

MIDWEST PRAIRIE SCHOONERS
Minutes of Meeting
KS State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS
April 13, 2019

In the absence of President John Della Jacono, 1st Vice President Ted Snell, as Acting President, called the meeting to order at 9:10AM at the Armory with a quorum present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ted introduced the new 2019 officers and appointees.

Secretary Michele Shields called the roll, with 8 Active RVs present: Darling, Gyles, Miller, Morley, Perry, Shields, Smith, Snell. Guests Linda Sybrant of Mission Hills and her friend Becky Lassiter attended the rally in Linda's RV but did not attend the meeting.

Secretary Shields reported that the Minutes of the October 13, 2018 meeting were sent to members on 10/16/18. Upon motion by Kathy Gyles and second by Nancy Snell, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Minutes as presented and place on file.

Michele further reported that current Chapter membership includes 23 Active plus 5 Schooner Friends. She noted that long-time members Bob & Judy Snyder (1998) and Elaine Strouse (2003) had resigned and that Doug & Wetta Sims (2013) had let their membership lapse. Following our change in membership category definitions, former Associates have returned to Active: Stan & Jean Berhorst (2007), Richard & Ellen Butts (1987), Rod & Angela Pierce (2016), and Ross & Carol Wilkinson (1999).

Michele reminded members to recruit new members, as we need participation and new ideas and new leadership. She further reminded those present that she has RV Emergency Cards plus Promo Card to recruit new members which will be sent to members.

Treasurer Bob Perry reported on the transactions for October 1 – December 31, 2018 with an ending balance in the checking account of \$2,456.75 and the balance in the CD of \$4,264.92, plus transactions for January 1 – March 31, 2019 with an ending checking account balance of \$2,491.75 and the balance in the CD of \$4,264.92, with a renewal date of May 26, 2019. Bob reported that he would be withdrawing \$600 from the CD when it renews for deposit in checking for operations. Upon motion by Al Gyles and second by Tonda Smith, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Treasurer's Report and place on file.

Wagon Masters, Dennis & Tonda Smith, distributed a draft copy of the 2020 Rally Schedule to get some feedback on a couple of the sites which are at the far end of our 250-mile radius criteria, i.e. Eureka Springs AR in April as it may be warmer and snowbirds could attend on return home, and Amana Colonies IA in July, and a post-rally caravan to Nashville TN following October rally in Danville MO.

Referring to the 2019 Rally Schedule, Dennis reminded members that there are early deadlines to register for upcoming rallies: May 7 for June rally at Osage Beach MO; ASAP at recreation.gov for September rally at Tuttle Creek Lake COE park KS. See schedule for others which are 30 days to 8 weeks in advance of rally. Secretary will send out e-mail regarding the 2020 draft schedule and the deadlines for the 2019 rallies.

Michele Shields reported that she and John Della Jacono had been working on putting together a caravan of those interested in going to the 100th FMCA International Rally in Minot ND in August following the chapter rally in Abilene KS. It is a 825 mile/3-day drive due north. So far, there are several interested (Della Jacono, Miller, Morley, Paxton, Snell). However, Snell will be volunteering which will require them to leave during rally. She pointed out that the Fairgrounds in Minot are divided by service as it was in Gillette WY, so if you want to have sites together, everyone must have the same service, such as 30-amp. Secretary will send out an e-mail with further details.

National Director Jerry Ayres was not present. Report was sent to Members 3/25/19.

Web Master Richard Shields was not present at the meeting. He has more photos to take of members with their RVs to be posted.

Under Old Business,

At the October meeting a Study Committee, consisting of Kay Pfeiffer, Bob Perry, Ed Miller, Emmett Morley, and Dennis Smith, Chair, was 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. Dennis reported that the committee will report their recommendations at the May or June meeting.

2018 Wagon Master John Della Jacono and the 1st Vice President Ed Miller updated the Rally Guidelines. The Revised 11-14-2018 version was sent out to Members on 3-3-2019. Upon their recommendation to include the responsibilities of the Wagon Master in the Chapter Standing Rules, proposed amendments were sent to the members on 3-15-2019 for 30-day review, which included adding Paragraph 11 under Article III. Officers' Duties.

Upon motion by Jane Miller and second by Nancy Snell, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES AS PRESENTED.

Under New Business,

Re Correspondence, Secretary Shields reported that the death of former members John Sinnett and Dean Long were reported to the members in March; that she receives monthly reports from FMCA listing members who joined the previous month to whom she then sends a chapter introduction e-mail letter; receives e-mail replies from those interested and put on prospect list to receive our mailings; received letter from RV Caravan With Us which was given to the Wagon Master.

Acting President Snell recognized April birthdays: 4-Trudy Meyers, 9-Kevin McCarthy, 18-Tonda Smith, 15-Don Paxton. Members sang *happy birthday* to Tonda.

Acting President Snell announced that the May Rally will be held May 17-19 at Cottonwoods RV in Columbia MO. Hosts are McCarthy and Poage. Secretary Shields reported that deadline for reservations was March 17; rally notice & details were last sent out April 1, requesting that attendees notify Jill by May 1 re day of arrival. Also, John has set up the tour of the MO State Penitentiary for Sat/May 18.

Acting President Snell thanked the April rally hosts, Al & Kathy Gyles, for their work in putting together the rally and managing the changes and cooking arrangements plus thanks to Dennis Smith for acquiring the meeting room at the Armory.

Al Gyles announced that those interested may tour the Cosmosphere which is west on 11th Avenue. Mennonite events are going on at the Fairgrounds. Hosts will open the room at the Armory around 2PM for visiting, happy hour and dinner and games.

Jane Miller recommended that we delete April from our rally schedules and instead have a luncheon due the low rally attendance and weather in April for the past few years. It would require amending our Standing Rules. Secretary will present the issue to the Executive Board for further action by chapter members, noting that the majority of those present at this rally meeting were in favor.

Upon motion by Michele Shields (as final gesture for John Sinnett) and second by Dennis Smith, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 9:42AM..

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shields
MWPS Secretary

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