

**Challengers Business Meeting
Camelot RV Park
Malabar, FL
November 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Buck promptly at 10 AM. Dick Schauland offered the invocation after which the Veterans on the Board, Wayne Bittner and Russ Buck, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary called the roll. There were 37 members in attendance (16 coaches).

There were two corrections to the October minutes:

(1) Page 1, Paragraph 2 should read "The *May* minutes were approved as electronically distributed."

(2) Page 2, Paragraph 2 should read "The SPCA of *Brevard* County."

The October minutes were accepted as amended.

Judy Haney presented the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$710 in the Chapter treasury. The Treasurer's Report was accepted following a motion by Lyn Eicher, Seconded by Maury Hudson.

Wayne Bittner greeted visiting former member Gail West and Frank Pierce's brother and family who just bought their first motor coach.

Wayne also announced the October and November birthdays and anniversaries.

He asked for prayers for the following members: Billy and Bobbie Barton, Marianne Bittner, Russ and Carol Buck, Brenda Cassada, Wayne and Charlotte Corbin, Judy Haney, Maureen Kelly, Alan Marsden, Ron and Jan Nelson, and Howard Robertson. Lori Pierce also read an email from Ron Nelson thanking the Challengers for all the good times we all had together.

Wayne spoke about how sometimes members can get left behind when the group goes out for dinner. Wayne volunteered to be the chapter's "information liaison" who will make sure everybody is aware of where dinner will be and when we are leaving the campground. We will also all try harder to observe actual time and not leave early because of "Challenger Time."

December Rally

Lori Pierce offered information on next month's rally, which will be held at the Lake Oklawaha KOA outside of Fort McCoy. The daily rate will be \$30. The new Board will host. Members need to call to make their reservations. Lori also gave thanks to Charlie and Nancy Ragland for stepping up to co-host when Scott and Sandy Meyers were unable to attend the November Rally. She also reminded members that, as of January, Maury Hudson will be the Wagonmaster.

There will be a dine-out night for the early arrivals. Breakfast will be served both Friday and Saturday mornings. Friday evening will be Taco Night. South of the Border attire was also suggested. Saturday's dinner will be hosted by the new Board. Sunday morning, before members head back home, will feature Danish pastries as well as other treats with less sugar.

Newsletter

Because Lori Pierce is still working full-time, she doesn't have the time needed to publish the monthly newsletter, so Fay Levine volunteered to take over the job. Lori will continue on as Activities Director.

Shirt/Vests

There was much discussion about whether the membership preferred to wear the chapter vest or a matching collared shirt. It was pointed out that the vests go back to the origin of the chapter. It was also mentioned how handy the vests are for displaying badges, pins, patches, etc. On the other hand, Marianne Bittner pointed out that since we were saying good-bye to Martha Barnes today, perhaps it's time to move on to something else in attire.

A vote was taken, and the membership indicated that the vests were their preference. It was also suggested that we might consider buying matching inexpensive tee-shirts.

Annual Auction

Because of our economic circumstances, there was a great deal of discussion about this event. In order to avoid further stress on our treasury, Charlie Ragland made a motion to have all members pay for their December dinner. (In the past, the chapter has paid for the food for the annual event, but in light of our current financial situation, members would pay as they do at all other rallies.) More discussion followed. John Verkaik pointed out that while this would be helpful, it would not be sufficient to replenish our treasury to the necessary level.

Some members felt that all proceeds from the auction should be placed into the club treasury, and perhaps a donation to a charity could be made at a future date. Others felt that the chapter should retain part of the auction proceeds and donate the rest to charity.

Finally, upon an amendment to Charlie's motion by Margaret Arnold, seconded by Joel Kruse, it was agreed that, for this year only, the auction proceeds would be allocated in full to the chapter treasury.

Margaret Arnold also suggested that all dispersals over \$50 must be approved by the President or Presidential designee, with the full Board notified. Upon a suggestion by Lori Pierce, this policy will become part of the Standing Rules.

Email Scam

Carol Buck has notified FMCA about this scam and how it works.

SEA

Carol Buck asked the membership if we should spend \$185 to rent a space for a tent. It was

decided that since Carol is in charge of SEA and Wayne Cassada is in charge of parking, renting a space will not be required.

Grill Night

Charlie Ragland apologized to any members who were unhappy with the burgers . He explained why the meat was cooked as it was.

Kidde Fire Extinguishers

Mike Bounds informed the membership on how they can get refunds/replacements if they have purchased defective units. Lori Pierce will publish this information in the next newsletter.

2019 Rallies

The possibility of holding a Challengers Rally at the 2019 Super Show was mentioned. There might also be the possibility of another Mystery Rally in May of '19.

Election of 2018 Officers and Directors

Since only 50% of the Challengers membership responded to the request for an electronic vote, the unopposed slate of candidates were unanimously accepted by a vote of acclamation (motion by Lori Pierce, seconded by Judy Haney).

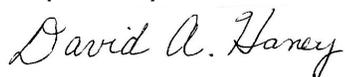
Audit Committee

Ed Kelly volunteered to replace Wayne Bittner on the audit committee. Ed and Roger Bentsen will meet with Treasurer Judy Haney to conduct the audit.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Maury Hudson, seconded by Frank Pierce, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted



David A. Haney, Secretary
November 11, 2017

Post-meeting Events (not part of the minutes, just informational)

Dan Hoover won \$68 in the 50/50 drawing, a part of which he generously donated back to the chapter.

A program honoring all Challenger Veterans was held. Thanks to all for their service and sacrifice.

A ceremony of remembrance was held where members could share with the group their fond memories of Martha Barnes. Following this ceremony, the group walked down closer to the river, where some of those closest to her spread some of Martha's ashes.