

SUITES OWNERS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB
Members Business Meeting
Drummer Boy Campground
Gettysburg, PA
June 10, 2016

President Everett Ellwitz called to order by at 1:10 PM.

The members broke into regional business meetings at 1:12 PM. The entire membership reconvened at 1:43 PM.

Summaries of the regional meetings are:

Eastern Region: The members discussed the Eastern rally at Crossville and any proposals for the future rally hosted by the Eastern Region in 2020 and an Eastern Region rally for next year. Dale Averill, Eastern Region Director, lead the meeting and reported on the discussion. The Eastern Region rally is from Sept. 19 through the 23.

North Central: Paul McClellan, North Central Region Director, reported that they had an Indiana spring rally and Mike and Nita Wolf hosted a Michigan state rally. Cheri Strohofer hosted the North Central Rally. The Michigan state rally 2016 is from Sept. 9 through 11 at Hopkins, MI hosted by Joe and Ardis Schenk. The North Central Rally is from Sept. 9 through the 13 at Scenic Hills Campground in Ohio Amish Country. In 2017, the North Central Region will host the SOITC International Rally at Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen Indiana

South Central: The members elected Cindy Vinson as new regional director. The rally will be held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 5.

Western: Hank Salmans reported that they discussed the Western Rally, which will be held at Glacier (Montana side) from August 17 through 20. There may be a spring rally in California.

Everett Ellwitz gave the president's report. Club finances are sound and membership grows. There were 14 new members in the last 30 days with 280 members as of today. Most of our new members are because of our current members making contact with DRV owners. There are no formal Secretary's minutes from last year as the secretary did not attend the rally and a new secretary was elected at the time. The board approved up to \$8,000 to spend on the website for improvements. Paul McClellan was elected as North Central Region Director and Jody Codwise was elected as club secretary.

The club is current with all filings with the IRS and Indiana. Club liability insurance is in place and covers national and regional and state rallies.

The new website is up and running with a new look. The club can maintain your information in the database and send out emails to the club membership. This database allows members to update all information. Club membership number is now a 6 digit number from the unit's VIN number. The members control any change of their own password. Concerning sharing of information, if you signed the privacy statement, then your information can be shared with the members of the group. If you did not sign the privacy statement, your personal information will not be available to anyone else.

In the near future all rallies will be on the website and there will be a link to Wild Apricot to register for events. You will still have to make contact with the local campground but there will be a link to that campground also. If there is a fee, you can make payment through PayPal or send a check through the US Mail.

There are some winter luncheons in Arizona, Texas, and Florida before Snowbirds travel back toward home. There are some spring rallies and a dealer rally in the Southwest.

The club still has a strong relationship with DRV, Thor, and Heartland and is working with other dealers as well. The club continues to seek sponsorship from other dealers as supporters. The club is seeking a new Vice President and a new South Central Region Director. We thank Hank Salmans and Billy Crawford for their service to our club. Our aim is to continue to grow with regional and state rallies and have a greater group of friendly knowledgeable people and people willing to host rallies. The club is now 10 years old.

Jody Codwise, secretary, read the minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on June 7, 2016. David Brown, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. The club is financially sound. As of June 4, 2016, the current assets are \$49,843.06 and the current expenditures are \$26,285.27. David Brown reported income for the year of about \$24,000 and outflow of about \$26,000. There are still rally expenses to be paid out. We are sound financially at this time. All filings have been taken care of to maintain 501c7 (membership organization). A member asked about the high balance and expenses. In the past, the club has donated to local (rally site) area charities when appropriate. A member asked about being more consistent about donations to charities from the club, expressing the idea of a committee to select one charity consistently. A suggestion was made for the agenda for the Board of Directors to consider a charitable organization for the club to support. A member asked about operators DNO insurance and liability (to cover officers work). Jim Brey explained that the balance is taken after rally expenses are paid. David Brown that the average balance is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Some of the campground fees have to be paid up to 4 years in advance to hold space for the rally.. Everett explained that up through 2008, the club typically had a balance of 2-3 thousand dollars in the bank. He also explained that the club does not make any money from the rallies themselves as the fees charged pay for the activities and camping involved with the rally. The club handle the money in a fiduciary manner. We do make donations to organizations but not necessarily the same one every year. Jim Brey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented with a second by Jim Mahan. The treasurer's report was approved.

Everett indicated that the club needed a Vice President as Hank Salmans' term comes to closure. Everett opened the floor for nominations from the floor. Hank Salmans nominated Linda Webb. Paul McClellan seconded the motion. Linda Webb is now elected Vice President of SOITC.

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Everett spoke of the 2017 Rally to be held in Goshen at Elkhart County Fairgrounds. It will be held from August 21 through 26. The schedule will include a factory tour of DRV, Mor/Ryde and maybe two others. Rally attendees can come into the fairgrounds 3 days early and stay 3 days after the rally. The rally is being held in August in order to avoid conflicts with other clubs holding rallies there. David Brown asked that members use the bottom portion of the rally form to update any changed personal and rig information.

Ed Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. The business meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jody Codwise,
Secretary