

## HAPPY TRAILS RV CLUB MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2012

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Roberts, President; Bill Trice, Vice President, Sherry Pfitster, Treasurer, Ed Pfister, Trip Director

We greeted Sam and Barb Throm as new members.

Donna introduced Cathy O'Brien who is substituting as secretary for Debbie.

Donna reported the Rose Parade Rally was totally awesome. A repeat trip is planned for 2013 with Joel Salzman as Wagon Master. Members should sign up with Joel anytime for this rally.

Sherry Pfitster reported on the current status of the Treasury. The balance as of February 1<sup>st</sup> is \$8,530. Some of these funds are earmarked for the Lake Havasu and Lake Pleasant Rallies. There was an overpayment for the Rose Parade Rally so participants will receive a refund. Sherry has the checks ready for participants to pick-up after this meeting.

Sherry and Bill reported on the club shirts status. If there are more than six members interested in ordering shirts there is no extra charge. Less than six shirts includes a \$10 extra fee. Baseball caps can be ordered at \$10 each with a minimum order of 12. It was decided the club will buy hats to have on hand. Question: are visors available? This will be checked out. Also checking with Lands' End for a different style of shirt, one with a pocket and also denim shirts. Sherry is handing the shirts and caps over to Bill Trice.

Linda Heckman moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Hank Bernat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Heckman moved to refund rally dollars only if over \$20 each. Sandy Birdsell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joel Salzman reported that the Wagon Masters Training which happened today with Jim Jones should help members feel more comfortable with leading a rally. Joel also made a motion to have Wagon Masters pay one-half of the price for the rally they lead. Jeri Desmond suggested this motion be tabled for the new Board. Sandy asked if more than one Wagon Master would they all pay a reduced price? Joel suggested if rally was less than 12 rigs the Wagon Master would pay a reduced rate and if more than 12 rigs the Wagon Master would pay one-half price. This motion is tabled until the fall meeting.

Pat Birdsell volunteered to chair the nomination committee. Open positions are: President, Secretary, Nosey Coyote Reporter, Treasurer, Trip Director and Social Committee Chairperson.

Carol Butler suggested the RV Club stagger officer terms similar to other clubs in Happy Trails. Usually the President and Treasurer have the same term and Vice President and Secretary have the same terms. This means two officers always remain on the board and bring knowledge and experience as new members are elected to the board. Whoever is the new Secretary will only serve one year as Debbie

Gunning already served one year of the term. Phil Kircus stated this issue should be covered in the By-Laws. Ed Heckman suggested a new position on the Board be created. This position would be Past President or Ex-Officio position. Pat Birdsell suggested the By-Laws be changed before the election if a change is necessary. If you wish to volunteer for one of the open offices please contact Pat Birdsell at: [pbnanna4@gmail.com](mailto:pbnanna4@gmail.com). Carol Butler volunteered to chair the By-Law committee. Sam Giamarvo and Phil Kircus will also serve on this committee.

Donna announced the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a special celebration for St. Patrick's Day. Decorated golf carts and dressed up members will meet at Town Center at 4 P.M. for a parade around the resort. Bring noise makers and have a fun time. After the parade the members will be treated to a traditional St. Paddy's dinner at NC2. This will include corned beef and cabbage and other veggies, soda bread and pistachio ice cream.

Ed Heckman reported on a rally for the middle of February 2013 to Rocky Point, Mexico. Rally can be for 1 or 2 weeks. Drive is 60 miles into Mexico to Playa Bonita. Trip will depart from Oregon Pipe National Park. Travelers will have to have Mexican insurance. RV park is \$20-23 per night. Fourteen members expressed interest in this rally.

Donna Weeden reported on the up-coming rally to Lake Pleasant which is April 2,3,4 2012. The group area is dry camping only. Sight includes 4 ramadas for group meals and activities, huge fire ring (bring wood), park ranger demonstrating archery for which you may receive an Archery 101 certificate, lots of hiking trails available, 4 wheel drive roads, water experiences and the Visitor's Center. Scorpion Bay has several different kinds of water vehicles for rent. There will be a stargazing presentation on the last night of the rally. The moon will be almost full on this night and Mars will look red and all Spring constellations will be visible. Wagon Masters are now in charge of their rally dollars so make checks out to Donna Weeden. **\$55 is due now and total cost is unknown until final number of participants is known.**

Donna Roberts reported on the October 5 – 8, 2012 Balloon Fiesta. The deposit is \$200 which is the entire fee. Rally site is about 1 block from the staging field and there is free bus transportation to field. This is also a dry camping experience.

Carol Butler moved and Phil Kircus seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy O'Brien

There were 48 members present for this meeting.