

Escapees Chapter 29 Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
April 5, 2019

Board members present: Craig Rickenbach, President  
Steve Gerner, Vice President  
Don Smart, Secretary  
Terri Wirtz, Treasurer

President - Craig Rickenbach

- Meeting opened at 9:43 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of Officers & Committee Chairpersons.
- Guests present: Donna Sullivan & Lowell Hilty of Ohio; Gary & Susan Dewitt of New York
- Thanks to Mike & Lorrie Tasto for a job well done hosting the rally.

Secretary's Report – Don Smart

- Secretary read the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of October 06, 2018. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Vice President's Report – Steve Gerner

- There are no nominations for Treasurer.
- Steve will not be continuing as Vice President. He and Mariann have decided to quit RVing.

Treasurer's Report – Terri Wirtz

- Beginning account balance as of last rally October 6, 2018 was \$1,221.96. Ending balance as of April 6, 2019 is \$1,240.91.
- Fall rally deficit was \$6.05
- Terri explained the reason for dues payments being required to be made payable to "Terri Wirtz."
- T-shirts are available, but we are out of patches. We will survey members to see if Terri needs to reorder.
- Although there are no nominations for Treasurer, Robin Hyatt volunteered to nominate for the position in the future.
- Terri explained that membership dues are \$5.00 per rig annually. Dues paid in advance are set aside in the treasury to be used for expenses of the appropriate year. Year to date dues collected is \$205.00, which will be used for rally expenses if necessary.

Officer at Large Report – Bruce Long, Rally Coordinator

- Thanks to those who have suggested tentative rally sites.
- The two recommended sites for the Spring 2020 rally are Camp Hatteras Campground & Resort, and Cypress Camping Resort on the Intracoastal Waterway at South Myrtle Beach. Both have meeting rooms. Camp Hatteras has kitchen facilities. It was recommended by Steve Wood & Steve Masterson. They have agreed to be rally hosts if that site is chosen.

Rates are \$58 - \$73 plus tax nightly. Cypress Camping Resort does not have kitchen facilities, but does have a café that also caters. This is a quiet campground about 5 miles from the beach.

- Craig Rickenbach pointed out that the chapter typically negotiates for a cluster of 30 sites to be set aside for the chapter members.
- Motion to vote for spring rally location: 1 in favor of Hatteras/all other members in favor of Cypress Camping Resort. Spring Rally will be at the Cypress Camping Resort in South Myrtle Beach. Rally hosts to be determined.
- Sites being considered for the fall 2020 rally are Crosswinds Family Campground (\$48.00/night), Linwood, North Carolina (Board recommendation); and The Great Outdoors RV Resort, Franklin, North Carolina (\$65.00/night). Great Outdoors would be receptive to negotiating a more favorable rate if the rally were held in late September rather than October. However, Bruce is pursuing Crosswinds Family Campground for Fall 2020.
- Goal of the Rally Coordinator is to plan one year ahead.

Newsletter Editor – Dianne Wood (absent) – no report

Sunshine Report – Helen Young (absent) – no report

Old Business – None

#### New Business

- Nomination for Vice President – Ron Johnson nominated Mike Tasto, seconded by Terri Wirtz.  
No other nominations. Unanimous vote for Mike Tasto for Vice President.
- Nomination for Treasurer – Terri Wirtz nominated by Linda Jackson.  
No other nominations. Unanimous vote for Terri Wirtz for Treasurer.
- Craig requested ratification of the Standing Rules as amended by the Board at the fall rally.  
Motion to accept by Linda Jackson, seconded by Bruce Long. Passed by unanimous vote.
- Craig stated requirements for future rally sites will be pared down to make more campgrounds available.
- David & Robin Hyatt will Host the 2019 fall rally in Asheville.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M

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