



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Conference Call**

**March 31, 2020**

**REASON FOR CALLED MEETING:** The executive board meeting was called to order via conference call at 1:33 PM. Those in attendance via phone were: President Rick Binns, Vice President Kirk Inskeep, Treasurer David Brown, Secretary Jody Codwise, and Paul McClellan, appointed host for the 2020 SOITC International Rally (May 11-16, 2020, referred to as this rally). The reason for this called board meeting was due to the upcoming SOITC International Rally in Tennessee and the current global situation with the Coronavirus (Covid 19). Due to the governmental restrictions put in place, the executive board meeting was called to order to determine the future of the 2020 International rally and to attempt to develop a plan for the next International Rally.

**REPORT OF CURRENT RALLY STATUS:** Paul McClellan, rally host, reported on his contact with the campground, catering, and entertainment that had been scheduled for this rally. Paul reported that River Plantation Campground, Chef's Catering, and Kenny Evans (entertainment), all are willing to work with the club and would be willing to schedule for another rally next year at the same prices that they have agreed to this year. This would be contingent on the club making the decision to return to the area for a rally next year. In a discussion with River Plantation, the management indicated that May of 2021 is available for scheduling if the club decides to return next year.

**DISCUSSION OF CANCELLATION OF RALLY:** The officers each contributed to the discussion of the implications of cancelling this rally and the need to comply with the legal restrictions in place and the uncertainty of when those restrictions might be lifted. The officers wanted to take into consideration the impact on club members whom have registered for the rally, the dealership (RVsforLess) which is sponsoring the rally, the vendors coming to the rally, the staff of the campground and the catering service as well as the entertainment. At this time there have been 20 cancellations of club members who had registered for

the rally and one vendor has had to cancel. Restrictions from the government are scheduled to remain in place until 4/30/2020 as of this date.

**DECISION TO CANCEL THE RALLY:** The executive board discussed the need to cancel the rally, the implications for members whom are currently registered, what to do about a future rally, and how to handle any announcements. The executive board also discussed the system for handling cancellations for members and refunds of rally fees. There are various responsibilities needing to be addressed in the event of a cancellation.

The executive board voted to cancel the current 2020 International Rally and to notify the general membership as well as registrants of this decision. There was, of course, a discussion and decision to contact River Plantation Campground to see about scheduling a rally there in May 10-15, 2021: reason being that we have the contracts that will be extended to next year (per those people with whom we now have a contract). In a phone conversation, (heard by all board members in attendance) between River Plantation Campground and Paul McClellan, he was able to schedule a rally with River Plantation for May 10-15, 2021. Paul was able to report via text that Chef's Catering and Kenny Evans also agreed to those dates.

As a result of this decision, there were responsibilities assigned to the participants.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Rick Binns will work on writing an announcement email and getting it out to our membership. He will also contact Stitches on the Road about the 2020 t shirts. The board felt that we should use the same t-shirt design for the 2021 shirts with just a change in dates and that the t-shirts that have been ordered, paid for, and produced can be used next year by members whom have placed those orders. The club will underwrite the postage for mailing those shirts to members.
2. Kirk Inskip will work with Butch and RVSforLess and reach out to suppliers concerning the cancellation. Kirk contacted RVSforLess and Butch understood the need for cancellation and was grateful for the return to the area in 2021.
3. Dave Brown will work with getting refunds to the members who registered for the 2020 rally. Registrants have until 4/30/2020 to let him know if they wish to receive a refund or would have the club carry over the dollars to the May 2021 rally. Dave will begin issuing refund checks after that 4/30/2020.
4. Jody Codwise will write up the minutes from this executive board meeting.

The officers also discussed the situation with the elections that were due this year. It was felt that the officers and regional directors could alleviate the situation by volunteering to extend their terms of office by one year. This issue had been discussed in a few emails prior to the conference call so that the executive board would know if officers were willing to do this. As a result of positive responses from all the current officers/regional directors, the executive board agreed to temporarily change the year of election to comply with the need to extend so that there would be an efficient smooth transition for the club membership and leadership as well. This means that the following positions will be up for election as follows: president, treasurer, and eastern region director in 2021, secretary and western region director in 2022, vice president, north and south central directors in 2023 and so on from there.

Per the by-laws, the President has the authority to appoint individuals to fulfill the remainder of a term that become un-filled. Therefore, the board discussed the need to fill the position of Eastern Regional Director and determined that this will be done via email asking for volunteers (to be sent out June 1<sup>st</sup>). The Eastern Region has a planned regional rally in September and this situation might be able to be handled at that rally.

The officers discussed the situation with funds held by the club from the registrants for the 2020 rally. The decision is that the individual registrants could choose: Option 1.) to receive a refund or (Option 2.) have the funds paid to the club carried over and applied to the 2021 rally. The registrants will have to let Dave Brown, treasurer, know which option they choose by April 30, 2020 so that he could start processing and mailing checks to those selecting option 2 above.

It was also noted by the board that the individual registrants would be required to contact River Plantation to cancel their reservations or transfer those reservation to the appropriate dates for next year 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Codwise, SOITC secretary