

Midwest Prairie Schooners
Minutes of the Meeting
Capital KOA, Topeka, Kansas
October 12, 2019

Acting President Ted Snell called the meeting to order at 9:12AM with a quorum present followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Michele Shields called the roll with 11 Active members in attendance: Ayres, Gyles, McFie/Shields, Miller, Morley, Perry, Pfeiffer, Shields, Smith, Snell, Titus

Secretary reported that the Minutes of the September meeting were sent to Members on 9/17/2019. Upon motion by Nancy Snell and second by Jane Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2019 meeting as presented and place on file.

Treasurer Bob Perry reported for the period ending September 30 the balance in Checking was \$2,257.07 and the balance in the CD was \$3,735.85 (matures 8/26/2020). Upon motion by Tonda Smith and second by Jerry Ayres, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and place on file.

He further reported that the Secretary had sent out the notice to all members on 9/30/2019 that Chapter dues are due and payable by December 31. However, payment would be appreciated by December 1 to enable the Secretary to submit the Chapter's report to FMCA for annual certification.

Wagon Master Dennis Smith & Wagon Mistress Tonda Smith reported that we still need volunteers to host for three rallies in 2020: July at Amana Colonies IA, August in Nebraska City NE, and September at Malvern Lake KS. The Secretary noted that those members due to host in 2020 who have yet to volunteer are Paxton, Sims, Titus, Wilkinson. Acting President reminded all that the Chapter rally schedule must be submitted to FMCA at least two months in advance of publication in the magazine.

It was also reported that the Rally Guidelines, revised by the 1st Vice President and Wagon Master 9-1-2019, were sent to the Members on 9-2-2019. It was pointed out that the revised Rally Guidelines include details of the Wagon Master responsibilities as well as hosts.

National Director Jerry Ayres reported that he and Sally had been recognized by FMCA for attending their 20th FMCA convention; and that he is now a Mentor for new members. Also, he announced that he and Sally will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations were extended.

Webmaster Richard Shields reported on the status of the website and the labor intensive process for adding the photographs. He noted that he still needed to take pictures of some members with RVs and pets. He also asked if anyone was interested in assisting him or taking over the Webmaster position, to please see him.

Old Business--

Acting President reported that the appointment of a Membership Committee to document ways members can recruit prospects for membership and report back to a future meeting or via e-mail was something John Della Jacono suggested and will fall to the new President to pursue.

Acting President reported that the Proposed Amendments to the Chapter Standing Rules were sent to Members on 9/2/2019 for 30 days review. The amendments incorporated recent votes of the Membership re elimination of the April rally (eff. 2021) and setting a spend-down-to limit for the Chapter's financial stability. Upon motion by Tonda Smith and second by Jane Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Amendments to the Standing Rules as presented. Discussion followed to clarify that in lieu of an April rally there could be an outlaw rally or a luncheon.

Tonda Smith, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (She, Jamie Tate and Kevin McCarthy) reported that their report had been sent to Members on 9/5/2019 for 30 days review. She presented the Slate of Officers for 2020: President: Kevin McCarthy; 1st Vice President: Jim Tate; 2nd Vice President: Tonda Smith; Secretary: Emmett Morley; Treasurer: Bob Perry; National Director: Jerry Ayres; Alternate National Director: Trudy Meyers. The

candidates have agreed to serve if elected for the term beginning January 1, 2020. Upon motion by Ed Miller and second by Al Gyles, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to elect the Slate of Officers for 2020 as presented.

The incoming officers were congratulated. The outgoing officers, President John Della Jacono, 1st Vice President/Acting President Ted Snell, 2nd Vice President Daryl Darling, and Secretary Michele Shields, were thanked and will be presented with "Past Officer" dangles, if they have not received one previously.

It was reported that John & Mary Della Jacono should be returning home next weekend and plan to be at the November and December luncheons. According to Jane, John looks great.

New Business--

Secretary reported that Intro letters had been e-mailed to 21 new FMCA members plus 2 others had been contacted on Rvillage but no responses. Richard Shields received a letter of appreciation from FMCA President Jon Walker for serving on the FMCA National Committee: Technical Advisory.

To clarify, the positions of Wagon Master and Webmaster will be appointed or re-appointed by the 2020 President.

Acting President announced that Chapter luncheons are held in November and December, usually on the first or second Saturday, and staggered between north and south of the river and both sides of the MO/KS border. He requested volunteers to host, which includes making arrangements to secure a restaurant and give the Secretary the details to send out a notice to members and prospects 3-4 weeks in advance. Jane Miller and Sally Ayres volunteered for November on the KS side, and Michele Shields and Nancy Snell volunteered for December on the MO side.

Acting President announced October birthdays: 29th—David Alberico

Acting President thanked Kay & Bruce Pfeiffer and Tonda & Dennis Smith for hosting the October rally, the last of the season.

Dennis reminded all that we would be leaving soon after the meeting ends to meet at 10AM for a tour of the Kansas National Guard Museum followed by the Air Museum. He announced that hosts will provide donuts from a local bakery plus boiled eggs and coffee for Sunday breakfast. Kay reminded all to bring their own Salt & Pepper. Kay also announced that there would be a 10-20 minute hayride this afternoon depending upon the weather. Then social hour and dinner.

Upon motion by Richard Shields and second by Sally Ayres, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 9:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shields, Secretary