

ANNUAL ORVW MEETING MINUTES
NORTH LAKE RV RESORT AND MARINA,
LAKESIDE, OR
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

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

Members/visitors present: Lynda Haghan, Paulette Beliveau, June Willoughby, Maureen Swerdlik, Joan Lease, Dorothy Pasch, Patricia Rozee, Theresa Baurer, Susan Bookout, Marjo Sankey, Jeanette Haller, Kathy Sheats, Rose Mullgrav, Rebecca (Becky) Lynch, Kathy Johnson, Karen Rathbun, Pam Byrne, Charlotte Frye, Suzie Matranga-Watson, Jeanette Hankins, Ginger Jennings, Deandra Wallace, Susan Bookout, Debbie Newman, Liz Sumner, Helen Bressler

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Paulette welcomed everyone to the rally.

Approval of meeting minutes for the May rally Without any corrections or changes Paulette explained that we do not have to make a motion to approve the minutes.

Officer Reports:

President: Paulette Beliveau reported that she attends the monthly CAC meetings and pay close attention to the issues that affect us as a chapter, communication being a big one.

Vice President: Maureen Swerdlik– Maureen reported that it has been a great year. She continues to help where she can and steps in if the President is not there.

Secretary: Lynda Haghan – Lynda just asked members to please read emails and respond asap.

Membership: Sandy Brown - 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.

Treasurer: - Joan Lease -Joan handed out a two-sided report; one the amended 2024 budget ending August 31, 2024, and the proposed 2025 budget. Joan pointed out two items that went over budget. She added that although Michelle has not submitted a request for reimbursement for shipping the Oregon basket to Pennsylvania, she thinks Michelle should be reimbursed. It was moved by Maureen Swerdlik and seconded by Kathy Johnson that we reimburse Michelle. Also, there was an increase in supplies for the Site Committee, with Maureen taking over as chair. Maureen commented that she needed supplies to organize material in a way that worked for her. June (past Treasurer)

commented that the budget is a guideline for the year and is not cast in stone. The fact that we went over budget in a couple of areas really does not matter. It just gives us an opportunity to adjust the new year budget. Paulette added that the increase amount for batting had already been approved at a prior meeting.

A question/suggestion came up regarding the idea of having a pizza party in 2025 to celebrate our hard work and how should we pay for that. Members agreed to just use whatever money came in from the quilt auction, etc. when that rally is held.

Charlotte Frye reported that she has audited the chapter books.

A Motion was made by Deandra Wallace and was seconded by Shelly Skelton to approve the 2025 budget, and it was unanimously approved.

Site Committee

Patricia Rozee has volunteered to help on the Site Committee. Thank you, Patricia, and Maureen for stepping into the Chair position. Lots of discussion around the various RV resort's accommodations, requirements, fees, etc.

Patricia handed out a ORVW Site Information Worksheets, to be used by members to suggest, evaluate and judge possible future sites. Maureen handed out a member survey for members to fill out as a means of suggesting sites, their experiences and what they are interested in future rallies. She added that it would also be helpful to include photos of suggested sites. Another issue that was discussed was the possibility of reserving one site to give a new member a chance to make reservations since current members get a "head-up" at the beginning of the rally new year.

Maureen also reported that the Site Committee will be working on adding a State Park to the 2026 Site list. Discussion continued whether State Parks could work for us, one positive being lower rates, but having to figure out a place for activities, potlucks, etc.

Thousand Trails RV sites also came into the discussion. Carolyn Stuart is familiar with this membership and is willing to be of help with navigating dealing with them.

It was agreed by members that they would like to continue to make Elkton and Northlake resorts the sites we go to every year.

Paulette wanted to make members aware of the fact that there was a 20% cancellation rate for this rally. A lot of times there is very legitimate reasons for cancellations...just be aware and sensitive that each of these rally sites sets aside a block of sites for our reservations. If we cancel at the last minute, they have lost the opportunity to offer them to other customers.

There is also the issue of the amount of food that is purchased for each event; in this case there will be plenty of leftovers and fortunately will be used at the next rally.

CAC – Conflict of Interest Issue

Paulette reported that due to a discussion at a recent CAC meeting, not attended by herself but brought to her attention by Lynda, who did attend the meeting. There has been discussion at the National level around “Conflict of Interest” issues. For example, a member offering a service and benefiting from offering that service for a fee. Discussion continued that to prevent issues later, the issue (whatever it is) needs to be brought before chapter members.

In this case, Lynda mentioned the fact that there is a rally scheduled in 2025 at a members rv site. After discussion around the fact that this member is offering a rate that is comparable to our other vendors, members were ok with going ahead with having a rally at this site. **It is important we have a paper trail of what this member is offering.**

National Election

Paulette reminded members to be sure to vote in the National Board of Directors election with a deadline of November 1. There are write-ups of those running and directions in the last magazine and you can get onto the National website, and it will direct you to where you can vote.

Obituaries - Continuing, Paulette realizes that this is a sensitive issue, but she wanted to discuss it with members. In a way of honoring a member who has passed, it would be helpful to have their obituary information on hand. If a member is so inclined to write up their information, including RVW/ORVW history, please send your information to Paulette. This way this information can easily be shared in the magazine and at the yearly memorial in Arizona.

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.

Recent Convention in Pennsylvania

Dorothy reported that she had the opportunity to attend the recent convention, this being her seventh. She was honored to carry the ORVW banner at the opening ceremonies. She also reported that Michelle Pelkey, serving as RVW President, did a stellar job.

She added that Joan/Paulette’s quilt brought in \$1000 in the auction. She was not sure what the Oregon basket brought in.

Election off Officers:

This year Paulette Beliveau, our current President has agreed to run for a second term and Joan Lease has agreed to run for a second term as Treasurer.

Between the email ballots and the members in attendance, there was a unanimous vote for Paulette Beliveau for President and Joan Lease for Treasurer.

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

With no further business the meeting is adjourned.

Lynda Haghan
Secretary