

## 2019 Highpointers Club General Membership Meeting

Whirl-I-Gig Club, L'Anse Michigan

July 27, 2019

The general membership meeting began at 6:34 PM following an extensive buffet dinner. Mark Comstock, convention host, introduced his co-host Mary Groeneveld, and MC Bill Urbanski. Bill introduced the Club Board members and encouraged members to consider running for the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Gloria Larson, HPC member from Florida.

Remarks by Mark Comstock, Club Vice President: Mark noted that President Alan Ritter attended the Board meeting by Skype, but that audio problems limited his participation; Mark noted that it had been a difficult year with the extensive transitions occurring, but that it was ultimately successful; he encouraged the membership to submit comments and suggestions on how to improve the Club

Raffle tickets were drawn and prizes distributed

Eric Lichtenstein – host of 2020 NV Convention; noted that most major items are already set; dates are July 23-25, 2020; Mick Dunn is co-host; registration forms were available, and members could vote on preferred T-shirt design; Eric also noted that “spotlight forms” were available for members to submit to the NL to highlight individuals and their accomplishments

Attendance: 207 total registration; farthest were from Alaska, plus Sjaak and Lidy Vanschie from the Netherlands, of course; closest participant lives four miles away; oldest is Stu [last name?]; youngest is five years old from Custer SD; MacKay family from MA had largest group with eight family members; also traditional review of number of conventions attended: two persons with two conventions attended, but none with only one

Access issues: Stony Burk reported that “everything is good”

Foundation Report by Dave Covill: Foundation involved in 100 projects in 31 states, costing \$200,000; for White Butte (ND), have signed a perpetual access agreement with ranchers; acknowledged roles of Valerie Naylor and Don Holmes, plus others with legal advice; on October 5<sup>th</sup> will have dedication at Point Reno (DC), with two interpretative panels; Interpretative panels also installed in Georgia, and an observation deck and three large paver stones at Sassafras Mountain (SC)

Don Holmes presented his traditional Holmes/Watson tent joke and airplane joke

New Business:

George Johnson, joined by Dennis Whitehead and Don Berens, commented on MI-87; there was no written program or agenda, just like MI-19; meeting was held at Hilltop Restaurant; Clarke Hall had slide show of Mt. Blanc

Bill Guenther made brief presentation on county HPs in Vermont; ten are on private land; sent letters and jugs of maple syrup to each; also presented jugs to MI hosts Comstock and Groeneveld

It was noted that Elaine MacKay had her 74<sup>th</sup> birthday today

Gary Szelc took photos of 48 and 50 HP completers

Selection of 2021 convention location, in Northeast Region; three states proposed: PA (Mark Burd and Andrew Claudy); NY (Gwynn Roberts and Julie Smith and WV (Lillian and Gene Elliott, Mick Dunn and Ruth Anne Heselbarth, and Charlie Ferris); nominations closed

Presentations were made for each proposed location; on first-round vote, WV was eliminated; on runoff vote, PA was selected for 2021 location by a vote of 92-87, to great applause

Several Paul Zumwalt and Frank Ashley awards were presented, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation to Weyerhaeuser Corporation; no Vin Hoeman or Jack Longacre awards were presented

The flag was transferred to the 2020 Convention Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sutton, HPC Secretary