

Minutes of Escapees Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers  
2016 Spring Rally, May 6, 2016  
River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, GA 30537

President Steve Masterson called the meeting to order and welcomed all members.

President's report - Steve reported that we are doing well as a chapter, we now have 46 rigs. Steve also gave a brief history of chapter 29.

Vice President's report - Dianne reported that we recently had one of the largest newsletters with articles and new pictures and thanked everyone for their participation. The next newsletter will be published in July, probably after Escapade. Our mass mailing includes 557 names. The website will contain upcoming events, the newsletter, and by-laws.

Secretary's report - Marie read the minutes from the last meeting (October 2, 2015). Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's report - Terri reported we have \$1311.00 in the checking account. We have collected money for the rally fees and due and have not paid out money for this rally yet. Terri reminded everyone to make checks payable to "Terri Wirtz" not Chapter 29 or Escapees. The chapter must maintain \$500.00 in the account to avoid bank fees, \$110 is from future dues leaving us with about \$700 discretionary funds. The officers recommended that we use that money to pay for the next two rallies to allow more chapter members to take advantage of rallies. In the past our accounting year has been from April to April but to comply with the annual report of the Social Network this will be changed to January to January. We need two members to review the Treasurer's procedures at this rally. Bruce Long and Dave Young volunteered. People who have not paid for 2016 will be removed from the list of active members. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

Officer at Large report - Patches and T-shirts are for sale. New members should have pictures taken for chapter directory.

Old Business - Escapees Inc. has a non-profit status. Chapters may ask for donations - for example from Camping World to provide a meal at a rally. Liability Insurance will be carried by the social network. If Escapees Inc. wants to charge chapter we will revisit the arrangement. Changes have been made in scheduling SKP ACRE and WARE and coordinating them with ESCAPADE. Steve encouraged everyone to attend ESCAPADE in Vermont and expressed concerns if it is not well attended it may affect future ESCAPADEs in the east. There will be 2 regional rallies per year ACRE (East) and WARE (West), 2 Chapter rallies per year. The Xscapers also have Social Gatherings. A brief mention was made for new members about CARE. This is under SKP Inc. and is a place "adult day care" and a majority of the people live in Livingston TX in their rigs.

New Business - 1. The covered dish supper is tonight. If you have a chapter t-shirt please wear it for a Chapter picture. The Kentucky Derby will be televised at 6:34 and you are encouraged to wear your hats.

2. Chapter 29 Fall 2016 rally will be held at Oak Plantation in Charleston, SC. Brochures were give out. Dianne Wood reviewed policies needed to find a campground for rallies and a spreadsheet will be made of campgrounds noting if they would meet our needs for holding a rally. Steve Wood, Dianne Wood, Norman Lowrance and Carol Lowrance will be rally masters.

3. The Chapter 29 Spring 2017 rally will be held at Zooland Family Campground in Asheboro, NC. Craig Rickenbach, Marie Rickenbach and Terri Wirtz will be rally masters.

4. There are currently 3 possible locations being investigated for the Chapter 29 Fall 2017 rally.

5. During ESCAPADE Steve and Dianne will take the lead in setting up our table at ROW. We do not currently have a signup sheet and no plans to staff the table.

6. SKP ACRE 2017 and 2018 will be held at River Plantation in Sevierville, TN. It will be held in May both years to avoid conflicts with the car show.

7. Elections for Chapter 29 were held. Steve Masterson was nominated for president and Marie Rickenbach for Secretary. Both were unopposed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried for Steve and Marie to continue in offices.

8. Bob and Sheri Ward's Black lab Raven will be appearing on America's Funniest Videos on May 8.

9. There is a member's only portion of the Chapter 29 website.

Conclusion - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried and meeting adjourned.