

MINUTES

April 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Carol Buck.

Dick Schauland presented the invocation. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag.

Secretary Dave Haney called the roll.

The December minutes were approved as electronically distributed upon a motion by Maury Hudson with Second by Nancy Ragland.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Judy Haney presented the Financial Report, which will be entered into the club's records, subject to audit.

The annual audit will be conducted in December by the Audit Committee, consisting of Charlie Ragland, Maury Hudson, and Mike and Linda Bounds.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lori Pierce announced the birthdays and anniversaries.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS

New members Mike and Lyn Eicher were introduced to the membership.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Challenger members were asked to keep Martha and Leroy Barnes and Alan Marsden in their prayers. There has been little change in Martha's situation, and Alan is having good days and some bad one.

Carol Buck asked for some one to volunteer to be the chapter's "Sunshine Person," someone to reach out to Challengers who are experiencing illness or loss. Charlotte Corbin quickly stepped up for the task.

RALLIES

Since there were some members who were unable to attend the last event of the Mystery Rally in March (a boat tour), and Carol Buck had pre-paid for this event, she wanted to absorb the loss. The membership felt that the club should cover this expense rather than Carol, so a motion was made by Maury Hudson, seconded by Roger Bentsen, that the club would absorb the cost of \$120.

Lori Pierce will continue as Wagonmaster for this year, but Maury Hudson will be

taking over the job in 2018.

President Buck spoke about how much fun all participants had during the Mystery Rally. As always, hosts are needed for future rallies. She suggested that two couples team up to host each rally to lessen the workload and maximize the fun.

The May rally will be at Seasons in the Sun from May 9-14. Charlie and Nancy Ragland will host.

Some activities were suggested like visiting the SPCA where Martha's dogs were taken care of before they found their forever homes and/or taking an airboat ride. The rally rate will be \$29.70. Members are asked to notify Lori if they wish to attend. There were also several restaurants suggested for dinner out.

President Buck announced that required changes to the bank account were completed while the chapter was at SEA in Lakeland.

New Business

Newsletter Editor Lori Pierce has been entered in the competition for best newsletter.

Old Business

The topic of membership requirements once again was opened for discussion. Some members believed that, to be a Challenger, it should be required that either one or two rallies must be attended per year. Others believed that such a requirement could be hurtful to some members and to the club financially. It was also pointed out by others that some RVers join the Challengers because our chapter has a sterling reputation for volunteer service and activity. While it is true that there are members on the roster who are seldom, if ever seen at chapter events, they are proud to be members. Discussion followed.

Since membership requirements in the By-Laws cannot be changed without approval from Cincinnati, a motion was made by Lori Pierce, seconded by Nancy Ragland, that membership requirements be moved from the By-Laws and into the Standing Rules. Approved. Approval by Cincinnati will still be required to officially do this.

Following more discussion, the issue was tabled until the May rally upon a motion by Jane Kruse, seconded by Wayne Cassada.

As an outreach to former and non-active members, Nancy Ragland will personally contact these folks to see if they might be interested in getting back into being more active Challengers.

FMCA Proposals and Election of New FMCA President

Secret ballots were passed out to each member to determine the chapters' feeling toward the three proposals that FMCA has sent out. The results are as follows:

Proposal #1: **23 YEA 9 NAY**

Proposal #2: **29 YEA 3 NAY**

Proposal #3: **24 YEA 8 NAY**

On a separate secret ballot, members voted for the choice for a new FMCA President. The results were as follows:

Sue Marino 18 Betty Duncan 12 Abstain 2

Brenda Cassada will be the Challenger's representative for the meeting in Indianapolis on July 11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM after Maury Hudson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda Cassada.

Charlie Ragland was the lucky winner of \$65 in the 50/50 drawing.

Submitted by

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Secretary

FMCA Challengers Chapter