

MIDWEST PRAIRIE SCHOONERS
Minutes of Meeting
Lazy Day Campground, Danville, MO
May 19, 2018

President Ted Snell called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM with a quorum present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Michele Shields called the roll, with 7 Active RVs present: Darling, McFie/Shields, Meyers, Perry, Pfeiffer, Shields, Snell. No Associates.

President Snell introduced Murray & Diane Mathew of Spring Hill, KS, as first-time guests. They were welcomed.

Secretary Shields reported that the Minutes of the April 14, 2018 meeting were sent to members on 4/21/18 and noted that spelling and grammar errors were corrected. Upon motion by Bob Perry and second by Nancy Snell, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Minutes as corrected and presented and place on file.

Michele further reported that current Chapter membership includes 19 Active, 5 Associates, & 6 Schooner Friends. She referred to the RV Emergency Card and asked that she be contacted if anyone wants the form. Michele reported that we have two gently used chapter jackets and a new cap for sale if anyone is interested.

Secretary Shields announced that she would not be at the next three rallies, but that she will appoint an Acting Secretary for meetings, as necessary.

Treasurer Kay Pfeiffer reported on the transactions for, March 31, 2018 thru April 30, 2018, with an ending balance in the Chapter checking account of \$2,447.60 and the balance in the CD of \$4,264.92 with a renewal date of May 26, 2019. Upon motion by Sue Darling and second by Julee Shields it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Treasurer's Report and place on file.

Kay announced that she will be sending in an order for Chapter apparel after the May rally, and requested members to contact her if they wish to place an order.

Wagon Master John Della Jacono was not present, so there was no report.

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Web Master Richard Shields reported that the website (mwpschooners.com) is up and accessible. He has added the amended By-laws and Standing Rules, as well as added new photos of members and their RVs. He still needs to delete the old members. He is in the process of adding the old Picasa rally photos to the web site.

Under Old Business,

President Snell reported that the Executive Board had not met and has no report at this time.

Secretary Shields read the report from the Audit Committee (Jim Fryer, Kevin McCarthy, and Chair Bob Perry) dated April 14, 2018, stating that they audited the Treasurer's records for the years 2016 and 2017 and found all entries to be complete and correct.

President Snell reported that report from the 1st Vice President Ed Miller re Rally Guidelines review and update would be presented at a future meeting.

President Snell reported that the continuation of the discussion on ways to cut Chapter expenses and increase income had been tabled. Upon question from some members, he encouraged continued discussion in groups outside of the meeting until the issue is back on the table for action, along with the issue of Associate membership which was previously tabled. He reminded all that an e-mail had been sent out on 4/23/18 requesting comments from all Active and Associate members on both matters; and the Secretary will send it out again and encouraged everyone to respond.

Under New Business,

Re Correspondence, Secretary Shields reported 1) that the amended By-laws had been sent to FMCA for their review, waiting for response; 2) that the verification of voting information for our National Director to vote at the FMCA board meeting in July was submitted; 3) that FMCA has resolved the legal issue of sharing new member e-mail addresses with chapter secretaries, so we don't have to use the mails and the accompanying costs for paper, ink, envelopes and postage; and 4) that we have received a few responses from new FMCA members indicating an interest in MWPS.

President Snell recognized those with May birthdays, Bruce Pfeiffer (2nd) and Nancy Snell (4th), to whom the members sang happy birthday..

Kay Pfeiffer, one of the co-hosts for the June rally in Nevada MO, announced that the deadline for reservations at Osage Prairie RV Park is May 23 in order for our group to park together. Hosts are going to do all the food. She passed a sign-up sheet around, and a reminder notice will be going out.

President Snell reminded the members to make early reservations for the October 12-14 rally at Melvern Lake KS online at reservations.gov and referred them to the advance notice that went out.

President Snell thanked the May hosts, Daryl & Sue Darling and Richard & Michele Shields for putting together the rally. He encouraged everyone to drive into Hermann after the meeting to participate in the *Maifest* activities.

President Snell reported that FMCA had sent another gift. Name was drawn; and Shields won an FMCA Atlas. Another item, made by a former Chapter member, was presented by Nancy Snell to a name drawn, Pfeiffer.

Upon motion by Richard Shields and second by Kay Pfeiffer, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shields
MWPS Secretary