

2009 SOITC Business Meeting
Saturday, June 6, 2009
Elkhart County Fairgrounds,
Goshen, Indiana

Club President, Wayne Rothwell, called the meeting to order at 9:02. Wayne went over a few administrative announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 for regional meetings.

The annual meeting reconvened at 10:10 am and was called to order. Wayne declared a quorum was present.

Vicki McMaster, SOITC Secretary read the 2008 minutes. Gene Sansone moved to accept minutes as read, Don Bentley seconded. Motion passed

Wayne Rothwell, SOITC President read the Presidents Report which included a review of 2008. Wayne then reviewed the Treasurers report due to the absence of Lee Benfield, SOITC Treasurer. Everyone received a copy of the report in their registration packet. Dave Kropp moved to accept, Bob Stephens seconded. Motion passed.

Wayne discussed that our by-laws require an audit and we have been delinquent. The SOITC board has selected 3 club members to be part of an audit committee. Members are Cherri Strohofer, Dan Reese and Bob Stephens. The committee will provide an independent review between now and the 2010 annual meeting.

Bylaws changes were discussed. Wayne explained the need to change the by laws to allow for additional board members to be able to sign checks and the issues we are facing with not being physically located in one area of the country. Proposed changes to the by laws have been posted on the website in accordance with Bylaws requirements for member review. The Proposed Bylaws amendment were:

1. Delete Section 1 of Article IX and insert in lieu thereof:
 - (1) The Treasurer shall establish and maintain a checking account for the SOTIC. All monies received from all sources for Club purposes shall be deposited in said account as soon as practicable after receipt. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer may each have authority to sign checks on this account to pay the obligations of the Club within the provisions of this Article.
2. Amend Section 4 of Article IX by inserting the word "annually" following "reported to the membership" making the revised test read "(4) An audit of the SOITC financial records shall be conducted and reported to the membership annually by an audit committee...."

Gene Sansone made a motion to accept the changes to the Bylaws. Jim Brey seconded. Discussion followed. Cynthia Harris suggested we change the wording to

“review” from “audit” due to IRS regulations regarding the word audit. Members cannot do an independent audit and the word “audit” may require an outside firm that would be very expensive.

Gene Sansone approved the wording change to the proposed amendments, Jim Brey seconded. Motion to approve Bylaw changes passed.

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Cherri Strohofer did the report of the Election Committee. Two board positions are up for election this year, Western Regional Director and Secretary. Cherri announced that the Western Region had elected Dave Kropp to continue as Western Regional Director for the next 3 years.

The Election Committee proposed Vicki McMaster for Secretary. Wayne Rothwell opened the floor for additional nominations. Mike Salter moved to close nominations for Secretary, Bob Stephens seconded. Motion for acclamation by Carol Rothwell, John Maklary seconded. Motion passed. Vicki McMaster will continue as Secretary for 3 more years.

Regional Reports

Jim Brey, Eastern Regional Director reported on previous and upcoming activities in the East. The Fall Rally for the Eastern Region will be in Nashville, TN, September 24-28, 2010 at Two Rivers Campground. Additional details on the club website. Also, the weekend of September 18-20 is the Bankston Rally in Alabama and is open to all Suites owners. Contact Rene at Bankston if you are interested.

The 2011 SOITC Annual Rally is scheduled for Sevierville, TN. Jim is working with the campground on reduced tickets for events in the area. There is lots of shopping and scenery in the area along with a number of attractions while visiting the area.

Linda Webb, Central Regional Director acknowledged all the help the Central Region has provided for the rally events in Goshen: The Indiana chapter hosted the welcome dinner, Canada hosted the wine and cheese party, the Central Region State Coordinators hosted the hamburger/hot dog lunch and the Illinois group is hosting the final evening dinner. Hosting involved helping Everett Ellwitz with cooking as well as cleanup and welcoming all attendees.

Linda announced the Illinois Rally is scheduled for September 24-27, the Canadian Rally is August 13-16 in Kingston, Ontario and the Indiana Chapter Fall Rally is scheduled for September. Details for all Central rallies are on the website.

David Kropp, Western Regional Director reported on upcoming events in the western region including the 2010 Annual Rally to be held in Colorado Springs. Dave reviewed some of the attractions in the area along with some preplanned optional tours. In February 2010, there will be a Western Regional Rally in Lake Havasu, AZ. See the website for details or contact Dave.

Wayne Rothwell discussed in more detail the 2010 Rally at Garden of the Gods Campground in Colorado Springs, CO in June 2010. It is imperative that you make reservations directly with the campground if you are going to be arriving early or staying late.

All Seasons RV of Muskegon, MI, Todd Docter, donated money for the defibrillator. The defibrillator was purchased with the help of Barb Tiessen and Bob Stephens of Canada. The money raised last year will be used to purchase additional pads and batteries. Please keep them in mind when you need services and are in the Michigan area.

The floor was opened for questions and new business. Cheryl Brockman asked a question regarding parking in groups together and how to arrange this for future rallies. Wayne indicated the need to arrive together if you want to park together. In most cases this will be the desired method. Discussed the challenges of parking for the rallies.

Judy O'Neil announced she has Hawkeye forms for ordering name tags if anyone wanted them. Nita Wolfe asked if there are volunteer sign up sheets for 2010.

Wayne recognized Everest Ellwitz, Suite owner for the outstanding job he has done with the food for the rally.

Registration forms for the 2010 rally are available. Discussion followed regarding sponsors for the club including a question about why Camping World is not a sponsor. Wayne will follow up with Camping World.

Gene Sansone moved to adjourn the meeting, Dick Culy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.