

Minutes of General Membership Meeting, September 26-30. 2019

Paragon Casino, Marksville, LA

WAGON MASTERS:

TODD & ROSE BOORMAN AND ALBERT & STEPHANIE RIVERA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

by President, Kitty Nicholson 10:05 AM

PRAYER: by Jerry Brown

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by membership.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

B.J. and Kaysie Stampley from Seabrook, TX

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Vicki Meek, Secretary requested a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes since they are posted on our website. Motion was made by Terry Peeples, seconded by Robin Fagala and passed unanimously.

READING OF THE TREASURERS REPORT:

Stephanie Rivera, Treasurer presented the main account balance of \$13, 461.07 and in the VA Dog of Texas account, \$4995.00. During this discussion a check for \$1000 was presented to the chapter's VA Dogs of Texas fund. Thanks to the Baytown Shriner's Club and Gene and Jackie Anderson's this generous amount along with \$10.00 from B. J Stampley brought the total to \$6,000!!. Another topic of discussion was concern shared by Sharon Peeples regarding memorial donations to the VA Dogs of Texas fund. She asked that the family (chapter members) be notified when donations are made on behalf of family.

Motion to accept the report was made by Jerry Askins, seconded by Richard Sills and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports due to the election of officers and committee chairs occurring in *this* meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS RALLY: was placed on agenda by Greta Askins. Discussion included

- Seabrook, TX during the time in December when the boat parade occurs (from B. J. Stampley)
- Nacadoches, TX during the time in December when the city is decorated for the season.
- Shreveport, TX after Christmas, before Jan. 1 at the Diamond Jack's Casino, coinciding with the Moe Bandy/Joe Stampley concert at Margaritaville Casino. The limited size of the rv park was discussed as well as attending the concert during that time. This event would be an "event" (not rally) leaving members to make their own arrangements if they choose. Contact numbers to the RV park and Margaritaville (to make personal arrangements) will be put on the chapter website.
- No rally decisions regarding where/when/who were made. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The nominating committee chairman, Robin Fagala submitted the recommendations for approval from the chapter members. Some positions filled by *new members and other positions remained the same as 2018-2019.

Officers and Board

- President: Todd Boorman*
- Vice President: Jack Jones*
- Treasurer: Stephanie Rivera
- Secretary: Vicki Meek
- Member-at-Large: Gene Anderson

Committee Chairs

- Membership: Jack Jones*
- Cares and Concerns: Sylvia Sills
- Historian: Susan Gesford
- Web Manager: Barbara Wellhausen*
- Birthdays and Anniversaries: Rose Boorman

Robin Fagala presented the motion to approve the recommendations. This was seconded by Jerry Askins. The motion was approved unanimously.

NOMINATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

Robin Fagala presented a motion to make Kitty Nicholson an honorary members of our chapter. He read from the by-laws what this mean for Kitty. She has sold her American Coach but with this motion seconded by Vicki Meek and approved unanimously by the membership Kitty will continue to be a part of our group. She has done so much for our chapter including being rally master for many rallies through the years. She has also been Vice President and President of the chapter. This recognition is well-deserved.

Comments from Past-president Kitty Nicholson: Kitty shared her gratitude with the group for the support and love she received during the time her husband was ill.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kitty Nicholson, and seconded by Jerry Askins. Approved unanimously.
11:00am

Respectfully submitted: Vicki Meek, Secretary September 29, 2019

MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT DECEMBER 3-6, 2018

OLD RIVER ROAD RV RESORT – 310 COLVIN RANCH RD. – KERRVILLE, TX

On Tuesday, Dec. 4th our chapter met to celebrate the contributions of the VA Dogs of Texas. We have supported the VA Dogs of Texas for three years and were excited and proud to give another check of \$10,000 to them. These funds have been collected through a variety of activities and fund raisers. At the meeting we presented a plaque that had the memorialized names of family members of some chapter members. Robin Fagala spoke of the beginning of our chapter's involvement with this worthy charity and gave credit to Benny Thome, Jerry Askins and Carl Anderson. These chapter members became the committee that researched, reported and recommended to our chapter we formally support the VA Dogs of Texas with donations toward the training of a dog.

The chapter then welcomed John Bencken, Clay Lambert and Larry Pottridge administrators and veterans representing the VA Dogs of Texas. They spoke about the mission of VA Dogs of Texas.

“We train service dogs to assist the lives of disabled Texas Veterans suffering from physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) or a combination of these disabilities. This underserved group of Veterans who could benefit from and are seeking a service dog receive no assistance from The Veterans Administration with that need. As a result, a small number of organizations in Texas such as ours are receiving an increasing number of requests, and the gap between supply and demand is widening.

Here is a testimonial from a veteran who received a dog from VA Dogs of Texas:

Alessandra and Kota: Kota is my guardian angel. He follows me around and holds my space. When I am too caught up in the negative, he nudges me and brings me back to the present with his beautiful black nose. It's like he is saying, "Pet me and forget about your woes, let's go for a walk." I have not sunk into depression, although many say I should have. When I start to sink, Kota reminds me to keep going and holds my space. You all saved my life. —Alessandra

Tears fell from many eyes as success stories were shared of veterans and improving their life altering disability. Jerry Askins then presented a check for \$10,000.00 to John Bencken, Clay Lambert and Larry Pottridge on behalf of the VA Dogs of Texas.

[Click here to read the THANK YOU LETTER South Central received from the VA Dogs of Texas.](#)

-Vicki Meek, Secretary SCC-ACA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 22 & 24, 2018

KOA LAKE CONROE RV RESORT, MONTGOMERY, TEXAS

WAGON MASTERS:

Lamar & Kitty Nicholson and Allen & Vicki Meek

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President, Allen Meek.

PRAYER: by Allen Meek

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by membership.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Doug & Barbara Wellhausen from Pearland, TX

Joe & Debbie Ernstes from Katy, TX.

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Vicki Meek, Secretary requested a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes since they are posted on our website. Motion was made by Robin Fagala, seconded by Jerry Askins and passed unanimously.

READING OF THE TREASURERS REPORT:

Sharon Peeples, Treasurer presented the main account balance of \$14,452. and in the VA Rescue Dog of Texas account, \$5723. It was mentioned that there will be a 50/50 raffle on the last day of the rally the proceeds to go to the fund. Motion to accept the report was made by Jerry Askins, seconded by Richard Sills and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Robin and Myrna Fagala

- reported that our membership is 87 coaches.
- New members were welcomed, the Wellhausens and Ernstes to the rally and
- New member, Joe Resley (not present) was praised for his prompt response to invitation to join chapter.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Susan Gesford, Historian, announced the report on our recent National Rally at Spearfish, SD would be posted.

WEB MASTER REPORT: Myrna Haden, Webmaster, shared information about ACA requirement for placing a “hold harmless” disclaimer to be placed on all future rally registration documents. She also explained how the MEMBERS ONLY section is password protected that requires login and password information (lowercase for both) Website: aca-scc.com Login: ourcoach Password: ourcoach

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES REPORT: Rose Boorman volunteered to fill this vacancy and will be posting on the website information about our monthly celebrations.

CARES AND CONCERNS REPORT: Sylvia Sills volunteered to fill this position due to illness of Mary Grace Rentrop.

OLD BUSINESS

VA DOGS OF TEXAS: Jerry Askins reported that he hopes to do a 50/50 drawing at the National Rally.

BREAKING NEWS! . . . THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER WE MADE THE GOAL OF \$10,000 !

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS RALLY: **Old River Road RV Resort: 310 Colvin Ranch Rd. Kerrville TX 78028** This is an S.O.B (Some Other Brand) Rally which means you can invite your friends that drive a brand other than American. **##This park is new and only 20 sites have been reserved for the SCC rally, so make your reservations soon.**

4 nights - arrive **Monday, December 3**, depart **Friday December 7, 2018** **1-830-634-2993** olddriverroadrvresort.com

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The nominating committee submitted the slate of recommended candidates which was to maintain the leadership positions as they are, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. Stephanie Rivera was nominated to take the position of Treasurer, vacated by Sharon Peeples. The nomination to elect the officers was made, seconded and voted unanimously by membership. Congratulations to Allen Meek, President; Kitty Nicholson, Vice President; Vicki Meek, Secretary; Stephanie Rivera, Treasurer and Gene Anderson, Member at Large.

NATIONAL RALLY: **KOA Lake Conroe RV Resort, 19785 Hwy 105 W. Montgomery, TX. 77356** This rally is hosted by our chapter, solely. We discussed the different committees needed and made assignments. While everyone in the chapter is encouraged to help develop and *attend* the rally the bulk of the work has fallen on the people who were present at this meeting.

5 nights – arrive **Saturday, May 18**, depart **Thursday, May 23, 2019** **1-936-582-1200** koa.com/campgrounds

Food Co-Chair, Jack & Sylvia Jones / Entertainment Co-Chairs, Richard & Sylvia Sills / Decorations, Souvenirs, Membership 1st Day Packets, Swingers Co-Chairs, Arlion & Susan Gesford / Ladies Luncheon & Style Show, Local Vendors Chair, Jackie Anderson / Golf Co-Chairs, Todd Boorman & Albert Rivera / Parking, Security, Golf Carts Rental, Facilities & Support Services, Site Map Chair, Robin Fagala / Door Prizes Chair, Stephanie Rivera / Publicity, Communication & Photography Chair, Myrna Haden Fagala / Registration, Rally Schedule, Vendors, Seminars, Information Booth Chair, Vicki Meek / Special Event; Painting Away With Chardonnay-Kitty Nicholson / Special Event; Ice Cream Social-Greta Askins / Special Event; Antique Car Drive Through-Gene Anderson & Jerry Askins Special Event; Food Truck-Vicki Meek / Special Event; Self-Guided Tours-Vicki Meek / Special Event; RV Wash/Wax Detailing-Rick Starczk / Special Event; Coach Lube-Arlion Gesford / Special Event; Coach Weighing-Robin Fagala / Other Details; Pipe and Drape

for Vendors-Vicki Meek / Other Details; Key Master-Arlion Gesford / Other Details; Signage and Lights (turned on), Clean Up KOA Crew-Allen Meek

Still needed: help from other chapters, specifically someone to conduct Line Dancing Instruction and Pet Parade (Bruce & Sue Bartle?) Allen will communicate this need at the next conference call with the ACA Board. Hopefully someone will step up.

The chapter members also toured the facilities to get a feel for location of events.

Meetings were adjourned with a motion and second, All approved.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE RALLY

Breakfasts! Thanks so much to our Breakfast Club (Gene Anderson, Arlion Gesford, Terry Peeples, Richard Sills, Lamar Nicholson and Jerry Askins. They prepared and served breakfasts to everyone two mornings. Fried eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, waffles with butter and syrup or jelly and lots of coffee and juice. What a great way to start the day. Thanks again, fellows.

Dinners together! We grilled steaks and brought our own potatoes; were provided green salad and French bread and ate together. We also went together to eat dinner at Vernons' Kuntry Katfish restaurant, and some of us ended up at a great Mexican food spot one night..

Card Games! Most afternoons you could find folks at the meeting room playing cards.

Happy Hours, began the evening at 4:00pm and in many evenings finished up the night around a campfire. We know how to have fun and enjoy being with each other!

Respectfully submitted: Vicki Meek, Secretary October 25, 2019

Happy Trails to You, Until We Meet Again!

Minutes of
Membership Meeting

National Rally 2018 Attendees

Spearfish, South Dakota

August 15, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order by the president, Allen Meek. A motion was made and seconded by Gene Anderson and Arlion Gesford that the meeting be informal without reports from officers and Robert's Rules of Order.

The following people reported on their work toward the 2019 ACA National Rally (hosted by our chapter).

Jack Jones reported the bidding process with caterers they (Jack and Sylvia) have been involved with and results. They are still waiting for final approval for the cost. He also reviewed the menus for the various meals during the rally. The final decision has not been made.

Susan Gesford reported on the theme of the rally and her plans for decorating. She too is waiting for approval for purchases (and budget allotment).

The theme is nautical with blues, reds and white colors. The logo is an anchor with "Home is Where the Anchor Drops" inscribed on it.

Jackie Anderson shared plans for the Ladies Luncheon, to be catered at the site and to possibly incorporate a style show as entertainment.

Sylvia Sills reported on entertainment and like the other chairmen, is waiting for her budget. She and Richard have some good ideas and the area should provide good talent.

The last item of informal business was an announcement that a social hour would be held at the Meek's site every evening at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Meek,

Secretary

South Central Chapter of ACA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 1, 2018

LAKE LIVINGSTON KOA:

ONALASKA, TEXAS

WAGON MASTERS:

RICHARD & SYLVIA SIMS and ARLION & SUSAN GESFORD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President, Allen Meek.

PRAYER: by Allen Meek

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING: Motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes since they are posted on our website made by Vicki Meek, seconded by Robin Fagala, and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurers report: Treasurer, Sharon Peebles was absent and the report was not read, but is available on the chapter website for all members to review. It was mentioned by the president that the balance for our VA Dog has increased to \$4822.00 and that there will be a 50/50 raffle on the last day of the rally the proceeds to go to the fund.

Membership report: Robin and Myrna Fagala

- reported that our membership is 82 coaches.
- New members were welcomed

Mark & Brenda Scherback. Hearn TX

Historian report: Historian, Susan Gesford welcomes pictures from anyone who wishes to take them. She can use them to illustrate her report.

Web Master: Myrna Haden was thanked for the quality of her work on building and maintaining our chapter website: aca-scc.com She also explained how the MEMBERS ONLY section is password protected and shared the login and password information. **ourcoach** **ourcoach**

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion about the location and date for the national rally in 2019 included the probable site of Montgomery KOA, Montgomery, TX. including A planning rally at the site in the fall of 2018. This rally would include the election of officers and planning for the rally in 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business and a motion to adjourn was made by membership and seconded by membership.

Respectfully submitted: Vicki S. Meek, Secretary

Happy Trails to You!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2017

TYLER OAKS RV RESORT – TYLER, TEXAS

WAGON MASTERS:

LAMAR & KITTY NICHOLSON, DICK & CLAUDETTE HOLMES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

by President, Allen Meek.

PRAYER: by George Pierot

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING: *Motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes since they are posted on our website made by Dick Holmes, seconded by Robin Fagala, and passed unanimously.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurers report: Sharon Peeples reported a balance of \$4104.00 as of this meeting. She explained that the treasurers report shows the total balance including the rescue dog project and that she also includes in the report the separate amount dedicated to our VA dog. *Motion that we accept the report made by Dick Holmes, seconded by Robin Fagala and passed unanimously.*

Membership report: Robin and Myrna Fagala

- reported that our membership is 87 coaches.

- New members were welcomed

Robert & Debi Foster, Orange, TX.

Richard & Sylvia Sills, Livingston, TX.

- Annual membership dues are needed to be paid by the end of December and there are five coaches present at the rally that should be paid. Dues are

- \$12.00 @ year
- \$22.00 @ two years
- \$32.00 @ three years

Historian report: Susan Gesford spoke about the need to get volunteers to host rallies for the next year 2018. She reiterated the need for new blood to step up. Discussion among the membership covered the dates for 2018 rallies and how help was available from the members. A “cheat sheet” for how to be a rally host is posted on the chapter website. Ideas including bus repairs and maintenance “seminars” at rallies was shared. Questions regarding location of rallies was also discussed. It was generally agreed that any location that has appropriate facilities should be considered; i.e. sites close to member’s home and sites that we’ve visited before.

Getting to Know You: Dick Holmes encouraged individual members to send him small articles about themselves. He assured the group that folks like to learn more about our membership. He shared his email address and mailing address to make access to him easy. He also reminded everyone that his information is included on our website.

Dick Holmes: dickholmes@sbcglobal.net or 1001 E. Franklin Street / Hillsboro, TX 76645

Web Master: Myrna Haden was thanked for the quality of her work on building and maintaining our chapter website: aca-scc.com

She also explained how the MEMBERS ONLY section is password protected and shared the login and password information **ourcoach** **ourcoach**

Member at Large: Gene Anderson was absent due to family health issues.

Wellness: Our chapter celebrated the health and recovery of many of our members.

Prayers work!

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding our VA Dogs of Texas project.

NEW BUSINESS

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Discussion regarding rallies for 2018. At this time we need Wagon Masters for the Spring Rally and Fall Rally. The national rally in Spearfish, South Dakota will involve a rolling rally and we currently have five coaches planning to attend. We're hoping for more as time grows closer to the event.

BIG THANKS!

Lamar & Kitty Nicholson and Dick & Claudette Holmes for a well-planned rally and fabulous decorations that kept with the Tyler Rose and Holiday theme.

If you will host a rally feel free to contact any of the members below. You will be given lots of help from experienced past wagon masters. WE NEED NEW BLOOD to help out. Please contact our president or any member of the board if you will be THE ONE!!!

Allen Meek	all4940@aol.com
Vicki Meek	vmac45@icloud.com
Kitty Nicholson	kitty.5511@yahoo.com
Sharon Peeples	shaysu1@yahoo.com
Robin Fagala	fagala@cox.net
Myrna Haden	m.haden@cox.net
Gene Anderson	jackiea.jal@gmail.com

A big round of applause was given to our chapter "cooks" who prepare our full breakfasts every morning. Not only do they cook it up, they serve it. What a crew!

Terry Peeples

Jerry Askins

Lamar Nicholson

Arlion Gesford

Richard Sills

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Fagala and seconded by Jerry Askins. Passed unanimously.

Happy Trails to You!

Respectfully submitted: Vicki S. Meek, Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 19, 2017

Riverside RV , Vidalia, LA

WAGON MASTERS:

Gene and Jackie Anderson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Vice President, Kitty Nicholson.

PRAYER was given .

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by the membership.

GRATITUDE

Kitty introduced the first timers and visitors and expressed thanks for the work behind this great rally. The Andersons worked hard to find this beautiful park and to organize the activities. She also noted the dedication and efforts of the “breakfast” crew. Mention was made of those in our membership who are experiencing health issues and appreciation for prayers and concerns.

REPORTS

A motion was made by Kitty Nicholson and seconded by JERRY ASKINS that we dispense with the reading of the minutes, the treasurers report, and all committee reports since this information is posted on our website and available for all to read.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The election of officers was new business. The election committee reported that there were no names brought forward for consideration. The committee chair Gene Anderson moved that the current officers be re-elected by acclamation. There were no motions from the floor for other names so the membership voted unanimously for the continuation of terms for:

Allen Meek, President

Kitty Nicholson, Vice President

Vicki Meek, Secretary

Sharon Peeples, Treasurer

Gene Anderson, Member at Large

2. The Christmas rally information was shared about the location for our rally in Tyler, Texas this December.

This is a SOB (some other bus) rally which usually means the rally will have a good number in attendance. Each coach should plan on bringing a gift for the gift exchange (value \$35). Look on the website under FUTURE RALLIES for the agenda.

3. A discussion regarding our support of the VA Dogs of Texas was met with positive response from the membership. A 50/50 raffle was conducted and \$380 collected with Sylvia Sills having the winning ticket. \$190 went to the VA Dogs of Texas fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made and seconded by Jerry Askins and Al Turnage to adjourn the meeting. All members approved.

Respectfully submitted: Vicky Brown for Vicki S. Meek, Secretary

General Membership Business Meeting

June Pre-Rally Shawnee, Oklahoma

Friday, June 16, 2017

Kitty Nicholson, Vice President serving in Allen Meek's absence, called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Kitty introduced new members, Richard and Sylvia Sills, from Onalaska, Texas, and also James and Erma Rogers from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sharon Peebles, Treasurer informed the group that the balance in the checking account at the time of this meeting is \$9611.57. She also reported that balance includes our VA Dogs of Texas Fund. We collected \$615 at the Fall Rally in Hot Springs, and \$452 was raised at the Christmas Rally, for a total of \$1067.00. This money is earmarked in the account as VA Dogs of Texas.

OLD BUSINESS

Kitty explained to everyone that because our Pre-Rally facility has no kitchen, the plans for the men preparing breakfast each morning have been cancelled. Everyone will be on their own for breakfast. The women will serve sweet rolls and fruit on Sunday morning, in honor of Fathers' Day. Because of these changes, checks for the Pre-Rally fee will not be cashed. The club will take care of buying the fruit and sweet rolls, etc, for Fathers' Day.

Susan Gesford gave a report on Robin Fagala and his progress since his liver transplant. Jerry Askins also spoke about Robin. All enjoyed hearing of Robin's progress.

A report was also given about Allen Meek who is having biopsys on cancers in his body.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackie Anderson spoke about the 2017 Fall Rally that will be held September 19-22 in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Jerry Askins made a motion and Sharon Peeples seconded to nominate Gene Anderson, Chairman, and Arlion Gesford and Carl Anderson for the nominating committee for officers for the chapter for next year.

Sharon Peeples made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Terry Peeples and Gene Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Peeples (acting for Vicki Meek, Secretary)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Dec. 20, 2016

I-35 RV Resort Elm Mott (Waco), Texas

GRATITUDE

Allen Meek expressed thanks for the work behind this awesome rally. The Gesfords worked hard to find great things to do and to get us in a park that provided free breakfast and a nice meeting room!

REPORTS

The reading of last meetings minutes and treasurers report was dispensed with since this information is on our website for all to read at their leisure.

OLD BUSINESS

Vicki Meek read an email she received from Steve Volkman, executive director of VA Dogs of Texas. In the email he talked about when Onxy would be placed (January) after he completes his last test. He also shared the name of the veteran who will receive Onxy and the nature of his disability.

NEW BUSINESS

Kitty Nicholson shared information about a great spot for a Spring rally. No one volunteered to be the rally master.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned so we could sing Christmas Carols and open gifts.

Respectfully submitted

Vicki Meek, Secretary

Allen Meek, President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCT. 20, 2016

CATHERINE'S LANDING, HOT SPRINGS, AR

WAGON MASTERS:

LAMAR & KITTY NICHOLSON, JERRY & GRETA ASKINS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by president, Allen Meek.

PRAYER was given by Allen Meek.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by the membership.

GRATITUDE

Allen Meek expressed thanks for the work behind this great rally. The Askins' and Nicholson's worked hard to find this beautiful park and to organize the activities. He also noted the dedication and efforts of the "breakfast" crew who unfailingly prepared full breakfasts every day (including waffles!).

REPORTS

A motion was made by ROBIN FAGALA and seconded by JERRY ASKINS that we dispense with the reading of the minutes, the treasurers report, and all committee reports since this information is posted on our website and available for all to read.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

1. The election of officers was new business. The election committee reported that there were no names brought forward for consideration. The committee chair (ROBIN FAGALA) moved that the current officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by GENE ANDERSON.

The membership voted unanimously for the continuation of a second term for:

Allen Meek, president

Kitty Nicholson, vice president

Vicki Meek, secretary

Sharon Peeples, treasurer

Gene Anderson, member at large

2. The Christmas rally wagon masters, Arlion and Susan Gesford shared information about the location for our rally. The I-35 park is centrally located at 15131 North I-35, Elm Mott (Waco), TX. This is a SOB (some other buss) rally which usually means the rally will have a good number in attendance. The Gesfords have planned a full agenda including two catered meals and free breakfast. Each coach should plan on bringing a gift for the gift exchange (value \$30.00ish). Look on this website under FUTURE RALLIES for the agenda.

3. A discussion regarding our support of the VA Dogs of Texas was met with positive response from the membership. The suggestion was that we continue our support of VA Dogs of Texas by generating money from raffles at every meeting. Baskets of donated goodies could be raffled and the funds would be set aside for support of our veterans.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made and seconded by Robin Fagala and Lamar Nicholson to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM. All members approved.

Happy Trails to You!

Respectfully submitted: Vicki S. Meek, secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 14, 2016

BUCKHORN RV RESORT, KERRVILLE, TEXAS

WAGON MASTERS:

ROBIN & MYRNA FAGALA, LAMAR & KITTY NICHOLSON, JERRY & GRETA ASKINS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by president, Allen Meek.

MOMENT OF SILENCE for John Viator

PRAYER was given by Allen Meek.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE by the membership.

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Dick Holmes and seconded by Tony Todd that we dispense with the reading of the minutes since they are posted on our website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurers report: Sharon Peebles reported a balance of \$6, 557.35 as of this meeting. She anticipates new expenditures will be entered after this rally. She also received approval from our board to have access to advance funds to cover the requirements of the park at our next rally in October at Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, AR. (Additional information about the October rally can be found in NEW BUSINESS.)

Membership report: Robin Fagala reported that our membership is 94 coaches. He also welcomed new

members.

David & Linda Pettigrew: 2162 McKee Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708

and

Doug & Cyndy Johnson: 2016 Meridith Lane, Round Rock, TX 78681

Historian report: Beth Collins spoke about the upcoming tour of the Museum of Western Art “Where the Legend Lives Forever,” in Kerrville. She encouraged all to attend and reported that our club has covered the entrance fee of \$5.00. Additional information from our web master was shared about the reports and ease of access to the historian’s reports on our chapter’s website.

Getting to Know You: Dick Holmes encouraged individual members to send him small articles about themselves. He assured the group that folks like to learn more about our membership. He shared his email address and mailing address to make access to him easy. He also reminded everyone that his information is included on our website.

Dick Holmes: dickholmes@sbcglobal.net or **1001 E. Franklin Street / Hillsboro, TX 76645**

Web Master: Myrna Haden talked about two new features on our web site. The first is the ease of access to any reports by simply ***clicking on their picture***. This is a hyperlink and will take you directly to the report. The second feature is accessing pictures and articles from committees or membership by ***clicking on RALLY PICTURES***.

Member at Large: Gene Anderson had nothing to report at this time.

Wellness: Mary Grace Rentrop was the focus of the report (and our prayers). She got through her recent heart surgery with no problems and her husband, Buggs expects her to be home in a few days.

OLD BUSINESS

Much discussion centered on our recent presentation ceremony of \$10,000 to the VA Dogs of Texas. The ceremony was moving, with many wet eyes as we listened the success of the partnership between the veteran and dog. We also learned about the process of finding a dog, a veteran and a trainer. We also talked about the importance of spreading this information through a variety of methods to get more people (ACA chapters) involved in their own veteran projects. Some of the ideas were:

- ✓ Talk about the event with the national ACA board at the next national rally.
- ✓ Submit an article and pictures to the ACA national magazine (perhaps buy a page to advertise it)
- ✓ Submit an article and picture to the ACA national magazine through the president's report.
- ✓ Email the picture of the group and an accompanying article to all members and ask them to share with their local newspapers or media.
- ✓ Display a slide show at the national rally.
- ✓ Request any video or slide support that the VA Dogs of Texas might have (and share).

NEW BUSINESS

The rally at Catherine's Landing in Hot Springs, AR on October 17-21st was discussed.

The park requires advance funds to cover one night for all coaches attending. The committee is trying to keep the cost per coach to \$150.00 or less. A motion was made by Robin Fagala, and seconded by Tony Todd to approve advance funding for \$1,300 to cover advance financial requests. The motion was approved by the membership unanimously. The wagon masters of this rally were announced. . . and once again we owe a big thanks for their volunteering spirit and obvious dedication to our chapter.

BIG THANKS!

Lamar & Kitty Nicholson and Jerry & Greta Askins

Our upcoming officers election was also discussed. We were informed by Myrna Haden that the by-laws of our organization require a thirty-day announcement prior to the election of the slate of candidates. A nomination committee was created with Robin Fagala, chairman, Jerry Askins, and Dick Holmes. They will present a slate of candidates and request that members who want to nominate someone (with their approval), or themselves submit

names to any of the committee.

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Jerry Askins	jngaskins70@gmail.com
Dick Holmes	dickholmes@sbcglobal.net

The Christmas Rally needs to have wagon masters. A plea went out to all the chapter asking for volunteers. We need two couples to step up to this important project. They will be given lots of help from experienced past wagon masters. WE NEED NEW BLOOD to help out. Please contact our president or any member of the board if you will be THE ONE!!!

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Robin Fagala	fagala@cox.net
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A big round of applause was given to our chapter “cooks” who prepare our full breakfasts every morning. Not only do they cook it up, they serve it. What a crew!

Robin Fagala (head cook)

Tony Todd

Gene Anderson

Terry Peeples

Jerry Askins

Jackie Collins

Lamar Nicholson

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MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made and seconded by Robin Fagala and Ken Harwood to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. All members approved.

Happy Trails to You!

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