

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August 5, 2009

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

Present: Frank Compton, Liz White, Len Kortekaas, Reinhard Taylor, Bob Ferguson, Bob Lyons, Bill McCauley, Joan Howdle, Doris Haack, Jesse Macro, Rich Chierico, Carolyn White, Mary Lou Tansey.

Guest: Denise Florczak

1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)

Liz White made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White, to send our REPAC money to Springfield. This motion passed.

2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)

Len will going to England at the end of this month to visit family and will miss our next meeting. Liz White will be in charge.

3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2009 (Len Kortekaas)

Summer Luncheon Review: Although the luncheon was a great success, there was a drop in attendance. Liz White pointed out that this is a general trend. Bill McCauley felt if people came in a group with their friends, we might improve our turnouts.

The Newbee Breakfast and IRTA Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9th at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. The Whites will be in charge. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 am and cost \$6.45 with the Board meeting following. Both newly retired members and non members will get an announcement in today's mailing.

Next is the Day at the Races on Thursday, September 17th at Arlington Park Race Track. Rich Chierico is the organizer with everything pretty well set. Len Kortekaas will include a registration form in the mailing to all members today.

The TRS Fall meetings are the next events with the first coming on September 29th at Barrington High School with Bob Lyons and Joan Howdle covering. October 13th will see the second meeting at Forest View Education Center with Frank Compton and Carolyn White in charge. The final meeting will be on November 3rd at Schaumburg High School with Len Kortekaas and Bill McCauley taking care of things. All these meetings will start at 4:30 pm. The 2009 IRTA State Convention is the next event on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday, October 20th at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Len is in charge and encourages as many people as possible to attend because we can send 34 delegates. The deadline to register is September 4th. Unit 90 will cover all expenses except the cost of the hotel. The final event of the year is the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 3rd at the Meridian coordinated by the White's.

4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Doris Haack)

The IRTA Executive Committee did not support doing away the Services Committee. Rich Chierico felt we should have a lobby day to go to Springfield to raise issues vital to us.

5) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

We now have 1030 members.

Foundation (Doris Haack)

There was a \$109,257.00 profit from selling the IRTA address labels. Ruth Hart, Paul Icenogle, and Wendy Wedeker will be remembered in memorials donated in their names.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

Bill has sent out several e-mails to members in the recent past and will send out the current Newsletter in a week.

Legislative (Bob Lyons)

4 of the 6 new Trustees came to the last TRS meeting. 2 members were not there, but they had been appointed only 2 weeks before. Bob defended elected members and their efforts and pointed out that they were outvoted by the Levine group in the past. All the new trustees explained they were not influenced by the Governor. The women who missed the meeting went to the orientation in Springfield. It seems that the new members do not have an agenda. The State Budget is a disaster. They owe 3.9 billion to vendors. Also they will sell 3.5 billion in 5-year notes at 3 1/2% interest. The credit rating is down to a single A. They are trying to borrow their way out of debt. We will probably receive our full payment from the State. We have not quite made it to 30 billion in our investments as yet. The process of replacing our executive director had begun with a search firm. The interim director has now shown interest, but the search will be honest. The consolidation of pension funds movement has died down, but is still an issue. Finally, there is the concept of a two-tiered retirement system which will come back because the public and legislators are very much for it. A group will report on this to the legislature.

6) Miscellaneous

Reinhard Taylor will handle the banner for the Newbee Breakfast. Also we will not have a fall tour.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9TH FOLLOWING THE NEWBEE BREAKFAST AT 9:00AM