

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

May 5, 2010

SUBMITTED BY FRANK COMPTON

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

**Guests:** Bill Bailey and Dave Buchheit

**1) Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)**

**2) President's Report (Len Kortekaas)**

Review of Spring Tours: Liz White was very positive, especially on the food at Celtic Knot. Both trips were very successful with a solid turnout on the second trip. We probably lost 2 to 3 hundred dollars because the first trip was not full. In the future it is suggested to book the first trip 1 week later and then follow with the second a week later. A question was raised about Cutler as tour leader as opposed to Hinchliff. They seem pretty even with a slight edge to Hinchliff.

**3) Unit 90 Schedule for 2010 (Len Kortekaas)**

First we have the summer luncheon on June 22 at Rolling Green Country Club. Liz White says it is all set. Roger will run the raffle. The menu is as follows: soup; entrees of roast beef, salmon salad or chicken cordon bleu with a dessert of a chocolate brownie with a scoop of lemon sorbet. Next is the Newbee Breakfast on September 8 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center using the same caterer as last year. The Whites are in charge. The Day at the Races is our next event on September 16, 2010 at Arlington Park under the direction of Rich Chierico. Rich handed out details of the menu. The required minimum is 16; it could be as low as 12. We have a beer and wine package. Rich feels we should extend invitations to other units. Bill McCauley agreed and felt that all who attend should pay \$50.00. The Legislative Breakfast is next and will take place on October 6 at the Inverness Country Club. Bob Lyons will send out the invitations. The coordinators are the Whites and Bob Lyons. Finally, we have the Holiday Luncheon on September 9 at the Wellington with the Whites in charge.

**4) IRTA Region 3 Reports (Jesse Macro and Reinhard Taylor)**

Reinhard Taylor is the Information Service Chairman. He asked Irene Jenks to find another person to serve as a representative. There is an effort to access the data base of general membership. Rich Chierico made a motion, seconded by Doris Haack, to have Reinhard Taylor be our on-line representative. This motion passed.

## **5) Membership Drive**

We still need more detail about potential retirees. There about 90. Bill McCauley contacted District 15 with little luck. However, we are making progress.

## **6) Committee Reports**

### **Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)**

143 need to renew. We now have 400 members who receive the Newsletter by e-mail. If everyone pays up, we will have 1051 members.

### **Foundation (Doris Haack)**

The Foundation is offering \$15,000.00 in grants in our area. Communications (Bill McCauley) Bill will send out an e-mail about the MacArthur Foundation information. Of the 144 retirees in 2009 only 28 have joined IRTA.

### **Information Services (Rich Chierico)**

Rich handed out the minutes of the last meeting.

### **Legislative (Bob Lyons and Jesse Macro)**

Jesse will attend the next meeting on the endorsement process. He felt some of the questions were too loaded. Bob went to the Area 1 Conference in Princeton. He felt the local units should provide feedback on how legislators voted on key issues. Now the big question in Springfield is the budget. The legislators will go home shortly. Both the House and Senate will provide enough money for the Governor to have to make a decision on how it will be spent. The money given for our pension this year is from 5-year notes which must be paid back. The legislators want to delay having to pay for the borrowing. There is real fear of bankruptcy. Raising the State Income Tax will be considered after the November election. There is talk of taxing pensions over a certain amount. The original concept of the pension was to keep people on the job when the pay was low.

## **7) Miscellaneous-**

### **Meeting Schedule for 2010:**

Wed 1/6, Tues 2/9, Tues 3/9, Wed 4/7, Wed 5/5, Wed 6/2, Wed 8/4, Wed 9/8, Wed 10/6,  
Wed 11/3

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**