

Minutes of Escapees Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers
2015 Spring Rally, April 13, 2015, 5pm - 6pm
River Plantation RV Park, Sevierville, TN

President Steve Masterson called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests and Sue Spahn, our Volunteer Chapter Representative.

Presidents Report Steve introduced the idea of having an entertainment committee for onsite entertainment for rallies. This committee could plan games, interest groups such as woodworking, photography, hobbies and plan a “tea and sardines” afternoon (Separate woman’s and men’s activity). Sherry Ward and Jim Jackson volunteered for this committee.

Steve also reported on the “Social Network” initiative that Escapees mailed out December 23, 2014. This requires all chapters to incorporate, obtain and EIN number from the federal government and appoint a Chapter Director. This cost of this would be \$100.00 per chapter making the 47 members of Chapter 29 financially responsible and the amount would be slightly less than 50% of our chapter dues. (There are 100s of Escapees with North Carolina or South Carolina addresses.) There was considerable backlash to this program at Escapade. At the present time Chapter 29 does not intend to sign any documents, have anything to do with obtaining an EIN number. If necessary we will discontinue collecting dues and only collect rally fees as necessary. We will not report to the IRS nor appoint a chapter director. The question was asked and answered that Escapees does not own the name “Carolina Rovers.” It was resolved by the members present that we intend to follow the above course of action (or lack of action).

Jim and Lisa Koca will be at SKP ACRE Presidents meeting and may have additional information about the Social Network.

Vice Presidents Report None

Treasurer’s Report Terri Wirtz presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Beginning balance (9/27/2014)	\$ 986.68	
Income *	\$1177.50	* sales shirts/patches for 4/2015 not included
Expenses **	\$1116.56	** not all April rally expenses reported
Ending Balance	\$1047.62	

Secretary’s Report Marie read the minutes from the last meeting at the Fall Rally. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes.

Volunteer Chapter Representative’s Report Sue reported that the latest SKP # was 123245. The 2016 Escapade will be held at Essex Junction (near Burlington VT) July 24-29 2016. Members can sign up on the website. Those members renewing the membership may do so at the reduced rate. Sue reminded us to check online and in the magazine about HOPS. There are new ones and more new ones to come. Also coming soon is mapping information on the website. Members who have not been on the website recently may need to re-register. The newest arm of Escapees will be Xscapers.

Elections 2 officers are elected each year. This year Vice President and Treasurer were to be elected. Diane Wood will run for Vice President and Terri Wirtz will run for Treasurer. The secretary cast one vote for each. Congratulations Diane and Terri.

Fall 2015 Rally The fall rally will be held at Raleigh Oaks RV Resort in Fair Oaks, NC October 1-4, 2015. Keith and Carol Martin and John and Sue Martin will be rally masters. Please call the campground (919) 934-3181 to make reservations **AND** tell them you are with Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers **AND** then e-mail Keith (keithandcarolmartin@yahoo.com) to sign up for the rally.

Future activities River Vista in Dillard GA (indoor pool and fireplace) was suggested. Keith and Carol will check it out. Zooland (near Asheboro NC) was also suggested as a venue as was 1000 Trails in Myrtle Beach, SC. Bob and Debby will check on 1000 trails.

Conclusion All CARE funds will be kept separate from chapter funds. Leftover money from one rally will be applied to the next rally. Be sure to make suggestions to the Entertainment Committee (Sherry Ward and Jim Jackson). Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Additions Steve Masterson added that SKP has offered to pay the \$100 for the first year of the "Social Network".