

**MIDWEST PRAIRIE SCHOONERS**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Cottonwoods RV Park, Columbia, MO**  
**May 18, 2019**

President John Della Jacono called the meeting to order at 4:35PM at the Clubhouse with a quorum present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Michele Shields called the roll, with 8 Active RVs present: Della Jacono, McCarthy, Miller, Perry, Pfeiffer, Poage, Shields, Tate.

Secretary Shields reported that the Minutes of the April 13, 2019 meeting were sent to members on 4/16/19. Upon motion by Kevin McCarthy and second by Jane Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the Minutes as presented and place on file.

Secretary Shields further reported that current Chapter membership, with the resignation of Pierce and the re-joining of Alberico later in the meeting, includes 23 Active plus 4 Schooner Friends.

Secretary Shields announced that she would not be at the June or July rallies and asked if someone would be Acting Secretary to take minutes if a meeting is called.

Treasurer Bob Perry reported on the transactions for April 1 – 30, 2019 with an ending checking account balance of \$2,291.95 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. He reported that the new CD balance at Bank Midwest will renew at 2.125% interest rate for 15 months. Upon motion by Kay Pfeiffer and second by Jill McCarthy, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Treasurer's Report and place on file.

Wagon Masters, Dennis & Tonda Smith, were not present. The Secretary referred to the 2020 rally schedule for hosts to sign-up. She also pointed out that June 1, 2019 is the deadline for sites at Amana Colonies for our July 2020 rally. [NOTE: Not known at time of meeting, this date was in error and should read June 1, 2020.]

Referring to the 2019 Rally Schedule, the Secretary reminded members that there are early deadlines to register for upcoming rallies: 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.

President Della Jacono, acting as Wagon Master for this caravan, going to the 100<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Rally in Minot ND in August following the chapter rally in Abilene KS. It is a 825 mile/3-day drive arriving at Minot ND for early check-in. So far, there are several interested. A reminder will be going out, as he must make reservations ASAP.

National Director Jerry Ayres was not present.

Web Master Richard Shields was not present at the meeting.

Under Old Business:

Report from Study Committee. 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. Treasurer Bob Perry noted that the committee had planned to meet this month, but other members had to cancel. He reported that the committee has some recommendations which will be presented at the August meeting in Abilene.

Report from Executive Board.

President Della Jacono reported that the Executive Board approved extenuating circumstances preventing Active members from meeting requirements, such as attendance and hosting, for Richard & Ellen Butts and Stan

& Jean Berhorst.

Secretary Shields reported that the Executive Board approved the disposition of Chapter Equipment/Supplies plus miscellaneous items for prizes and decorations in order to downsize the amount of stuff stored and not used and the items transferred from host to host each month for rallies.

The recommendation is to keep the following Equipment: 1 Hamilton-Beach 18-quart Roaster Oven; 1 Peavey Messenger Public PA System M100 (if we are never going to use it again, sell it); 1 West Bend 30-cup coffee pot (or donate and buy new); 1 Bingo game, including wheel & cards, in its own box (not needed at every rally, so must be stored somewhere); 2 MWPS Welcome signs in their own leather carrying bags with handles, plus timers & extension cords.

The recommendation is to dispose of the following Equipment via donation: 2 Gatorade Drink Cooler/Dispensers (14" H x10"D); 1 Colony Peculator 50-cup urn; 1 West Bend 30-cup coffee pot.

The recommendation is to limit to 2 bins what is needed for a rally and transferred each month from host to host by keeping only the coffee supplies, Salt & Pepper, serving utensils, plastic table cloths, foil, wax paper, pressNseal, pot holders, cleaning supplies, blank name tags & marker, inventory list, MWPS banners.

The recommendation is to donate the decorations, which are not owned by the Chapter.

The recommendation is that the box of miscellaneous items be used for door prizes at this and the June rally.

Discussion followed. Upon motion by Debbie Tate and second, it was VOTED BY MAJORITY (13 IN FAVOR, 4 OPPOSED) to use up expendable supplies currently in the 3 bins during the rest of the 2019 rallies. After that, hosts will provide whatever supplies are needed for their rally, including cleaning supplies, without reimbursement. Effective with the next rally, attendees will bring their own glasses, cups, bowls, etc., along with plates and utensils and drinks now required, to accommodate any type of food served at a meal as bowls and cups will not be provided.

The Secretary noted that the Rally Guidelines would need revising to accommodate the changes in Equipment as well as to identify what the host is required to supply at rallies and what attendees are required to bring to meals.

President Della Jacono reported on the issue of Eliminating the April rally, reducing from 7 to 6 per year. The Executive Board reviewed the rally attendance by month and location over the last six years. They reviewed responses from Active members; and since it was close, they asked that those who didn't vote or could go either way, make a definite vote. The consensus was to eliminate the April rally due to the weather and short time between returning snow birds and the rally...17 In Favor / 6 Opposed. Discussion followed. Jane Miller suggested that a luncheon could be held later in April in lieu of the rally. Upon motion by Debbie Tate and second by Ed Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to eliminate the April rally effective with the 2021 rally season.

The Secretary pointed out that this action will require an amendment to the Standing Rules and possibly Rally Guidelines revision.

Under New Business:

Correspondence. Secretary Shields reported 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 FMCA requesting the Secretary's verification of our Chapter delegates for the Governing Board Meeting in Minot ND; received letter from Six-State Rally Association requesting a door prize be donated by the Chapter.

Upon motion by Debbie Tate and second by Jane Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to donate a \$25 gift certificate for the 6-State Rally door prize and requested the Treasurer to take care of it.

President Della Jacono recognized May birthdays: 2-Bruce Pfeiffer; 18-Leland Lister. We sang to Bruce.

President Della Jacono announced that the June Rally will be held June 7-9 at Osage Beach RV Park, Osage Beach MO. Hosts are Cooper and Darling. 12 have signed up, including members and guests.

President Della Jacono thanked the May rally hosts, Kevin & Jill McCarthy and Larry & Linda Poage, for their work in putting together the rally and food and games. Jill announced that there would be Bingo after dinner, and that the dime attendees were requested to bring are to buy the cards.

President Della Jacono announced that Michele has notified the Executive Board that this is the last year of her term as Secretary when it ends December 31. She has served eight terms since 2010, including the last six consecutively, and believes that it is time for someone new. She has offered to mentor the new secretary. He said that she would be a hard act to follow as she has held the club together. Michele reminded those present that newsletter editor was not a requirement of the Secretary position but was the only person who would have the information needed.

President Della Jacono requested that all members make an effort to recruit new members for the Chapter. He noted that Jerry Ayres is doing a lot in that area. Jill requested that the Promo Card be sent out again, to assist members in recruiting at RV parks, when traveling, at storage places, and in your neighborhood.

Ed Miller requested the Executive Board to put together some ideas, whereupon the President said he would appoint a member to chair a Membership Committee to make recommendations.

Former Active Members, and current Schooner Friends, Dave and Linda Alberico, who reside in Orlando FL, have requested to re-join as Active Members. They are members of FMCA. Upon motion by Jill McCarthy, and second by Ed Miller, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve re-joining active chapter membership.

Upon motion by Jane Miller and second by Dave Alberico, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Shields  
MWPS Secretary