

MINUTES
CHALLENGERS MEETING
October 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Buck . Chapter Chaplain Dick Schauland offered a prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Dave Haney performed the roll call. There were twenty-two members in attendance (13 coaches).

Since there were not enough members attending to have a quorum, the meeting was not official. The September minutes were approved as electronically distributed.

Email Scam

Carol Buck informed the membership attending about the email scam of which our chapter was a victim. She said that we probably cannot recover our funds, but Dave Haney said he and Judy will continue to pursue all possible actions. He is still waiting for information to be received from the Harford County, MD, Sheriff's Department and Sun Trust Bank. Faye Levine and Horton Lane pointed out that they are residents of Maryland so possibly they can try to get further police action in this matter.

Audit Committee

Roger Bentsen and Wayne Bittner volunteered to conduct the annual audit at the November rally.

Rallies

Lakeland: Carol led a discussion of the SEA Rally which will be held in Lakeland in February.

Registration so far has been low, so please register ASAP if you plan on attending. Please disregard any rumors you might hear saying this rally has been canceled. Russ Buck assured the group the rally will be held regardless of what the attendance is.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of purchasing matching shirts so the Challengers will be uniformly attired at coffee/doughnuts and other rally events. There was also a suggestion that rather than buying new shirts (each member would need two) we could all wear the Challenger vests. Many of the members attending already have these, and Carol Buck said that she could sew new ones. Charlie Ragland said he can get the printing done.

Perry: So far, nine members have signed up for Perry. Maury Hudson asked all those wishing to attend to please notify him ASAP so he can add you to his list. Carol Buck pointed out that our campsites will be right next to the sheep barn where there are showers we can use.

Mims:

Because the September Rally in Mims had to be canceled due to Hurricane Irma, we will now be going to Mims in May of 2018. The Travels Campground in Alachua has been canceled. Please make note of that on you 2018 Rally Schedule.

Brochures

Carol showed the members the new cards and brochures, which will hopefully attract new members to our chapter. Jill Posten noticed a missing letter in the chapter's URL in the brochure. Dave Haney said he will correct this with small mailing labels.

Martha Barnes

Nancy Ragland had some suggestions on how to honor Martha Barnes, who passed away in August. We will spread some of her ashes at some of her favorite campgrounds. There will also be special meals (three dinners and one breakfast) in Martha's memory at the November Rally.

Donations can be made to the SPCA of Broward in Martha's memory. We could also have a plaque on the wall at the SPCA in Martha's name.

November Rally

This event will be held once again at Camelot. The food cost will be determined later.

Election of Officers

Since we were lacking a quorum, votes for 2018 officers could not be cast at the October meeting. Since our standing rules call for a slate of officers to be presented and voted for during the month of October, the Secretary will send out two emails. The first email will be sent out as soon as he returns home, and it will ask for any other nominations from the floor (members can list themselves). All additional nominations must be received (via email) by the Secretary no later than **October 20, 2017**. On October 21st, the Secretary will send out a second email which will be the official ballot. This must be returned **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2017.**

At this point in time, the offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer are not contested. However, there are two candidates for the office of Secretary, and members will be asked to choose between Felicia Fitzgerald and Nancy Ragland. Directions for how to register your votes and submit them will be listed on the ballot.

Note: Russ Buck will continue as National Director, but only as a point of contact. If any situations arise where a National Director must be in attendance, a qualified representative will be chosen to attend and cast the Chapter's vote.

Vote on FMCA Membership Votes on Towable RV's

Russ Buck announced that all votes on this matter must be submitted by November 1, 2017.

October Hosts

A big round of applause was given to our October hosts, Matt and Pauline Kucharczyk and Preston and Marion Poole. Everyone greatly enjoyed the delicious dinner and breakfast, the bonfire, the movie, and everything else they did to make this rally so much fun.

Dave Haney
Challengers' Secretary
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