

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

June 3, 2009

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Frank Compton, Len Kortekaas, Doris Haack, Rich Chierico, Bill McCauley, Roger Steingraber, Mary Lou Tansey, Bob Ferguson, Carolyn White.

Guests: Dave Buchheit

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

Bob also included a banking summary of the year to date which he handed out in his report. Rich Chierico made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Tansey, to accept Bob's report. I was accepted. Also there was some discussion about the Spring Tours and specific costs.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Len pointed out the good news that Marybelle Macro will attend the Summer Luncheon and help with the raffle.

3) Unit 90 Schedule (Len Kortekaas)

Our next event is the Summer Luncheon on Wednesday, June 17th at the Inverness Golf Club coordinated by the White's. This is pretty well set with hopes that more people will sign up. Bill McCauley commented on the expense and the limited menu.

The Newbee Breakfast and IRTA meeting follows on Wednesday, September 9th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center organized by Len Kortekaas and the White's. Len will work on having a banner made.

The Day at the Races is the next event on Thursday, September 17th at the Arlington Park Race Track with Rich Chierico in charge. Rich has solved the problem of having the cash bar downstairs from the room reserved for our members. A reply form will be in the August Newsletter, and a copy of the menu will be available at the Summer Luncheon.

The possible Golf Outing in the Fall is definitely not a reality because there is no real interest. Next comes the 2009 IRTA State Convention on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Len will coordinate this event.

The final item on the schedule is the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd at the Meridian with the White's in charge.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack)

Jesse went to one meeting in Springfield. There has been a proposal to drop the Information and Service Committee which Reinhard Taylor served on.

5) Committee Reports

Member Benefits (Mary Lou Tansey)

Mary Lou asked if everyone had received the added benefits information in the mail which most board members did.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Rich received information about a fund raiser for Suzie Bassi which he felt was too expensive.

Legislative(Bob Lyons)

Although Bob was not here, he sent the following report:

Hard to believe, but the budget the legislature sent to the Governor last night, even if it only funds state government for part of the year, still contains full funding for all the pension funds.

We don't know what the Governor will do with the budget and the legislature still faces the responsibility for funding the state for the last part of the year, but for now our lobbying has paid off. In addition a sweeps bill was passed to take money from all of the various dedicated funds and once again our TRIP fund was left alone and the state budget calls for \$79 million to be put into our insurance fund. And with the IEA, IFT, AFSCME and the IRTA all working against the two-tiered pension systems for TRS, SURS, and SERS, Senator Harmon was forced to take it away for lack of support. Though nothing is ever over in Illinois, at least for now we have demonstrated that when we all work together it is possible to win at least sometimes! Jim Bachman and Grant Hammer did a great job for us in the last days. Thanks for all your efforts as well

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 5, 2009