



**Veterans' Association
of the
Chicago & North Western Railway**



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Green Bay Chapter Luncheon

Minutes:

The Green Bay Chapter of the C&NW Veterans Assoc. had our 19th annual luncheon meeting at the Stadium View on Friday September 21, 2012.

The following minutes to be read at our next meeting at the Titledown Restaurant & Brewery, Green Bay, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

President Truman Koehn of the C&NW Veterans Green Bay Chapter called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm, then lead all in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and followed with the "Invocation" before lunch. After lunch Truman read the minutes of the previous meeting held at the National Railroad Museum on Wednesday August 15, 2012.

68 members and non-members were in attendance at this luncheon.

Lunch consisted of chicken and tenderloin tips, family style.

Truman introduced all visitors and officers in attendance and asked them to make remarks if they wished. Later, the floor was opened to all who wished to make any comments they felt appropriate.

Old Business: Truman read segments of a letter dated March 27 and written by Edward Hamberger, President & CEO of the American Association of Railroads to Rep. Paul Ryan. Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, introduced legislation to reduce Railroad Retirement benefits to the level of Social Security, which was passed by the US House but was later defeated in the US Senate. The AAR opposed this legislation (as did all the rail unions) as not one penny of taxpayer monies has ever been used in connection with Railroad pensions. And as such, and the Railroad pension being self funded, no taxpayer dollars would be saved to reduce the federal budget. Members are advised the Railroad Retirement pension system is in very solid financial condition and is projected to remain very solid for decades.

New Business: Truman talked about Section 5 of our Association by laws, concerning Life Membership requirements for members of the C&NW Vets Association. This is available to all members over the age of 80, who have been members for 10 years, OR have become totally disabled.

The Milwaukee annual luncheon on October 20, 2012 was announced. Cost is \$14.50 per plate. Deadline for reservations is October 12, 2012.

Herb Hessil, Chapter Vice President, read the names of 15 C&NW members and non-members that have passed away in the past year since our last annual luncheon on September 16, 2011. People in attendance were asked if there was anyone from our area not listed and none were given.

Lauren Bockin, Sec. Treas. gave a short financial report.

Sick member(s) and non-member(s) as reported by those in attendance: Cliff Bouche retired Green Bay switchman.

Rod Ewert came to the podium and told a few well received jokes.

Raffle and door prizes were given out. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this part of our program which took about an hour.

Our annual luncheon meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

The next meeting (after October 17, 2012) of the Green Bay Chapter will be on Wednesday November 21, 2012 at the National Railroad Museum.

Lauren Bockin S/T

cc; Truman Koehn
Herb Hessil
Dick Jobelius