

**MIDWEST PRAIRIE SCHOONERS**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Melvern Lake, KS**  
**October 13, 2018**

President Ted Snell called the meeting to order at 3:30PM with a quorum present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Michele Shields called the roll, with 10 Active RVs present: Gyles, McCarthy, McFie, Miller, Perry, Pfeiffer, Poage, Shields, Smith, Snell; plus 1 Associate RV: Wilkinson

President Snell introduced first-time guests: Olive Smith of Merriam KS; and K.L. "Cotton" & Winnie Wells of Clay Center KS. They were welcomed.

President Snell introduced second-time guests, Emmett & Carol Morley of Lee's Summit MO, confirmed they are FMCA members, and asked if they would like to join the MWPS. Upon their yes response, motion made by Tonda Smith, and second by Dennis Smith, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve chapter membership.

President Snell introduced second-time guests, Don & Jeannie Paxton of Kansas City MO, confirmed they are FMCA members, and asked if they would like to join the MWPS. Upon their yes response, motion made by Bud McFie, and second by Kathy Gyles, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve chapter membership.

Secretary Shields reported that the Minutes of the September 8, 2018 meeting were sent to members on 9/14/18. Upon motion by Ed Miller and second by Tonda Smith, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Minutes as presented and place on file.

Michele further reported that current Chapter membership includes 21 Active (with new members), 5 Associates, & 6 Schooner Friends. She reminded members to recruit new members, as we need participation and new ideas. She further reminded those present that she has RV Emergency Cards plus Promo Card to recruit new members. She reported that the new members may be interested in gently used MWPS apparel that can be seen in the Shields' RV during the rally.

Treasurer Kay Pfeiffer reported on the transactions for August 31, 2018 thru September 30, 2018, with an ending balance in the Chapter checking account of \$1,999.11 and the balance in the CD of \$4,264.92 with a renewal date of May 26, 2019. Upon motion by Al Gyles and second by Bud McFie, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Treasurer's Report and place on file.

2018 Wagon Master John Della Jacono was not present. He and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ed Miller are in the process of updating the Rally Guidelines, which will be sent out to Members later in October.

2019 Wagon Masters, Dennis & Tonda Smith, reported that three Members due to host in 2019 are Ayres, McFie/Shields, Sims. The only month with no host yet is April in Hutchinson in KS, plus co-hosts are needed for July in Branson with Tate and for August in Abilene KS with Perry.

National Director Jerry Ayres was not present. Report was sent to Members 8/6/18.

Web Master Richard Shields reported that the website (mwpschooners.com) is up and accessible. He adds the minutes monthly. He needs to take photos of a couple of members. He is in the process of adding the old Picasa rally photos to the web site. After October rally, he'll add the 2019 Rally Schedule, new officers and contacts, plus amended By-laws, Standing Rules, and Rally Guidelines, as needed.

Under Old Business,

Nancy Snell, Chair, reported that the Nominating Committee (also consisting of Daryl Darling and Jim Tate) presents the following slate of officers for election by the Active Members: President: John Della Jacono; 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ted Snell; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Daryl Darling; Secretary: Michele Shields; Treasurer: Bob Perry; National Director: Jerry Ayres; Alternate National Director: Trudy Meyers. Upon motion by Richard Shields and second by Kevin McCarthy, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to elect the slate of officers for 2019 as presented.

President Snell presented Past Officer dangles to the outgoing officers, Ed Miller and Kay Pfeiffer., and thanked them for their service.

President Snell reported that re the issue of rally fees, expenses, income, etc., Comments have been received from most, but not all, chapter members. Those Comments and proposed amendments to the Standing Rules were sent to Members in September. President Snell addressed the income and expense issues recalling the history of the chapter's income and expenses and that the consensus of the member comments favored a rally fee in lieu of increasing annual dues.

Nancy Snell made a motion that the Chapter assess a rally fee of \$7.50/person for each attending Member (not guests) at a rally. Discussion followed, including consideration of the rally fee be determined at each rally by the cost of the food divided by the attending members up to \$7.50 per person; different rally fee each month is burden on Treasurer; rally fee may deter attendance; chapter should not be making money since it is non-profit; income would offset operating capital, which was then delineated; consideration of deleting the \$200/\$250 maximum reimbursements to rally hosts; rally hosts provide the entree at own cost; there should be a threshold balance to be kept in accounts; chapter must have enough funds for contingencies, such as replacing equipment as well as paying bills.

In order to get the issue on the table, Kay Pfeiffer seconded the motion to assess \$7.50/member attending a rally. By a show of hands, 8 In Favor, 13 Against, and 3 No Vote., the motion FAILED TO PASS.

Upon further discussion, President Snell appointed the following members to serve on a Study Committee, charged with developing an operating and savings bottom threshold and the means to avoid reaching it, and report back to the members at the April 2019 meeting. Kay Pfeiffer, Bob Perry, Ed Miller, Dennis Smith, and Bob Morley agreed to serve on the committee to present a plan.

President Snell read the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules, which were sent to the members in September, with the exception that the item referring to Rally Fees be deleted completely at this time. The proposed amendments bring the Standing Rules into conformance with recently amended FMCA and Chapter By-laws as well as consistent with the FMCA definition of Associate.

Article I – Members, Paragraph 3. Maintaining Membership – Maintaining membership in the Chapter shall be contingent upon continued membership in FMCA. *[No change] [This applies to Active and Associate]*

Paragraph 3.A. Active members are required to attend at least one rally per calendar year and host/co-host a rally as required by size of membership. Such attendance at a rally shall be defined as spending at least one night in the recreation vehicle as defined by the FMCA. Active members are eligible to vote and hold elected office.

Paragraph 3.B. Associate members no longer own a recreational vehicle and are not required to attend a minimum number of rallies per calendar year nor required to host/co-host a rally. Therefore, they are not eligible to vote nor eligible to hold elected office.

Article II – Annual Dues

Paragraph 3. Associate Members – Annual dues shall be \$20.00 per calendar year.

Upon motion by Tonda Smith and second by Al Gyles, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES AS PRESENTED.

President Snell added that those currently Associate Members under the old definition who own their RV and wish to become Active members, but have extenuating circumstances preventing them from meeting the requirements, their situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Under New Business,

Re Correspondence, Secretary Shields reported that she receives monthly reports of new FMCA members. She noted that each month there are more new members and more who have indicated an interest in our chapter.

President Snell noted that there were no members with October birthdays.

Re the winter luncheons, Nancy Snell and Billie Fryer volunteered to host November north of the river. Jane

Miller and Michele Shields volunteered to host December south of the river.

President Snell thanked the October hosts, Kevin & Jill McCarthy and Dennis & Tonda Smith, for putting together the rally.

Upon motion by Richard Shields and second by everyone (as time was encroaching on Social Hour), it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 4:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shields  
MWPS Secretary

Following the meeting, Jill McCarthy reported that earlier in the day attendees played lawn games, consisting of Bean Bag Toss, Lawn Dart, and Ladder Ball Golf. She announced the winners of **The First Ever MWPS Lawn Olympics**: Bronze to Cotton Wells; Silver to Carol Morley; Gold to Richard Shields; and the Olympian Who Tried So Hard But Failed to Kay Pfeiffer. There was a round of applause for the winners.