**Presque Isle Community Men’s Club**

Meeting minutes August 1st. 2024

Opening: Meeting called to order by President Mike Bugenske at 9:00am with 13 members and 3 guests: Ann Ratterree, Jan Antecki, and one more??

Opening song: Jay Kettler

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Bugenske

Prayer: Jay Kettler

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mike Bugenske

* Tim Cordes, Plant Manager of the PI Quarry

Tim has been working at the PI Quarry for 12 years, 2 years as the Plant Manager. Tim reviewed the Bell Bay boat launch site dredging project that was initiated by the local homeowners. They applied for the permit and it has been approved by the Army Corps of Engineers/DEQ and is valid for the next 5 years. They are allowed to remove up to 18” of material. Holcim will perform the dredging from their land on have an area to place the spoils from the dredging. They are hoping to complete this by early fall of this year. Tim discussed the employee engagement activities they do to support the staff, improvements made to the bathroom facilities at the site and the Community Outreach they do. Holcim has donated back to the Communinty $330K through 2023 and are on-track to donate $35K for 2024. There are several local PI groups that receive funding from Holcim including the PI Food Pantry. Each year, Holcim donated Turkeys to the Food Bank at Thanksgiving. Tim talked in detail about their support for the Brown Trout Festival and how it has grown over the years. This year they partnered with the Walleye Club and had 17 boats for the Youth Offshore Event. They obtained NSSGA Gold Status for Environmental and Community Relations in 2023 and are on track for 2024. Holcim is Projected to ship approximately 4.6M Tons in 2024. They produced 5.9M+ tons produced (6M in 2023). They are expecting +/- 200 Vessels to have visited PI by year end – 89 to-date. They purchased 2 new CAT Loaders, a 992 & 993 and a 6250 drill. In their Production of Product, they have to measure the Limestone for MGO (Manganese) and Silica content. Each customer orders Product with a certain chemical ratio of these main 2 (MGO/Silica) and they have to blend rock from different parts of the Quarry to achieve the desired ratios for each customer. Tim showed a map of the quarry and where the active mining is occurring, they call it A4 – North and South. He discussed how Lake Allen is filling with fines and they are working on building a new dike that will be the new settling pond. This new pond will be more or less located where they are mining today – A4. Tin briefly discussed they are working on repairing the Dock which is experiencing erosion from lake actions and large boats with bow thrusters. Tim concluded his presentation stating they expect to be able to continue Operations for “about” 50 years and it will likely grow as they find new areas on the property with the same high-quality stone. It was mentioned that there are very few Quarries that can produce the high-quality stone that is found in Presque Isle, MI. There was a tour of the Quarry after the meeting for those that were able to attend.

Break and 50/50 Drawing:

* $13.00 won by Mike Bugenske, Mike donated the winnings to the Presidents Dinner Fund

Officer and Committee Reports:

* Minutes: Mike Grochola
  + July’s minutes were submitted, Motion by Joe Antecki to approve the minutes, 2nd by Less Fissette, All Ayes, motion passed
* Financial reports: Mike Grochola
  + Submitted July 2024 report. Motion by Less Fissette to approve the report, 2nd by Jerome Koscielniak, All Ayes, motion passed
  + Mike explained he moved the interest from the CD’s from the General Fund to the Community Service Fund
  + Paid expense of $9.00 for donuts (paid cash to Mike Bugenske)
* Project Evaluation Committee: Mike Bugenske
  + Nothing new to report
* Health and Family Committee: Bob Beres
  + Nothing new to report
* Scholarship Committee: Bart Hellmuth / Tim Lutes / Russ Kauffman
  + Mike B. read the Thank You card sent from Katelyn Bielas from Rogers City
  + Due to Tim Lutes ongoing health challenges, looking for a permanent replacement
* Next meeting set-up:
  + John Dolan, Less, Fissette, and Larry Fields volunteered

Old Business:

* None

New Business:

* It was agreed to have the Treasurer contact past members that have not paid dues asking if they want to remain active and encourage them to submit their dues payment
* The Men’s Club Website – it needs to be updated, need to find out who has access to make updates

Announcements:

* Please keep Tim Lutes in your thoughts and prayers as he is experiencing challenges with his vision
* Wednesday 8/21/24 at 9 am Breakfast at the Route 65 Diner
* Thursday 9-5-24 Monthly meeting at 9:00 am at the PIHA Club house. Tom Guyer will return to inform members on recent renewable energy and septic system legislation that will affect residents
* Wednesday 9/18/24 at 9 am Breakfast at the Route 65 Diner
* Thursday 10/3/24 Monthly meeting at 9:00 am at the PIHA clubhouse. Marsha Grulke will speak about the history of the Petersville settlement, half of the town was a ghost town and the other houses were moved to Rogers City
* There are Presque Isle Community Men’s Club coffee mugs available for sale – see Mike Bugenske to get these limited edition mugs
* Chuck is investigating a tour of the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw for sometime this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am by President Mike Bugenske