

March 2, 2017 Happy Trails RV Club

Guest Presentation: Prior to the club meeting, photos from Sue & Dominic Ambrosino 3 trips to Alaska were viewed. Sue gave pointers on what to take, what to expect and the changes they have noticed from their 2008, 2014 to 2016 trips.

Sue commented on the difference between planning your own trip and joining a caravan. Going on your own allows you to be flexible stopping along the way and decide how long you want to be on the road as you go – the caravan would take the worry of planning campgrounds, stops, eating and tours with an schedule of a defined time away – limiting extra time in any one spot.

Sue suggested an important book to take along was Mile Post which is published every year which describes the road and scenery ahead. Sue felt a current issue was most important for up to date info. Another book recommended was Alaskan Camping by Mike & Terri Church which shows in detail campgrounds and their amenities. The book Tour Saver was also a good idea as there were many savings on tours that you would enjoy during your trip.

Sue's presentation was enjoyed by all.

President Larry Birdsell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed new members and guests.

Acting secretary in Ann Carr's absence is Alana Alvis.

The minutes of the February 2, 2017 were approved as posted to the website. Moved by Wayne Muggli and seconded by John Lesh. Carried.

Treasurer Renee Masching gave the treasurer's report. Balance on hand \$4,438.48. Report as posted to the website.

Motion by John Lesh and seconded by Wayne Muggli to cover the costs of cancelling camp sites for the cancelled Rally at Lost Dutchman State Park \$30.00 and cancelled sites at Picacho Peak Rally \$15.00. Carried.

Sam Throm – Rally Chairman spoke of the **date change** to the **Page, Az. April Rally** due to only 4 rigs signed up. **New date is Oct. 23 to 27th, 2017** with the sign up sheet and Marie O'Brien's overview were made available. Full hook-ups at Wahweap Campground, Antelope slot canyon tour, boat trip on Lake Powell, Tour of Glen Canyon Dam, Dinner and Navajo Indian Hoop Dancing Show, Powell Museum, Navajo Indian fry bread taco dinner at campsite, Horseshoe Bend overlook hike, Toad Stool trail hike. Approximate price based on 8 rigs minimum: 1 person \$300 and additional person \$130.

Extra optional add-ons per person: Colorado river raft trip \$90.00, half day kayak trip, all equipment provided, \$90.00, boat trip on Lake Powell to Rainbow Bridge National Monument \$130.00.

\$100.00 deposit by all attending the Oct. Rally to be paid before we leave the park this spring. This is to be given to Treasurer Renee.

Contact Sam Throm if interested in talking part in any rally or interested in being a wagon master of a rally in 2017/2018.

Wagon Masters Wayne and Nancy Muggli updated us on the Picacho Peak Civil War Reenactment Rally March 17 to 20th with 4 rigs.

Barb Throm spoke, on behalf of Mel Hinterlong, on the 'Meet-up' at the **Arizona Opry Variety Spectacular Dinner and Show** in Apache Junction. Sign up sheet has 4 dates listed to chose from **March 14, 16, 22 & 31** at \$78.00 a couple or \$39.00 a person. The plan is to car pool. Payment for the 'Meet-up' is to be made to Mel Hinterlong, and not to the club Treasurer. Contact Mel Hinterlong if interested in attending.

Old Business:

Larry asked for a motion to cover compensation for Wagon Masters. A discussion took place with new information from Wayne and Nancy Muggli that a motion in the past was already in place. As access to these minutes was not available, this will be tabled till the November 2/17 meeting and Larry will clarify at that time. Motion to set formal compensation for Wagon Masters will take place after the clarification, if needed.

In the future, Larry felt a deposit was necessary to cover any expenses incurred on a personal cancelation from a rally to avoid the club picking up these costs.

New Business:

Nominations presented were Marie O'Brien for Treasurer and Robert Britton for Vice President. They were both elected to serve for a two year term. Carried.

Larry appointed Connie Britton to fill the vacancy of Secretary for one year. Approved.

After a discussion, it was decided that the April meeting be cancelled. The next meeting will be November 2/17 at 5:00 with potluck supper in NC2.

Announcements:

Mel and Pat are forming a committee to promote the club. They have set a meeting for **March 6th at 9:00 am at Lot 685 – Birdsell's**. Please see one of them if you are interested or if unable to attend email any ideas you may have before the March 6th meeting to Mel or Pat.

The Good Sam Rally at Phoenix Raceway was attended by a few from the RV Club, we felt that it was a smaller rally with less vendors and with the change of being outside the race track this year seemed like less walking.

Discussion from the floor that several enjoyed the cell phone photography demonstration and picked up several new ideas on using their phone as a camera.

Alana Alvis reported that Brent told her the blue shirts had been ordered and should arrive shortly. Alana and Nancy will deliver the shirts that were ordered upon their arrival.

Larry wished all a safe and happy summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. moved by Clay Cheek and Barb Throm.

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happytrailsvclub.org has the minutes and treasurers reports along with other club information.

Acting Secretary, Alana Alvis