

**Challengers Business Meeting
Lake Oklawaha KOA RV Park
Malabar, FL
December 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Buck promptly at 10 AM. Chapter Chaplain Dick Schauland offered the invocation after which Vice-President Wayne Bittner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Dave Haney called the roll. There were 47 members in attendance (25 coaches).

There were no corrections or additions to the November minutes, which were accepted upon a motion by Ed Kelly, seconded by Vivian Krause.

Judy Haney presented the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$1103.66 in the chapter treasury. The report was approved following a motion by Paul Levine, seconded by Vivian Krause.

Ed Kelly reported that the Audit Committee had met with Treasurer Judy Haney, and the books were found to be in order.

Wayne Bittner announced the December birthdays and anniversaries. He also mentioned the members the chapter has sadly lost this year: Alan Marsden, Martha Barnes, John McSweeney, Josie Robertson, Jean Stepler, and Joyce Verkaik. Dick Schauland offered some words of comfort regarding our passed members.

He asked for prayers for the following members: John Verkaik, Billy Barton, Marianne Bittner, Russ and Carol Buck, Brenda Cassada, Wayne and Charlotte Corbin, Judy Haney, Maureen Kelly, Alan Marsden's family, Ron and Jan Nelson, Howard Robertson, and Nancy Ragland's sister, who lost her eldest son.

Wayne also asked everybody to remember Challenger members, past and present, who might be celebrating Christmas alone, and sending a card might be a nice gesture that means a lot.

Thanks was also given for Challenger members who are experiencing healing, like Lori Pierce's remarkable recovery from cancer and Carol Buck's good medical report.

Future Rallies

Wagonmaster Maury Hudson announced that the next scheduled chapter rally (after SEA and Perry) will be in April at Blueberry Hill. He also announced the good news that there are hosts signed up for every 2018 rally !

Newsletter

Fay Levine has volunteered to take over the job. Please submit any items for the newsletter to Nancy Ragland who will forward them to Faye.

Shirt/Vests

Charlie Ragland led a discussion regarding chapter shirts and vests. He said that we should be recognizable as Challenger members, and wearing the same shirt (and at times the vest) will let others know who we are. Carol Buck mentioned that we are a premier chapter, well-known for our volunteering, so we should be easily identifiable.

The navy blue collared polo shirts they showed to the group are available to Challengers for \$35 each through Space Shirts. Orders can be placed through Charlie .

SEA

Carol Buck asked the membership how many would be interested in attending the 2019 Super Show as a group. 30-Amp power would be available for \$195.

FMCA Towables

The membership has approved opening membership to towable RV's.

Kidde Fire Extinguishers Recall

Carol Buck told the group that she had submitted her request for replacement fire extinguishers, but had not received them yet. Other members were also waiting for theirs. Since Mike Bounds was the first member to submit his replacement request, someone will check with him to see if he has received his.

Email Scam

Discussion was held regarding issuing checks and whether the Standing Rule approved last month needed some tweaking. After several procedural changes, the Standing Rule regarding prior approval for all checks over \$50 was amended to read as follows: "*All dispersals over \$50 must be **verbally** approved by the President or Presidential designee, with the full Board notified.*"

This should prevent any fraudulent email activity.

The change was made following a motion by Paul Levine, seconded by Wayne Cassada. Approved.

Dave Haney spoke to the membership about how the email scam occurred. A brief Q and A period followed.

Installation of Officers

Felicia Fitzgerald swore in the Challenger Officers and Director for 2018. They are as follows:

President: Carol Buck

Vice-President: Wayne Bittner

Secretary: Nancy Ragland

Treasurer: Sandy Meyers

National Director/Alternate National Director: Russ Buck

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ed Kelly, seconded by Nancy Ragland, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted



David A. Haney, Secretary
December 9, 2017

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

Don Franklin won \$109 in the 50/50 drawing. Don also announced that he will, at least for the time being, remain a member. Don, you made our day !

A group of Challengers walked down to the lakeshore, where they spread the rest of Martha's ashes.