

***Happy Trails RV Club established May 7, 2010***

**General Meeting on February 1, 2024 at NC2**

**Website: [happytrailsvclub.org](http://happytrailsvclub.org)**

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Forward pictures or reports for the website to Vern Alvis

Total attendance: 37

President John Lesh welcomed members and new members. Meeting called to order.

Minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting were available for review and also posted on the website. They were approved.

The treasurer's report for January was approved and it will be posted in the password-protected section of the website.

**Old Business**

**Current Membership Numbers:** 82, of which 12 are new (this number does not include new members who joined tonight).

**Storage of Club Items:** Cindy Kent will store the club's propane burner & pot, along with the club banner/stand.

**Election Nominating Committee:** Alana Alvis and Nancy Hinterlong volunteered to serve on this committee to recruit volunteers for the open positions of President, Secretary and Trip Director for two-year terms.

**End-of-Year Banquet:** March 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the back room of the Chuckwagon catered by Chef Peter. Chris Heitz reviewed the food options. She will send out an email requesting RSVPs with food choice. The full-service meal includes soft drink, salad and ice cream for dessert. BYOB is allowed.

**Club Fair Report:** Alana Alvis reported that she/Vern, Marie Beschen, Mel/Nancy Hinterlong manned our club table. It was not as well attended as previous years, but they gave out information and some expressed interest. It was suggested that we have an "interest" sign-up sheet at next year's club fair, along with little business cards that have our website listed.

**New Business**

**Welcome Home Parade:** Currently scheduled for November 13, 2024. The theme will be "Fun and Games: To Be A Kid Again". The club would like to participate again. Marie B. mentioned that this next year will be the resort's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so this date and/or the theme may get changed. Don and Becka Paulsen volunteered to coordinate this effort.

**End-of-Year Banquet:** \$863 is remaining in the budget for Entertainment. Chris asked for approval of an additional \$300. John motioned that we approve an additional \$500 to help cover the food, gratuity and decoration costs. The motion was approved.

## **Rallies**

**Lake Havasu Balloon Festival Report:** Cindy Kent reported 8 rigs + 1 hotel room on January 18-21<sup>st</sup> for a total of 17 people. Could see twice-daily balloon ascensions in addition to good food and river boat ride! Next year's dates are January 9-12, 2025. Cindy will assist whoever volunteers to be the wagon master.

**Survey of Attendees re Future Rallies:** Attendees raised hands as to how many rallies they would possibly attend in the future. Will hope to gain more information next year as to places to go, dry-camping or full-hookups, etc.

**Havasu Winter Blast/Pyro Party Rally:** February 15-19, 2024. Marie Beschen is the Wagon Master. There are still four more spaces available. 24 people (14 rigs) will be dry-camping at the rodeo grounds. Live entertainment, BBQ dinner, food trucks and lots of fireworks!

**Yuma Airshow:** John Lesh reported that he has no new information about the airshow scheduled for March 9, 2024. He mentioned that the Luke AFB show is in the third week of March 2024.

**Tubac Rally:** December 5-9, 2024 with Ed/Nancy Sipple and Gordon/Belinda Lang as Wagon Masters.

**Deadhorse Ranch State Park:** March 2025. Need to find out how many people might be interested.

## **Meet-Ups**

**Stardust Theatre Report:** Mel Hinterlong reported that 40 people attended and really enjoyed the show. Thirty of those people also attended the dinner.

**City of Surprise Monthly Talks:** Marie Beschen mentioned that these free talks held monthly by the City of Surprise would be a possible meet-up.

## **Announcements/Additional Discussion**

**Next Happy Hour:** February 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at NC2.

**Next General Meeting:** March 14, 2024 (*Note: date change*) at 5:00 p.m. in the back room of the Chuckwagon. This will be our end-of-year banquet.

**Door Prizes:** The three potted-plant table decorations and additional Valentine prizes were won by 15 attendees. Thank you, Carol Ann Emerson!!

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lora Newby