

## **Oregon Chapter RVW Annual Meeting and Rally – Bandon, Oregon**

This was the first and only official rally for the Oregon chapter, held at Bandon, Oregon from October 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12th, following all CDC and local Covid 19 safety guidelines. Except for the annual meeting, no specific activities were planned for this rally except rig christenings, so folks just enjoyed seeing each other again and checking out activities and the cuisine in Bandon. There were 4 rigs christened after the annual meeting.

### **Annual Meeting October 10, 2020**

#### **Meeting Began: 1005 hours**

#### **Members Present:**

Linda Brandon, Sandy Brown, Helen Bressler, Pam Bryne, Lynne Hansen, Sharon Lindsley, Linda McIntosh, Barb Pace, Michelle Pelkey, Dorothy Pasch, Patricia Rozee, Karen Waskow, Doris Westoby.

#### **Guests:**

Anita Forati, Angel Hubeny, Lynda Hubney.

#### **President**

Patricia welcomed everyone, and asked new members to introduce themselves. She also talked about what next year may look like, as still unclear whether official rallies can/will be held. The site committee is still contacting parks and tentatively reserving spaces.

#### **Vice -President**

Michelle advised she was unable to attend the September CAC meeting due to the Echo Mountain Complex Fire in Lincoln County and her involvement in responding with the Lincoln County Medical Reserve Corps. Requested that members check the national RVW website in early November to see the posted official CAC minutes.

#### **Secretary**

Jeanette was not able to attend meeting, but advised through the president that all necessary and appropriate paperwork had been submitted to national.

#### **Treasurer**

June was also unable to attend meeting, but advised through the president that the chapter is doing well, as little money has been spent this year due to no rallies. June had previously sent a copy of the 2020 budget through 8/31/2020 to all members and sent a copy to the President for presentation at the is meeting. (Document attached) The current balance in the checking account is \$5,270.82.

### **Membership Committee**

Sandy advised that since the cancellation of rallies in March, 95% of the chapter membership were contacted to see how they were doing. Sandy was assisted in this daunting task by Marjo, and together they contacted over 100 members. Sandy also spoke with 22 new national members who had selected Oregon as their primary chapter and also spoke with 4 other folks referred by other chapter members. She also advised that 3 members living in Talent, Oregon had to evacuate their homes due to the Alameda fire, but luckily there was no damage to their homes. Several other members lost power for several days or were under level 2 evacuation orders (be ready to go at moments notice) due to the various fires around the state.

### **Site Committee**

Barb advised that Tamara Swerdlik will be taking over as the site committee chair person in 2022. Tamara has been a member for a long time, but not able to attend rallies, will now be getting more involved and attending more often. Barb will be her mentor through 2021. Barb noted that half of the rally sites for 2021 have been booked, mostly the ones that occur in the summer. Crooked River Ranch site has been booked for June. She is looking for more sites east of the mountains. Please let site committee members or chapter officers know if you find rv parks in the state that would be good for rallies, and they can check them out. Holding up booking sites at other parks, as they are not wanting folks to make reservations before January 2021. The site committee will advise members in January of all sites for 2021. Barb reminded members to be sure they plan to attend before making reservations, as it costs the parks twice if a reservation is made and then cancelled, (service charge by card company for initial reservation and a charge again when cancelled, and one of the reasons more and more parks have a non-refundable fee). There was a discussion about the fact that parks that have restricted breeds rules for dogs are not being chosen. It was noted that we are still booking at sites that don't allow non self-contained rv's. Those members are asked to check with the parks directly to see if exceptions can be made. It was the general consensus of the members present that the same should be done with the pet situation. That is, start looking at parks with breed restrictions, and members with those breeds can individually call park to see if exceptions are possible. This would allow the site committee to consider additional parks for rallies.

### **Old Business**

Memory of Gayle Elaine Blek – left us on 2/8/2020, due to a very aggressive form of leukemia. Gayle was an ORVW member for 11 years. A commemoration plaque has been placed at Cecil's Garden (RVW Memory Garden). Sandy gave a very moving remembrance.

Due to Covid 19 causing the majority of the chapter rallies to be cancelled, but dues had already been paid by the members for 2020, there was a discussion regarding not charging dues for current members for 2021. This would require a change in the chapter rules. A motion was made by Sandy Brown and seconded, (I'm sorry don't recall who it was), that dues paid by current

members in 2020 would now be counted as 2021 dues, but that any new members joining now through 2021 would pay dues as normal. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

The president thanked the nominating committee – Donna Meyer, Patty Knight and Helen Bressler. Absentee ballots had been mailed out to all members and the secretary had advised through the president that she had received 25 returned ballots. The two positions up for election were president and treasurer. There were 13 members at the annual meeting, constituting a quorum.

Candidates for President:

Michelle Pelkey or member could write in someone of their choice

Candidate for Treasurer

Marie Vandever or member could write in someone of their choice

Absentee ballot totals were:

President: Michelle Pelkey -25, Write In -0

Treasurer: Marie Vandever – 25, Write In - 0

At the annual meeting, an in-person vote was taken. (None of these members had previously voted via absentee ballots)

In person totals were:

President: Michelle Pelkey- 13

Treasurer: Marie Vandever – 13

As Michelle is currently vice president, a discussion of the need for an interim VP once Michelle takes office followed the elections. Helen Bressler expressed a willingness to act in the VP capacity until a special election can be held at the next official rally, hopefully in March 2021. Dorothy Pasch made a motion and Sandy Brown seconded, that Helen be appointed as acting VP starting January 2021 until a special election can be held. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the annual meeting adjourned at 1103

Submitted by Michelle Pelkey, VP