

WINTER STATE STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEETING
November 2, 2024
Golden Corral – Orem, Utah

WELCOME: John VanDorn welcomed everyone to our meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bill Shoemaker

REVERANCE: Bob Seele

ROLL CALL: Gerry Seele All chapters were represented except the Happy Hobos. Each chapter president stood and introduced themselves. The Rocky Mountain Campers introduced their new president, Norm McDonald, the Utah Sun Chasers introduced their new president Karren Paxman, and the Wasatch Travelers' new president will be Kathy Sandberg who was unable to attend.

Gerry stated that one chapter had turned in their updated roster and requested that all chapters have their updated rosters, including the new positions of officers, emailed to her by the end of January. (Another roster was turned in at the end of the meeting.)

MINUTES: Gerry Seele read the minutes of the September 18, 2024, State committee meeting.

MOTION: Earl Carter of the Rocky Mountain Campers made a motion to accept the minutes.

MOTION: Randy Eberhard of the Wasatch Travelers seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read.

The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gwen Shoemaker read the financial report and passed out copies.

MOTION: Cathi Anderson of the Golden Spike Campers made a motion to accept the financial report

MOTION: Bob Ekblad of the Utah Sun Chasers seconded the motion to accept the financial report.

The motion passed.

Connie VanDorn read Rally Suggestion Box submissions:

Put a First Aid Kit in the State Trailer.

Have a map of Utah showing where each chapter is located, (by name).

Have a craft activity and a seminar on RV maintenance.
Food Truck suggestion: Scally Wagon.
Share ideas of how to get new members.
One store was willing to give discounts to our members.
Have a flag retiring ceremony.
Have a word find and prizes.
Work on the scheduling to allow sufficient time for the games.
Possibly have a TV station come do a piece on our Rally.
People need to forfeit their game if they are 10 minutes or more late.
No more Chapter Booth activities.
Print names on both sides of the name tags.

John led us in a discussion about whether to display Chapter Flags throughout the Rally. Everyone thought it was a good idea to keep them up.

We then reviewed the Rally events:

Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Ok, keep them

Cakewalk - Keep it - most everyone likes it

Mix and Mingle - It was good to have an activity to get to know people. Continue some type of activity.

Ice Cream Social – let the Chapter over it, decide what to do.

Sun Chasers' Breakfast – Good

Chapter Booths – If we do them again, no tickets and maybe non candy prizes.

Games:

Bean Bag Baseball – have had it forever...

Corn Hole - that's good

Crazy Golf – shorter time, more people play

We could possibly place the game signup sheets by the registration desk.

Maybe some new indoor games would be good.

Having the whiteboard by the registration desk was a great way to communicate.

Seminar – yes. We need suggestions of people who do a seminar that would give us good help ideas. Ask in your chapters.

Memorial – yes. Maybe hold it after the opening ceremony.

Card Bingo – yes.

Charity/Live Auction – yes.

Country Store/Merchandise Sale – yes. Putting the items in the alcove room was a great place.

Snack Shack – yes.

Potluck Lunch – good. We could do it again.

Stage Decorations – good. We need to keep doing them.

Entertainment – It would be good to have some. Bill Shoemaker stated that he would like to have a dance, but there would need to be some scheduling changes to allow it to happen. He and Gwen have provided karaoke for us and Gwen has played her accordion.

State Staff Continental Breakfast - if we have it, start it on time, not early just because people are there.

Money Jar – yes. It was a fun activity. It could be done in a variety of ways.

First Timers Meeting – yes. We need to work to get more first-timers.

Food Trucks – yes. A good idea if they come.

Door Prizes – yes. Gerry suggested that the Door Prize items could also go in the alcove room.

Charity Donations:

Gwen explained two options for our Charity Donations. The second option was chosen. \$500 to Mascot Miracles Foundation, Make a Wish Utah, and Children's Miracle Network each. \$600 to Utah Food Bank.

Gwen Shoemaker announced that John and Connie Saxey were chosen by the Chapters to be the new State Directors.

John VanDorn performed the swearing in ceremony for John and Connie Saxey. They expressed their desire to serve and get to know everyone. John said that he would be sending a survey to all presidents to see what direction the presidents think we should be going.

Connie VanDorn expressed her feelings for serving us and her appreciation to all for the help and support that has been given to them during their term.

John VanDorn also expressed his appreciation to everyone, for getting to know so many people, and the help he received.

John VanDorn dismissed the meeting and said that the date and place for the Spring Meeting will be announced later.