

Minutes of Escapees Chapter 29 Carolina Rovers
2015 Fall Rally, October 2, 2015, 10 am.
Raleigh Oaks RV Resort, Four Oaks, NC 27524

President Steve Masterson called the meeting to order and called attention to the printed agenda. Steve welcomed new and old members.

Presidents Report Chapter 29 has a membership of 51 rigs compared to 4 years ago when we had 0 rigs.

Vice Presidents Report Diane Wood discussed the newsletter for Chapter 29 and encouraged all members to submit pictures and information about travels, campgrounds, recipes, and general camping info for publication in the newsletter. The next edition of the newsletter will be issued after the rally. She also said that some of the information about our rallies and activities are e-mailed to as many as 450 Escapees in the Southeast US.

Secretaries Report Marie Rickenbach read the minutes of the last meeting from April 13, 2015, at River Plantation. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report Terri Wirtz presented the Treasurers Report. She reminded everyone to make their checks payable to Terri Wirtz not Chapter 29 or Carolina Rovers. (Estimated as of 10/01/2015)

Beginning balance		\$1,142.23
Dues for 2015	\$ 15.00	
Dues for 2016	\$ 40.00	
Dues for 2017	\$ 5.00	
Fall Rally	(400.00)	\$270.00
Ending Balance		\$1,072.23

Question was raised if we get an EIN will we get a business account. Answer probably not a business account requires balance of \$1500.00 to avoid fees. Motion was made, seconded and carries to accept the treasurer's report.

Officer at Large Report Keith Martin welcomed new members. Keith keeps the chapter directory. He brought up information regarding members.

Dan McGowan - retired military was diagnosed with Cancer.

Bruce and Sandra Weeks moved to Pennsylvania and are no longer members of Chapter 29.

Paul Odom passed away this past year.

Discussion was held about what the chapter would do for bereavements. It was decided to send cards to families. Jim Jackson volunteered Helen Young to send out cards. She accepted. Information should be sent to Dianne Wood and she will pass it on to Helen and others. Terri will reimburse Helen for cards and stamps.

ACRE ACRE will be held April 13-19, 2016 at River Plantation in Sevierville TN. Online reservations for SKP ACRE will begin January 1, 2016. Please remember to make your camping reservation with River Plantation, 800-758-5267. www.skpacre.com

Chapter 29 Rallies

- Spring 2016 - Our Spring Rally will be held at River Vista in Dillard Georgia 5/05/16 - 5/08/16. Members were asked to call River Vista 706-746-2722 to make reservations. www.rvmountainvillage.com Need Rally Masters - no volunteers. The spring rally will include election of officers (president and secretary) and a financial review.
- Rolling Rally to the Escapade - Discussion was held about a rolling rally to Escapade and a possible post Escapade activities. Suggestions were Arcadia, Mount Washington, Cape Cod and for those with extended plans "Big E" in Springfield Ma and the Hershey RV show both in September. We need a location and rally masters for our fall 2016 Rally, probably on the east side of the Carolinas.

SKP Social Network Escapees is a family owned for profit organization. Dues are used to pay salaries, pay for newsletters and magazines and advocacy. CARE is a non-profit organization and is open to the public, not just Escapees members. (The question was raised and not answered if there were Escapees on the waiting list.) The

Social network is a non-profit organization (501 C-7 Social). Thus liability would be shifted from “for profit” to “non-profit” status. SKP has threatened to eliminate support of chapters while seeking to support non-Escapee events. Two large chapters are willing to pay while other chapters are equally displeased with the Social Network. One chapter has already disbanded. Chapter 29 decided by unanimous consent to follow New York and Pennsylvania to join for one year and revisit the issue next year. Chapter 29 will join with the following stipulations. We will submit the paperwork without paying the \$100.00 and without giving anyone’s personal social security number. We will let them know how displeased we are with this request. We will revisit this issue at the Spring Rally. No action will be taken to disband without a chapter vote.

Conclusion There are T-shirts, patches and left over food for sale. Please see Keith. Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.