



Bruce MEN'S SHED
General Meeting Report
Saturday December 16, 2023, 09:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Lion's Head Legion Branch # 202

BMS Meeting Summary

Attendees: Lee Brown, Ross Cochrane, Terry Dovaston, Peter Roeser, Gerry Tilmans, Owen Glendon, Sharron Colter, Don Colter, John Tozer, Jim Martell, Pat Howes, Peter Hubacheck, Gerry Greig, Bert Niehoff, Rod Lee, Bill Dwyne, Michael Latimer, Jim Borrowman, new member Paul Neem (19 attendees) Presenter: Gerry Greig

08:30 am – Doors open – set up assistance was greatly appreciated

09:00 am – Potluck breakfast - we had a great selection of hot dishes and desserts to choose from

09:45 am – General meeting commenced - Welcome & Introductions

- Gerry T reviewed the scale model club, showing progress on the models, and described Terry's talk on the history of airbrushing and his experience as an airbrush artist. We will continue on in January, Tuesdays 9-11:30 at the Legion
- Recently 20 bird nesting boxes built by Bruce Men's Shed were presented to Nature Conservancy Canada's Justin Johnson and Esme Batten. They will put them up on various properties owned by NCC. They were very impressed with the build quality and said Thank You to all who were able to participate.
- Peter R talked about the \$4,000 cheque received from RTOERO and the excellent Christmas Luncheon that RTOERO put on, where Bruce Men's Shed was the guest of honour. Peter, Terry, Don, and Gerry T enjoyed the turkey feast and the great warmth we felt accepting their cheque
- Kudos were given to Sharron Colter for her work on the RTOERO funds!
- Peter also informed us that and that the Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula awarded a \$1,000 grant to us for use in projects
- Owen described some clothing options with our BMS logo on it; T-shirts, hoodies, long sleeves, hats, patches and more are available from Ram Accessories in Wiarton and other locations. When asked an overwhelming majority put up a hand to show interest in purchasing an item at a cost estimate of \$30. We talked about having BMS fund part of this and a number suggested that since we have no membership fees, they are willing to pay the full amount. One request was that the clothing be "men's sized shirts". Agreed!
- Gerry T proposed purchase of an electric branding iron that would burn the BMS logo onto wooden items made by the group. (Not to be used for branding members however). The cost estimate was over \$300 which a show of hand voted to proceed on however after further discussion, a better purchase would be a non-electric brand heated by a propane torch, costing less than \$100
Subsequent to the meeting: we may be able to manufacture our own by skilled members with materials on hand
- New member Paul introduced himself and his recent move to Lions Head, a recently retired teacher who is willing to share his knife sharpening skills

- A 50/50 draw was drawn by Paul, the winner of \$18.00 was Gerry Tilmans



PHOTO: Presentation of flycatcher and bluebird nesting boxes made by our group



Photo: First day of scale model building



Photo: Owen has an excellent piece of kit to help with the tiny parts of the model kits



Photo: Terry describing the fine points of airbrush artistry, an example of which is shown



Photo: Breakfast potluck

Agenda Items:

10:10 am - Short Break & Speaker Set-up

10:20 am - Captain Gerry sailed an ore freighter similar to the Edmund Fitzgerald on the route from Duluth Minnesota to Sault Ste Marie for many years. There were a number of incidents that separately might not have sunk “the Fitz” but a failure chain led to her end. Heavy



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winds forced a different route, waves piling higher as they approached the NE corner of Lake Superior, a heaving ship running into a then-unmarked shoal likely causing the tear in the forward hull below the waterline. Finger-pointing by various agencies lay blame on the captain, having open doors instead of a tight ship. There is still controversy surrounding her sinking.



Photo: Captain Gerald (Gerry) Greig explains the fate of the Edmund Fitzgerald



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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- *Coffee Time Chat - January 8 & each Monday 9:00-11:30 at the Legion*
- *Scale model building at the Legion, Tuesdays 9-11:30 Starting January 9:*
- *Hikes to be announced*

NOTE: members are empowered to start and head any project: “any member can drive the bus!”

“Somewhere to go. Something to do. Someone to talk to.”