

NWTFC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting at Port Townsend Rally, August 9-13, 2018

Call to Order by President Mike Ashbridge

Reports:

Minutes from the last General Business meeting September 27, 2017 were briefly discussed but noted that they have been available for about one year on our Website by David Pierce.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Bjornson reported that we have \$4000 in the bank which does not include any monies that we are holding for future forums.

Secretary's Report: David Pierce reported we have 82 members and 5 potential applicants.

Vice President's Report: Paula Shull is beginning to organize a slate of potential new officer candidates for the following positions:

Vice President

Treasurer

Assistant FMCA National Director

Dean Bjornson will be helping Paula but will also stand in for the VP slot if a volunteer cannot be found. Sue Bjornson will help find a new Treasurer and will mentor that person.

Historian's Report: Jeanette Block reported on the technology evolution that she has experienced since the beginning of our club, no cell phones, minimal internet and now smart phones. She has 8 large three ring binders full of photos and stuff and brings only one to a rally. Hence only a few members get the opportunity to review the materials.

Jeanette will remain our historian but all rally photos will now be housed on our web site. This includes most of the three ring binders full of photos. This new approach will officially start 2019. Guidelines for submitting rally pictures to the webmaster will be included in the wagon master's job description and the rally planning list on the club website.

Webmaster Report: Mary Carlson noted that there are currently 105 people following our club website – only 32 of those are club members. There is a place on the main page of the website where anyone can enter their email address and automatically receive an email whenever she posts any new item to the website. Members, please fill out this form if you want current news regarding your club.

She also reminded the group that there is a Members Only section on the website and she encourages our members to make better use of it. Please log in and make sure your profile is current. There is a Help section under the Members Only area that will guide you through most of the changes or corrections you may have questions on.

It was also noted that for all our potential volunteers that there are full job descriptions available on the website plus complete breakdowns for what a Wagon Master does for a rally and plus planning guidelines.

Member Care: Nancy Harris has sent a number of cards out to members with special concerns but has asked all of us to provide her with information about any member that is undergoing difficulty.

Rally Coordinator: Ron Mahugh noted that we have no Rallies planned for 2019 as of yet. We need Wagonmaster Volunteers and there is plenty of experienced people wanting to help these new volunteers.

National FMCA Director: Al Zimmerman was not with us but Mike Ashbridge reported that Al was running for Sr. VP of the FMCA; further Al will continue with the Newsletter. Mike noted that there are now 76.7 thousand FMCA members.

Open Meeting/New Business: President Mike Ashbridge proposed that we should amend our Bylaws to be consistent with FMCA in that if a NWTFC member was to replace their RV with a non Trek RV(motorized or not)that member could continue their membership with NWTFC. This requires a vote by the entire membership and will be submitted via email.

Mike introduced the subject of Paypal as a tool for members to use to pay for annual membership fees and maybe rallies. There was a lot of discussion and generally very positive or supportive. The cost is minimal with the club being willing to support the process. Steve Weber-Plank moved that the Paypal process be started, seconded by Dean Bjornson and unanimously approved.

Ron Mahugh organized a wonderful presentation on AED defibrillation. Much discussion was involved including a vote for the club to buy one (Ken Anderson motion Dean Bjornson seconded). The vote failed. However a second vote to both study and present an option to the club by Sue Bjornson followed. The motion was made by Edie Carter and Seconded by Colleen Wright and the vote was unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

David Pierce
Secretary