

Minutes of the Unit Meeting held on April 20, 2011 at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds.

Members present:

David Wenger
Betty Wenger
Don Benham
Whit Blasdell
Marilyn Blasdell Florida Unit Trustee
Josie Smith
Lucille Clarke Florida Unit Trustee
Don Clarke
Lynn Rudd
Victor Smith
Frank Carson Florida Unit Treasurer
Joan Carson Florida Unit Membership Chairman
Willard Pickrel Florida Unit President
Earl Trask

Nine (9) of sixty-two (62) unit votes were present and a quorum was met.

The St. Augustine Rally Florida Unit 027 Meeting was called to order by President Willard Pickrel at 3pm.

Frank Carson made a motion to not read the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Clarke and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frank Carson reported that the information needed for the Treasurer's report was not currently available and he would have a complete report at the next Unit Meeting. Whit Blasdell moved that the Treasurer's Report be not read. The motion was seconded by Willard Pickrel and was passed.

Frank Carson reported that the membership of the Florida Unit now stands at 62 with 2 additional who will be added on June 1, 2011.

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson reported that the Unit is in receipt of a letter of Thanks from the Food Bank in Sarasota for the food and monies donated by the Florida Unit.

Old Business:

Whit Blasdell will donate a used and serviceable vacuum cleaner to the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation to use to help keep the school house clean. His donation is in the spirit of being a good temporary tenant and to demonstrate our unit's desire to be a friend to the County.

Frank Carson advised the membership that this was his last year as Director of the Florida Unit Easter Rally. He stated that he hoped someone in the club would take up the reins and continue what has become our unit's signature event. Frank and Joan Carson were given the sincere appreciation of the membership for all that they have done to support and grow the Florida Unit.

Whit Blasdell suggested that the unit buy a plaque to thank Frank for being Easter Rally Chairman for the past 12 years.

Lynn Rudd asked if we had sent a sympathy card to Lottie Joachimsthal on the passing of her husband Werner. Joan Carson, Sunshine Chairman indicated that she had sent a card to Lottie.

Willard Pickrel noted that Henry Lappen had surgery recently.

Whit Blasdell asked if we could locate a campground which would be less expensive than the St. John's County Fairgrounds. At the suggestion of the group, Whit will look at campgrounds in the St. Augustine area.

New Business:

President Willard Pickrel commended Vic Smith for doing a nice job on the unit web page about the proposed new WBCCI Constitution. Frank Carson cited the review published by Don Shafer, WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman. The Committee's recommendation is to NOT APPROVE the proposed new WBCCI Constitution. Vic Smith reported on his findings on the proposed changes.

Willard Pickrel suggested that we need to provide guidance to our Delegate to the IBT, Phil Drugge. Frank Carson made the motion that the Florida Unit vote with Don Shafer's recommendation to not approve the proposed new WBCCI Constitution. The motion was seconded by Don Clarke. Vic Smith argued against voting at this time since at the October meeting the unit gave Phil Drugge and Randy Godfrey the commission to poll the membership using an e-mail ballot for those who are on-line and by newsletter ballot for those without internet access. Vic argued that they should be given the opportunity to fulfill their commission since the final version of the proposed new WBCCI Constitution has only recently been placed on-line and that the membership need time to review the proposed new constitution before making a decision and that Randy and Phil still have over two months to complete their commission. The opposing argument held that Randy and Phil had not as yet acted on their commission and probably would not; that we needed to give guidance to the delegate now.

The motion passed with a vote of five (5) for and two (2) against.

Vic Smith continued to argue his point that we were usurping the commission given to Randy and Phil and that they should be given time to collect their data through the aforementioned process.

Don Clarke who had voted for the previous motion was swayed to change his vote and moved to rescind the motion to direct the Delegate. Vic Smith seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of three (3) for and four (4) against.

Frank Carson moved that the General Membership Meetings be held at a luncheon at a location in Central Florida and to be scheduled on a Saturday to give all the membership an opportunity to attend. The motion was seconded by Lynn Rudd. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Joan Carson tendered her resignation as Membership Chairman, Sunshine Chairman and as Corresponding Secretary, effective immediately. Her resignation was accepted with deep regret by President Willard Pickrel. The group applauded Joan for her years of outstanding dedication and service to the unit. Her presence as a chairman on her many committees will be sorely missed and she leaves 'big shoes' to fill

The motion to adjourn was made by Frank Carson and seconded by Willard Pickrel.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Victor Smith
Unit Webmaster and ad hoc Corresponding Secretary
Tuesday, April 26, 2011