

SOITC Membership Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2007
Branson Mo, at ABC Campground

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Rothwell, SOITC President at 9:06 am. Membership approved the food and entertainment to this point at the Rally. Roberts Rules of Order will apply; all votes will be show of hands. Wayne reviewed the sponsorship recognition. For the Branson rally, the club has received \$10,000 from sponsorship support, approximately \$30,000 from attending members for a total of approximately \$40,000.

Wearhaus Designs, have a table in the meeting room for merchandise. They also have merchandise on their website specific for SOITC and DT.

Dan Tauer will be in Branson at the rally later today. Demo units will be open on Friday and Saturday.

Surveys regarding the rally need to be returned to Betty Johnson. Details for the 2008 Rally in Amana will be available later.

Please make sure SOITC has your most up to date email address.

Break for Regional (East, Central, West) meetings at 9:20 A.M.

10:07 – Meeting called back to order by Wayne Rothwell, SOITC President

Wayne reported on the past goals and activities of the officers and the progress in meeting the goals.

Betty Johnson, Vice President reported next. Bankston Motors is providing free 2-year memberships for all new DT Suites purchases at their dealership.

Betty reviewed Registration for Branson, the progress on updating the SOITC brochure and dealer sponsorships.

Vicki McMaster, SOITC Secretary passed out membership cards to new members at the rally. Request made for Newsletter contributions.

Lee Benfield, SOITC Treasurer, reported on the details of the membership and gave the annual report.

Jim Brey, Eastern Region Director, reported that the Eastern Region had one small gathering in the past year.

Bonnie Fogg, Outgoing Central Director, and Linda Webb, New Central Director, reported that there were three rallies in the Central region. All had great success and good attendance.

Ralph Johnston, Western Region Director was unable to be at the rally. However, the report from Wayne was that there were no official activities in the past year. More planning will occur for activities in the next year.

1:30 – Meeting convened

Rally drawings began,

Announcement by Wayne Rothwell regarding the 2008 Rally in Amana Iowa. There will be approximately 136 Full hook up sites.

Possible activities are

- Playhouse show already contracted**
- some food is already contracted**
- Additional seminars, food events,**

Fee will be \$275, which includes full hookups, entertainment and some food

- Rivoli's will perform 2 shows and provide sound equipment for the meeting**
- Seminar by George McCoy on RV safety from fire**
- Crafts – Basket making**
- Dutch Oven Cooking Light**
- Possible Golf Outing**
- Possible Driving Seminar**

By Laws are the responsibility of Betty Johnson, VP. She turned the discussion of changes to the by laws over to Lee Benfield. The proposed By Law changes had been posted on the SOITC website as required prior to the rally/annual membership meeting. Lee discussed and explained the changes in summary format. Jay made motion to accept proposed changes, Ponch seconded.

Cheryl Brockman asked about dual signatures . Lee responded our board did not require due to physical location issues with board members. We have operated all year with a single signature.

Dave K. called the question. Ponch seconded. Motion carried to accept By-law changes.

Principal distribution of all club information is by email.

Possible sponsorship for Amana and vendor booths was discussed. Doubletree is going to begin putting SOITC brochures in all new trailer purchase packets.

Meeting reconvened at 6:50 pm on 5/19

Recognized Moryde and their sponsorship. Recognized Holiday Hour, Dekalb, IL for sponsoring the breakfast.

Now have 147 units in the club. At the rally we have 23 states and 1 Canadian province represented. In the membership we have 33 states and 1 Canadian province.

Main goal is to increase membership in the SOITC. Doubletree arrangement will help but we still need to get to the dealers. Requested that members stop and see dealers and as for their support. Let them know we are a formal club with By-laws etc.

Please notify the secretary when holding any event so we can verify liability coverage.

Check database for correctness of information. Sheet is circulating for corrections.

Club photographers – Nancy Jordan and her sister are taking pictures of all couples for club directory.

Recycle welcome packet – including nametag, placard and surveys.

Because we are looking for a new Webmaster, new information will be posted on the forum until the new Webmaster is in place.

**At Amana, 12-14 seminars are being planned.
Review of things to do in the Amana Colonies including crafts, basket weaving, wineries, clock making**

Potential value add for members of SOITC—

Possible – Fast Trip – gas station – discounts on fuel

Farm – City Insurance ---posts on website

Apparel – Wear Haus Designs

Future Rally Sites

2010- looking at site in West

2011- looking at site in East – between Pigeon Forge and Myrtle Beach

CD's are available with the aerial photos of the rally

Presentation of appreciation gift for Bonnie Fogg, she was instrumental in the formation of SOITC. Have sold their MS and moved to a Motor Home.

OPEN FORUM

John Marklay – asked for explanation of levels of Sponsorship

Wayne clarified –

**Elite – over \$1000
Gold - \$500 - \$999
Premier - \$300 - \$499
Suite - \$201 - \$299
Select - \$100 - \$199**

Keith Meyers made a motion to make Bonnie and Lex Fogg honorary life members of SOITC

John Marklay seconded

Much discussion on whether this was allowed in the current by laws. Alternatives were explored.

Motion was amended to make Bonnie and Lex Fogg friend of SOITC.

More discussion followed. Ultimately Keith Myers withdrew the motion.

Ponch McDougal moved to adjourn

Jay Chism seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.