

## **Granite Staters Chapter of FMCA -**

### **Minutes of Annual Meeting September 12th, 2009**

The minutes for the meeting of the Granite Staters on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

President Gus Swanson opened the meeting at 9:05 with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for our troops.

He then gave an update of Bill McShea. He is doing better and should be coming home from the hospital tomorrow.

The meeting began with a report of the secretary and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Fred Rhine and seconded by Bob Parsons. It was unanimously accepted.

Betty Robicheau read the treasurer's report, a motion to accept was made by Linda Parazzo, seconded by Peg White. It was unanimously accepted.

John Landry read the short sweet version of the National Director's meeting. The long version was copied twice and left on the entry table for anyone to view. Medex was on the budget to be cut again, which was a main point of the meeting. He also gave the result of the elections.

Glenn & Bobbie McCracken gave the membership report. We have 107 members at this time. He also let us know how many memberships would expire in the coming years. The all time high of this chapter was 275 members, but this is a reflection of the times.

Fred asked what FMCA was doing to promote membership in the Granite Staters and getting those memberships. A discussion followed. Gus told us that FMCA would do an annual mailing for us for a value of \$125 in postage only, to any FMCA member not associated with a chapter in a geographic area. He mentioned how many new members were brought in at the Southeast Area recently. Glen also mentioned that when you go to different campgrounds, make a pitch to people and let them know that we have a website and ask them to take a look at it.

Lisa Landry also brought up that when John was at the Director's meeting, they asked everyone to bring in one member and that would grow us by leaps and bounds. Bill Elkins also mentioned that he got an application for a couple who went to our booth at the NEAR rally. Five new members were brought in at the last year NEAR rally by coming to the table and then Bobbie invited them to the social hour. She said we need to get the table dressed up and really show a fun effort to make that table stand out at the NEAR rally. Next year is a 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and Beryl Marshall mentioned that we might have a cake to bring them over as well to the table to see how we have been a chapter for all that time. More discussion followed. Gus asked that we take any more of this up under new business.

A motion was made by Fred, seconded by Bill, with a unanimous vote to accept the membership report.

Next order of business Gus brought up was that we now need a new membership committee, as Glenn and Bobbie are stepping down.

Wagon master's report was presented by Linda Porazzo. She thanked all who helped at this rally. She then thanked all the members who hosted a rally in this past year. She also thanked the future rally hosts. Linda also mentioned that Bill will be fiddling tonight and went over the events of the day. Please take time to fill out the comment sheet.

Gus reminded us that Rumney only has 26 sites so get your application in. As Linda is resigning as wagon master, Gus asked us to keep in mind that we will need a new wagon master. We also have an unsigned contract with the Fryeburg Fairground for a potential rally there on the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of July next year. A discussion followed this as well.

Lee was brought up as another potential location for a week day campout at a winery by Dick White.

Carol Elkins mentioned that if we have new people who want to do a rally and were concerned about not knowing enough, ask someone who has already done one to assist you.

Bob Burnham presented the newsletter as being published 5 times a year and the next one is on November 1<sup>st</sup>. He is thinking that we should change the dates to correspond with the rally schedule so we can have more information when rallies are actually going on, and then just one fall/winter

newsletter. Right now they are January, March, May, July and November. He thinks that it would be better to have more during the summer months.

Sunshine committee - Gus said that Bev Wasson has been able to keep up with getting the cards out.

No VP report was presented.

Betty said that there will be an audit of the books when she is down in Florida and Granite Staters do sign them down there. She did ask if anyone was interested in seeing the books here instead, and no one wanted to do it now.

Max Durbin was recognized as a Life Member, even though he has passed away.

New Business:

Fred Greaves, made a motion "that we offer a free membership for a year in the Granite Staters to potential new members". Second was made by Noreen Arsenault. The discussion question was made from Bob Smith, why only one free membership. Gus said that FMCA had offered 5 free memberships for us to bring members in. Betty brought up that year-to-year is usually May to May. Fred said that we should do what FMCA is doing. It costs \$15.00 per membership. We don't know that FMCA is going to still give us these free memberships to FMCA, so it is only to the Granite Staters. Vote on the motion was called. It was unanimous.

Bobbie brought up that since we have some money in the coffers, and since Bob is doing such a good job on the website and with the e-mail, shouldn't we give more money for each rally to the people hosting the rally. She made a motion that we utilize some of the money in our bank account, \$100/rally, for hosting the rally. It was seconded by Fred Greaves. Discussion followed. (Suggestions were made that maybe the meat could be bought with this money and there would be a potluck for the side dishes.)

Vote on the motion was called and it was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ed Smith "that to use up to \$200 to enhance the chapter table for the NEAR rally". Seconded by Betty. Discussion followed. Decorations discussion followed, Bobbie thought a mural of the Old Man in the Mountain, which would be a one time cost. Also Barbara Smith thought - as

part of the 15<sup>th</sup> celebration - we could give the free membership to those interested who visited the table. A unanimous vote followed.

A nominating committee must be elected, as next September is election time again. Both Bucky Buck and Bill Elkins said they would help out on the committee. Fred Rhine volunteered at the meeting. This is your nominating committee. A motion was made by Gus, that Bucky, Bill Elkins and Fred Rhine be elected as the nominating committee. Dolly Gilbertson seconded, and a unanimous vote followed.

Dick White brought up the insurance issue and how only FMCA members are covered at the rallies. Bringing other non-FMCA members to rallies does jeopardize the insurance.

Carol reminded us there will be signup sheets in the corner to sign up for the NEAR rally and also thanked Glen and Bobbie for helping out at the rally.

Bob Parsons is working on getting a dinner meeting ready for the winter meeting.

Jean Bergeron brought up that South Meadow elementary school saved 71,000 tabs and they made a raffle for Cystic Fibrosis where Cystic Fibrosis got half the money, they got half and the Shriners get the tabs.

Bob Parsons wanted to thank the Bergerons for the 71,000 tabs, and thanks to Jerry Goulet for helping get the tabs to the Shrine headquarters. There are probably 400,000 tabs.

Bob Smith made a motion to close. Many seconds were made and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Anne Landry,

acting secretary

*Addendum October 7, 2009*

*In an e-mail dated 9/9/2009, Betty Robicheau reported to Gus Swanson "6246.90 in the bank, of that amount of money \$2736.00 is membership, \$367.86 is AED, \$200.00 outstanding for a rally, and that leaves \$3103.86." This did not include the results of the rally at Goose Hollow.*

*My sincerest appreciation and thank you to Lisa Landry for the time and trouble she put in taking and preparing the minutes of this meeting in my absence.*

*- Bill McShea 7 October 2009 w/some clarifications from Gus on 21 October 2009*