

ANNUAL ORVW MEETING MINUTES
NORTH LAKE RV RESORT AND MARINA, LAKESIDE, OR
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by ORVW President, Paulette Beliveau, at 10:00 am.

Members/visitors present: Lynda Haghan, Paulette Beliveau, Tamra Swerdlik, June Willoughby, Maureen Swerdlik, Joan Lease, Deanne Bishop, Diane Card, Lisa Brenner, Dorothy Pasch, Patricia Rozee, Theresa Baurer, Susan Bookout, Marjo Sankey, Jeanette Haller, Pam Lee, B Gayle Hillyer, Kathy Okay, Kelsie Marea, Donna Meyer, Jan Lonquist, Kathy Sheats, Rose Mullgrav, Carole Van Orden, Rebecca (Becky) Lynch, Kathy Johnson, Anne Mansavage, Karen Rathbun, Jade Carter, Pam Byrne, Lynne Hansen, Karen Waskow, Xtc, Maria Otikek, Kim Pedroni

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Paulette welcomed everyone to the rally. She invited new members and visitors to introduce themselves.

The agenda item Election of Officers will be moved to the top of the agenda so that several folks can vote before they must leave.

Election off Officers:

This year Maureen Swerdlik, our current Vice President has agreed to run for a second term and Lynda Haghan has agreed to run for a second term as Secretary.

Between the email ballots and the members in attendance, there was a unanimous vote for Maureen Swerdlik for Vice President and Lynda Haghan for Secretary.

Approval of meeting minutes for the July rally – are there any changes? Without any corrections or changes Paulette explained that we don't have to make a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

President – Paulette – Nothing specific to report. She does whatever tasks are necessary to keep the chapter moving.

Vice President – Maureen – It's been a great year...she does whatever she has to to help.

Secretary – Lynda just asked members to please read emails and respond asap. Responding to an email three weeks later makes this job take more time. And if you are not going to a particular rally, you do not need to respond to the email.

Treasurer – Joan

Joan handed out a two-sided report; one the amended 2023 budget, ending August 31, 2023, and the proposed 2024 budget.

Paulette reported that the chapter books have been audited and she's looking for a motion to approve next year's budget and report as stated.

A Motion was made by Maureen and was seconded by B Gail to approve the 2024 budget and it was unanimously approved.

Membership: Paulette reported that Sandy is not here but continues to reach out to people who are interested in joining the chapter and responds to people who have joined National and shows an interest in joining our chapter. Joan also explained that she sends out emails to folks explaining our chapter dues, what the membership fees help pay for, etc. She also refers them to our website showing site rallies and to let Lynda know if they're attending a rally.

2023 Site Committee

Thanks to the Site Committee for all their hard work in choosing rally sites for 2024. The site schedule has been forwarded to members via email. Lynda has a few hard copies if someone needs one. Tamra and the Site Committee are always looking for others to step up and either participate on the Site Committee or investigate a potential site and forward information to the committee. She also explained that Winchester Bay, our first rally for 2024, is giving a deadline of September 30, 2023, for making reservations.

Old Business – no old or unfinished business from earlier in the year.

Paulette explained that we must amend our chapter rules. Under #2 our chapter rules it reads “The chapter dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per person per year. **For the 2021 year only, dues will be suspended for current members for the year due to the cancellation of rallies due to COVID and not needing to spend down our treasury.**”

She needs a motion to remove that statement from the chapter rules.

A Motion was made by Maureen and was seconded by Susan to remove that statement and it was unanimously approved.

Continuing, Paulette explained that in the National RVW chapter handbook, on page 4, it states that “to continue their participation in Chapter Activities, non-members must become members of the RVing Women after attending a maximum of two Chapter or other RVW sponsored activities, whether in one year or multiple years.” She added that our chapter has dues but does not have a corresponding statement like that in our chapter rules. Paulette asked, do we want to add a similar statement to our chapter rules; a Maximum of two-chapter events (rallies) or a lifetime of two events. After talking to Meg, she discovered that we have no recourse in saying that a person must join our chapter after attending two events if we don't have this in our chapter rules.

We need a motion to mimic the National Chapter Handbook rules.

Discussion continued

Paulette is just trying to comply with what is in the National RVW Chapter Handbook. If we didn't charge dues and just had ladies pay a rally fee, she wouldn't even think this was important.

A Motion was made and amended by Susan and was seconded by Deanne to say that if a person attends two Oregon chapter rallies, they would be required to apply for membership. The motion was unanimously approved.

Continuing Paulette reported that something new that is starting up under RVW has come up at the Chapter Advisory meeting called the SIG (Special Interest Groups). Reading The purpose of SIGs is for the mutual enjoyment of a hobby or interest, to facilitate member networking, and further the purposes of RVW. A SIG can be formed for hobbies and activities only.

To apply to be a SIG, it must have at least 5 members, meetings must occur at least quarterly (go to meetings or in person). SIGs cannot charge dues or collect funds from its members. It can be formed for hobbies and activities only. No political or religious interest groups will be approved. SIG meetings must be conducted in accordance with the RVW mission statement and values. They are not considered chapters. The SIG leader will report quarterly to the National Board Committee liaison regarding meetings and other scheduled activities. SIG meetings and events will be posted in the magazine and on the website. People want to create subgroups. This could even go between chapters depending on geography. There will be more information coming out on this; something to think about.

Joan is continuing to compile the Emergency Contact List. Paulette explained that this is voluntary and only officers will have a copy. If something happens to you, we at least have an emergency contact number. If you are interested, please forward a name and phone number, more than one is helpful.

Mo wanted to acknowledge Tamra Swerdlik receiving her 20-year pin and her contribution to the Site Committee.

With no further business the meeting is adjourned.

Lynda Haghan
Secretary