## STATE COMMITTEE MEETING 2024 Saturday April 13, 2024

WELCOME: John VanDorn welcomed all.

**PLEDGE:** Mary Lee

**REVERENCE:** Earl Carter

**ROLL CALL:** By Gerry Seele all chapters except the Ute Salt Shakers were

represented. She asked them to check their rosters and to let her know of any

changes.

John introduced the new chapter presidents Bud and Linda Durbin of the Utah Trail Dusters and Bob and Barbra Ekblad of the Utah Sun Chasers. They told a little about themselves.

John reminded everyone that only the chapter presidents or their representative could make a motion or vote.

**MINUTES:** Gerry Seele, State Secretary, read the minutes of the November 4, 2023, State Committee Meeting.

**MOTION:** Bud Durbin of the Utah Trail Dusters made a motion to accept the minutes.

**Motion:** Earl Carter of the Rocky Mountain Campers seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Gwen Shoemaker, State Treasurer, passed out copies of the report and then read it to us.

**MOTION:** Randy Eberhard of the Wasatch Travelers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

**MOTION:** Carol Wallace of the Happy Hobos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Connie VanDorn led us in a discussion of the "Fabulous Fifties" theme. The Utah Trail Dusters were asked to come on Tuesday to do the decorations. They were given a budget of up to \$100 with receipts. There will be a two-hour block for chapter booths to do some type of activity. One half of each chapter could man the booth for an hour interval while the other half visited the other booths. Many suggestions were given for booth ideas:

Drag races with walkers.

Old car display with pictures.

Soda fountain.

Picture booth with pictures taken with cardboard stars (Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, Cary Grant) Couples would use their own cell phone for the pictures.

Car race with chapters making the cars.

The chapters liked the idea of booths again and will need to come up with an idea for their chapter to use in a booth area. Connie would like the chapters to let her know what they plan to do so we can avoid duplication.

Bud Durbin suggested some other ideas for the rally:

Soc Hop dance party. Poodle skirts.

Hula Hoop contest.

Car Club Drive-In Night. Chapters create car club theme, make cardboard car to be places over two chairs, watch 50's movie on big screen. Prizes for best looking cars.

John reviewed the chapter assignments and the State Contact person over them. We all introduced ourselves and our responsibilities.

\*Happy Hobos are over the Gathering which name was decided to be changed to Mix and Mingle. Bean Bag Toss name was changed to Corn Hole.

\*Golden Spike Campers are over the Charity and Live Auctions. They request that **only** two good items per rig be donated to the Charity Auction (ones you would like to take home). A decision was made to divide the auctions with the live auction in the middle. They are also over the Country Store and stated that it would run two days for 1 ½ hours each on a cash only basis.

The Utah Sun Chasers are over the Memorial. The Ekblads would like pictures and would like information about the deceased (prior or current) members submitted to them by the end of July. They were allotted up to \$150 for expenses.

Rocky Mountain Campers will be over Bean Bag Baseball. The State Staff is working on a way to shorten the time and allow more people to participate.

The Utah Sundowners are over the Ice Cream Social and Crazy Golf. Sid was not in attendance so we will discuss his ideas later.

Wasatch Travelers are over the Cake Walk. They will continue with the same format and request that 2-3 baked goods be brought per chapter. The cost will be \$3. There is a list of possible suggestions for Baked Goods provided by Cathi Anderson in your packet.

Trail Dusters are over decorations.

Gerry Seele asked that each chapter donate two \$25 door prizes and that if you have any business contacts that could donate a prize, please bring additional.

John Saxey explained his activity for chapter competition. It will be a remote-control car demolition derby type race.

The Rally Breakfast will be hosted by the Utah Sun Chasers starting at 8:00 Thursday morning. The State Staff will check on what paper supplies are in the trailer.

John VanDorn will do the First Timers Meeting. New chapter presidents as well as those who have never attended before are invited to attend. It will be cut to 30 minutes.

Chapter dinner and meetings will be held Thursday evening. You can schedule a space through Dave Johnson if you like.

Our Winter Committee Meeting will be held November 2, 2024, 1:00 at the Orem Golden Corral.

The Rally Registration forms are online. Please remind your members to make checks payable to Utah RV Club.

The Opening Ceremony will be on Wednesday night. The State Staff will wear their white shirts and it was decided that the chapters would wear their chapter shirts. A decision was made to make new chapter flags and to make them a bit more

uniform in size. We will be using a 4-foot ¾ inch dowel. John VanDorn will check into getting a base made to post the flags in at the ceremony.

John asked if anyone knew of a place where we could park our State trailer so it would be closer. Connie and John Saxey volunteered to have it parked on Connie's property.

Gwen Shoemaker said that she had placed a slip of paper in the financial packet with information for the Snack Shack. There will be a 50-cent donation per item purchased.

Seminar ideas are welcome. If you have a special suggestion, please email Gerry the subject area, and contact information.

The election procedure for a new State Director was gone over by Gwen. Each chapter president was given a nomination form to be filled out and submitted by the end of the Rally. The nominee must be a member in good standing in your own or another chapter.

John VanDorn adjourned the meeting and we had a light lunch.