

Midwest Prairie Schooners

4 Seasons RV Acres. Abilene KS

Business Meeting Friday, August 9, 2019

Minutes written by Jill McCarthy at request of Secretary Michele Shields

The August 2019 meeting of the Midwest Prairie Schooners was called to order at 7:24pm by Acting President Ted Snell with a quorum present; 7 member RVs of 25 active.

The American flag was not available, the pledge of allegiance was not stated.

Roll Call taken; those present: Darling, McCarthy, Miller, Perry, Smith, Snell and Tate. No guests.

Secretary's report: (given by Jill McCarthy as provided by Michele Shields in advance)

- July 13, 2019 minutes provided by email on 7-17-2019; motion by Nancy Snell, second by Ed Miller to approve as written. All in favor, motion passed.
- Current membership is 25 active member RVs, 4 schooner friends; updated roster shared by email on 7-18-2019.

Treasurer's report: given by Treasurer Bob Perry

- Checking account July beginning balance of \$2,611.64 with revenues for dues and name badges, expenses to Specialty Engraving for an ending balance of \$2,624.14; the balance on the 15-month CD is \$3,735.85 with a maturity date of 8/26/2020 and interest rate of 2.15%. motion by Nancy Snell, second by Jamie Tate to accept as presented. All in favor, motion passed.
- Ted Snell indicated he needed to order new danglers; Treasurer Perry stated they are \$5.00/each plus \$3.50 for each address to which they are shipped.

Wagonmaster/Wagonmistress's Report: given by Wagonmaster Dennis Smith

- 2020 Rally sheet is in hand this weekend, need hosts for April - Eureka Springs AR, July - Amana Colonies IA, August - Nebraska City NE, September - Melvern Lake KS. Hosting for May, June and October are covered. Please contact Wagonmaster Dennis Smith or Wagonmistress Tonda Smith to sign up for hosting.
- Note that there is an "out-law" add-on rally in October 2020 for those interested in going to Nashville TN after the rally in Danville MO. It's about 400 miles so the plan is to leave Danville and arrive in Nashville Sunday evening. More details to come, but if you are interested contact Jill McCarthy as soon as possible.

National Director's report:

- No report
- National Director Jerry Ayers not present - enroute to Minot SD for FMCA rally
- Alternate National Director Trudy Meyers not present - enroute to Minot SD for FMCA rally

Webmaster's report:

- No report
- Webmaster Richard Shields not in attendance.

Old Business:

- Report from the Study Committee:
 - Chairman Dennis Smith and members of the committee Kay Pfeiffer, Bob Perry, Ed Miller, and Emmet Morley were charged with developing an operating and savings bottom threshold and the means to avoid reaching it.
 - Chairman Dennis Smith summarized the email sent to membership on 8-4-2019. Ed Miller provided a 6-page written summary dating back to 2014 of the treasury; attachments included.
 - Discussion followed; the consensus was that a "spend down to" limit should be determined and then reevaluate the financial situation at that time; Ed Miller made a motion that the limit be \$3,500 of the total treasury (all accounts to include checking and CD). Second by Dennis Smith. Motion passed.

- Further discussion followed regarding the budget amount allotted for each rally; \$200 vs \$250 depending on number of coaches in attendance. Dennis Smith made a motion to change the individual rally budgets to \$150 for 14 and below member coaches in attendance, \$200 for 15-20 member coaches in attendance and \$250 for more than 20 member coaches in attendance. After additional discussion, Dennis Smith withdrew his motion.
- Rally fees were also a topic of discussion; it was thought those are address in the bylaws and/or Standing Rules although no one had a copy available to review.
- President Ted Snell identified that membership is increasing but remains at a low number. Discussion on this topic included that there's a lack of participation by the membership with a few core attendees. It is important for each member to attend, participate and to recruit, including sharing information with others in RV parks and campgrounds.
- President appointment of Chair Membership Committee and Assignment
 - It was uncertain what this agenda item meant/entailed. Those in attendance did not remember any old business regarding this item. No action.
- Nancy Snell reported on John Della Jacono by her text message from Mary. John is recuperating well; he can have visitors. While their daughter is staying at their home, they are staying at Fisher House in the St. Louis, Missouri area close to the hospital. John continues to improve, does respiratory therapy Monday – Friday along with many doctor visits and on-going testing. They miss Luke and hope to make the November luncheon.

New Business:

- Correspondence: Secretary Shields shared in notes that she had emailed 32 new FMCA members this month.
- Election of Nominating Committee for the 2020 slate of officers, which must be submitted to members in September for October vote.
 - Nominations from the floor for committee members included Tonda Smith, Kevin McCarthy and Jamie Tate. Ed Miller made a motion to accept the members to the committee, second by Jane Miller. Motion passed.
- August birthdays: Nancy Cooper on the 20th and Dennis Smith on the 23rd; Dennis stated you can send any gifts to him at his address in Marion, Kansas!
- September 2019 rally:
 - Date changed to the following weekend, now Sept 13th – 15th and location moved to Melvern Outlet Park due to Tuttle Creek flooding earlier this year.
 - Hosts McFie/Shields and Shields (without RV); noted attendees to date are Morley, Pfeiffer, Snell, Tate and guests Feryerabend.
- October 2019 rally:
 - Oct 11-13 at the Capital City KOA, Topeka, Kansas
 - Hosts: Pfeiffer and Smith
 - Reservations due before September 1st
- August Rally announcements:
 - Thank you to the hosts Vivian and Bob Perry
 - Also thank you to Jane and Ed Miller for all their support to the hosts although they were not officially listed as hosts.
 - Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts will be under the overhang as will social time which is at 5pm.
 - Depart park at 6pm on Saturday for chicken dinner at 6:30pm at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene, cost per person is \$16.
- No other new business from the floor. Jane Miller made motion to adjourn. Tonda Smith second. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted on August 13, 2019
by Jill McCarthy, Acting Secretary