

SOAR meeting

Sept. 8, 2015

1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken and all were present except Wayne Komprood and Joe Coates. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A thank you card was received from Jerry Redington for the \$139 donated to him for his VEBA travel expenses.

The treasurer gave her report. Geri asked for a motion so she could buy more checks. A motion was made and seconded to buy 150 more checks. The motion passed.

The corn boil at Wayne's last month was very enjoyable. A thank you card was signed and will be sent to Wayne and Joanne.

A discussion followed about corn prices being down and how that will affect the farm tire sales.

Jerry attended the VEBA meeting in Baltimore on August 28. With the drop in the stock market and investments taking a hit, prescription drug prices continue to rise. Six different options were discussed to counteract these problems. The final decision was to have all those who are Medicare eligible to use Freedom Blue. Retirees will no longer be eligible for Highmark Blue Cross if they are 65 or Medicare eligible. Retirees and dependents who are not Medicare eligible will keep Highmark Blue Cross until they become Medicare eligible and will transfer to Freedom Blue at that time. VEBA is negotiating with Silver Scrip in regards to staying with them after 1-1-2016. While the foregoing is the position of the VEBA Trustees no agreements are signed or finalized. However Jerry did not expect any changes to their decisions. All Retirees will receive open enrollment letters and information in the mail beginning October 15th.

A show of hands indicated that we would like to have a meeting held to explain the new insurance options. A morning and an afternoon meeting in the Union Hall were preferred.

Next month's topic will be about funeral service options. Many people opt to have a celebration of life instead of the traditional service.

Sherman Willis won a jar of honey provided by Walt's Bees. Dusia Walz' name was drawn for the attendance prize but since she was not present it was not awarded.

We adjourned at 2:40 p.m. with a fellowship time following.

Susan Walt
Secretary