

# ***Escapees Chapter 29 Minutes of the General Membership Meeting October 4, 2019***

Board members present: Craig Rickenbach, President  
Mike Tasto, Vice President  
Don Smart, Secretary  
Terri Wirtz, Treasurer

## President - Craig Rickenbach

- Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of Officers
- Thanks to Robin & David Hyatt, Rally Hosts for an excellent job.

## Vice President's Report – Mike Tasto

- Welcome to all those in attendance

## Secretary's Report – Don Smart

- Secretary read the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of April 05, 2019. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

## Treasurer's Report – Terri Wirtz

- Beginning account balance as of last rally April 5, 2019 was \$1,240.91. Ending balance as of October 3, 2019 is \$1,142.07.
- Spring rally deficit was \$54.80.
- \$140 has been collected for the fall rally, with no expenses paid so far.
- Dues collected for 2019 since last April is \$35.00.
- Dues collected for 2020 is \$25.00.
- Dues collected for 2021 is \$10.00.
- T-shirt sales at the Fall Rally have totaled \$104.00.
- Ending balance (before current rally expenses) is \$1,391.18.
- There are 28 Fall Rally attendees (13 rigs).
- Terri explained the reason for dues payments being required to be made payable to "Terri Wirtz."
- Dues paid in advance are set aside in the treasury to be used for expenses of the appropriate year.

Officer at Large Report – Bruce Long, Rally Coordinator – no report

### President - Craig Rickenbach

- The Rally Coordinator would like to have everyone recommend potential campgrounds for future rallies. Locations can include campgrounds in Virginia and Georgia close to the border with North and South Carolina. The rally guidelines, as well as the rally host guidelines are on the Chapter website.
- There is a Chapter Sunshine Committee person. If anyone knows of a member who is ill, having surgery, or experienced a death in the member's immediate family, let us know so that we can send a card.

### Newsletter Editor – Dianne Wood

- This past year 585 emails were sent to Escapees members on the Chapter email list to ask if they would like to continue to receive Chapter emails. There were only 14 responses. Currently 93 emails are being sent to members. Emails are sent to both husbands and wives to make sure everyone is aware of Chapter activities. Additionally, there are 15 non-members on the email list.
- Members should check the new directory to make sure their information is correct. The directory does not go to non-members. Also, the directory is not published on the Chapter website because of the personal information that is contained in the directory. Members should let Dianne know if there is any information in their listings that they would prefer not to have listed (phone #, email address, etc.) so that she can delete it from the directory.
- The quarterly newsletter will be published by the end of October. Trip pictures, member articles, RV maintenance tips should be submitted to Dianne for the newsletter. Just send the article or pictures with captions. All submissions are encouraged. Past newsletters have been up to 38 pages long.
- Dianne gave honorable mention to Ron Johnson for his "gorgeous" pictures and detailed articles.
- Terri pointed out that there is also a newsletter section for members to recommend service facilities that they have had good experience with.
- There is also a classified section for members selling RV's or RV related items.

### Sunshine Report – Helen Young (absent) – no report

### Old Business – None

### New Business

- 2020 Spring Rally hosts will be Duncan & Linda Wilkes. Rally co-hosts are needed.
- Rally will be April 16-19, 2020 at Cypress Camping Resort in South Myrtle Beach. Tentatively, there will be a convergence beginning on the preceding Monday.
- The Fall Rally will be October 1-4, 2019, at Crosswinds Family Campground, Linwood, North Carolina. Steve & Dianne Wood will be rally hosts. They have volunteered to have the covered dish get together at their home. Rally co-hosts are needed.

- The Board is considering a joint rally with Chapter 42, Kentucky/Tennessee. Crosswinds Family Campground & River Plantation Campground have been suggested as potential rally locations.
- Bruce Long needs suggestions for future rallies.
- It was suggested that the Fall Rally be later in the month for more moderate temperatures.
- Pictures to be taken immediately following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.