

SUITES OWNERS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB
MINUTES 8/25/2017
GOSHEN INDIANA

President Everett Ellwitz called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. The club members separated into the 4 regions to hold regional business meetings. Everett listed the various regions by state to aid newer members to know what regional meeting to attend. Each region was tasked to appoint a member to work on the by-laws in order to present the members with any modifications and/or changes that might need to be made.

The membership reconvened into the general business. The regions who elected new regional directors reported back to the club membership. Cindy Vinson will continue as South Central Regional Director as her term is not up as yet. AG and Mary Ann Caldwell were elected as Eastern Regional Director. Cheri Strohofer was appointed to fill out the North Central Regional Director position after the resignation of Paul McCellan for that position. Western Regional Director Steve Peterson will continue in that position for the remainder of his term.

Members who are willing to work on the by-laws are: Western Region: Bob Luhrs, North Central Region: Deb Motely, South Central Region: Brad Shirley, and Eastern Region: Steve and Sharon Ezell.

Everett reported a rally is on the website for Sept. 10th at River Ridge. Nita Wolf will host this rally. Don Hartley is putting together a rally for the spring in Columbus, IN at Saraland.

Coordination between the regional rallies would be a nice thing to work towards for the club. One complication is those who still work as well as those who are full-timers who travel south for the winter months.

The International Rally is scheduled for Elk City OK on Oct. 8-13. Cindy Vinson is heading this rally. There is a rally in Amarillo TX Oct. 9-14. Reservation need to be made by 9/9. There is a Western Regional Rally in Lake Havasu, AZ 4/11-15.

President Ellwitz expressed a thank you to Paul & Margie McClellan for their work for this rally. The club has grown by 18 new members over the last 30 days. We now have 393 active member units. Much of this growth is from

members connecting with other DRV Suites owners at campgrounds as we travel around the country.

President Ellwitz read from a report concerning phishing, spoofing, and spam via email. This is becoming an international problem affecting many types of organizations. Everett then reported that the club has experienced this type of activity with almost \$4,950 dollars being involved. The club was able to recover only \$1147 fo that money. Even with police and the FBI being involved in the situation, the origin of the people involved was not discovered. Everett reported that the treasurer offered to replace the dollars from his own resources. The board of directors recommended that he not do this as he has shown he is honorable and trustworthy and that this was an unusual and new experience for the club. New rules and procedures have been developed to assure that this cannot occur again. The treasurer will utilize a double-check system so that direct contact via phone call will be made to assure any directive comes from a club source. Paul McClellan added that Dave Brown, treasurer, is an honorable individual and that the club policy was lacking. The club has corrected this. A member asked if any of the private information for club members was compromised. No individual information was compromised.

Everett reported that the club is current with the IRS and with the Indiana Secretary of State for all reports needed to be submitted. The club has maintained liability insurance in accordance with requirements.

The 2019 rally will be held in Gillette WY. There are other rallies on the website as information for club members.

Jody Codwise, secretary, read the minutes from the business meeting in Gettysburg in 2016. A motion was made by Chuck Schilling to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Vicky McMasters. The motion was carried and the minutes accepted as written.

Dave Brown, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. He reported that one region, North Central, has a surplus of funds from the 2016 regional rally. He has set up his books so that each region can deposit funds which the region can access in the future to help plan and hold regional rallies. One member asked about the cost of the venders to set up and Dave indicated that vendors paid \$175 a table to set up. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Al Hinds and was seconded by Vicky McMaster. The

motion was carried and the report was accepted. Paul McClellan reported on how much each of the vendors has donated individually to the club.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The club by-laws state that any business meeting must be held between April 30 and September 30 in any given year. Because the Elk City rally in 2018 does not occur until October, the by-laws need to be addressed so that the club can hold a business meeting at this rally. The recommended adjustment is: that Article XI number 1 be suspended for 15 months pending an anticipated by-laws change in order to bring the October 2018 meeting into compliance with the by-laws. A motion was made by Cheryl Brockman and seconded by Barry McMaster. The motion was carried.

Dale Wright, chairman of the nominations committee, presented Rick Binns as a nominee for President and David Brown as Treasurer. No other nominations were made from the floor. Rob Paris made a motion that nominations be closed and this was seconded by Cheryl Brockman. Everett called for a show of hands for a vote for president. Rick Binns was elected as President to serve until 2020. Elaine Zimmerman made a motion to close nominations for treasurer and Rob Paris seconded that motion. Everett called for a show of hands to vote for treasurer. David Brown was elected as treasurer to serve until 2020.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Wickham and seconded by Chuck Schilling. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jody Codwise, Secretary