Canada Clock Company clocks on February 8 with the winning bids for the clocks was outlined.

Presentations by Bruce Dyer and Jon Cross are on hold because neither Bruce nor Jon were at the meeting to confirm. Anyone willing to do a presentation can contact Hartog and you will be given the opportunity.

The February video meeting was discussed, and, even though the attendance was poor, it was decided to continue with the idea of a virtual winter meeting.

The President passed out a handout that would allow you to date a Seth Thomas No. 2 Regulator based on characteristics of the clocks which changed over the many years of its production. The handout only includes the ST clocks, not the many later reproductions.

The photos with people on the website have been updated with recent photos including the group shot of the members taken in November 2024.

Other business

In other business, Gord Gibbins discussed the fact that border crossings to the USA have become more "difficult". Mention was made of the upcoming Chapter 33 Invitational which is Pequegnat themed this year. Bill Trudeau is in dialogue with Belleville to see if there is a possibility of seeing the clock tower mechanism.

Presentation

Jim Hartog gave a talk on the "Bouncing Girl Novelty Clock". Using the actual clock supplied by Michael Gillespie and a large model that he had built, He explained how to set the beat on the clock by rotating the spring of the pendulum in relation to the crutch loop. He also explained how to rate the clock by rotating the "bob" in relation to the spring of the pendulum. The safe way to start the pendulum (lift up, not pull down) was mentioned and a handout was supplied to the membership.

Show and Tell

Jim Hartog showed a Seth Thomas "empire" style clock that he had purchased at an online auction. He did a lot of case work, touched up the dial, and redid the very bad tablets using a pressure transfer for the lowest glass and a photocopy for the middle glass.

Peter Betts related the story of how he acquired a very nice Vienna two-weight regulator from a person that was getting rid of it. A bargain was had. Jim Hartog told us how he met the person that outbid him on some basket case clocks when he was picking up his ST clock. Gord Gibbins related a tractor clock story. Bill Trudeau told us about a modern wooden gear clock that is having problems running. Maurice Blanchard volunteered to look at it.

In tips/tools/techniques, Jim Hartog mentioned that Michaels and their cheap acrylic paints is a good source for paint to do dial touchups. Painting and matching colours was discussed and it was mentioned that there are now apps that help to match colours.

50 - 50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Dalton Nyberg, who won \$22.00

Contest Question

As Trish Blanchard was the winner of the question at the last meeting, she gets to ask the question at this meeting which was: "How did people tell time before mechanical clocks were invented? Answers included sundials, clepsydra (water clocks), hour glasses, and calibrated candles. Jim Hartog and ?Bob Doyle? will split the prize money (\$11 each) and Bob agreed to ask the next question.

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned