

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

March 4, 2015 10:00 am  
SUBMITTED BY LIZ WHITE

**Attendance:**

Bob Kaplan, Bob Lyons, Bob Ferguson, Liz White, Herb Rangl, Reinhard Taylor, Bobby Reinhardt, Frank Compton, Len Kortekaas, Linda Wagner, Karl Gabbey, Carolyn White, Sandy Ratter; guest—Fred Klonsky

**1. Approval of Minutes (Linda Wallin)**

Minutes from 2/4/15 approved

**2. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Ratter)**

Treasurers report approved

**3. President's Report (Bob Kaplan)**

1. Area II Conference info was updated and passed out to all
2. Newsletter is ready-to-go
3. Area 2 Conference Planning Meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Randall Oaks Country Club
4. New Retires Update: reports from Liz and Jane are complete; all others are underway
5. NCFCA judges are needed for March 30-31; poll judges are also needed; information was passed around to all present
6. Tour surveys: a handful were submitted to Reinhard for consideration and he read them to all present; results were sketchy. A decision as to if and what is offered was post postponed until our next Board meeting
7. Len Kortekaas was nominated as the Unit 90 Honoree to be recognized at the State Convention in October. Carolyn moved and Reinhard seconded

**4. Unit 90 Events for 2015**

**Area 2 Conference**

March 16, 2015 - All set to go.

**Summer Luncheon**

Date and menu to be determined; Liz will get information FROM THE Inverness Golf Club next week and email IT to the Board

**Newbie Breakfast**

September 2, 2015 - Room is reserved by Bob Kaplan

### **Day at the Races**

At Arlington Park, September 17, 2015, menu chosen; go back to usual activity; guarantee 20 people. Rich was absent, so no further information was given

### **IRTA State Convention**

October 26-7, 2015 in Springfield, IL

### **Fall TRS Meetings**

Dates have yet to be determined

### **Holiday Luncheon**

No report

## **5. Committee reports**

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

130 need to renew their Unit 90 membership. Discussion followed concerning combining membership for retired teacher couples. It was decided that since each receives a pension, each should pay for a membership

### **2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)**

No report

### **3) Member Benefits (Rich Chierico)**

No report

### **4) Communications/Web Site/Information Services (Reinhard Taylor)**

Reinhard urged us to brainstorm ways to invigorate membership in Unit 90. He will send out an email to solicit ideas from the Board members. Also, *the goal* is to get all units set up with their own websites; 42 of the 95 units have websites to date

### **5) Volunteer Services (Carolyn White)**

No report

### **7) Newsletter Coordinator (Len Kortekaas)**

Mailing today

### **8) Legislative (Bob Lyons)**

The legal defense fund has taken in \$549,000. There is about \$90,000 left. The hearing regarding SB1 is set for March 11. It is possible the decision could come as early as May. There is precedence for the courts to tell the State that they must pay the pensions, so the legislature needs to raise revenue (taxes)

Our guest, Fred Klonsky, indicated, discussed, opined:

- There were 7 pages of legislation dealing with pensions
- IRTA will inform us about SB 1503, which would allow those retirees who had moved out of the State insurance health plan to return if they so desired
- IRTA's part-time lobbyist is very good
- The Legislature has no Plan B, should the court decide against them
- There are questions about the legality of the 2-tier system
- 2023 is the year when funding begins with the current plan
- Illinois put 20% of their budget toward pensions; most other states put in 9%
- At some point, Illinois will be found in violation of federal law if the State reduces pensions to rates that are below what one could get through Social Security benefits
- The current governor wants to take \$2 billion from the pensions
- "Democrats are the key to resolving the pension crisis"
- Madigan works *only* for political power
- To contact Fred, email him at: [KLONSKY@MAC.COM](mailto:KLONSKY@MAC.COM)

No meeting in July or December, meetings this year are 2/4, 3/4 (mailing), 4/1, 5/6 (mailing), 6/3, 8/5 (mailing), 9/2 (breakfast meeting - Room 183A), 10/7, 11/4 (mailing).

Next meeting room 172, Arlington Heights Senior Center.