

Spring Rally Membership Meeting Saturday April 24, 2021

Spring 2021 Rally Attendees:

John Eckardt-President Present
Charles Colbert-1st Vice President Present
Stephanie Porto-2nd Vice President Present
Rachel Payne-3rd Vice President Absent
Linda Poage-Treasurer Present
Kerstin Roberts-Recording Secretary Present
Glenda Ridgeway-Corresponding Secretary Present
Tim Timmons-Past President Absent
Rachel Hughey-Parliamentarian Present

John & Maria Eckardt
Lynn & Sue Anderson
Lee & Joyce Cantrell
Glen & Pat Harris
Martin & Rachel Hughey
Larry & Linda Poage
Dave & Stephanie Porto
Dustin & Christine Whitney
Marvin & Deborah Williams
John Bennett
Mike Bedinger & Linda Bryant
Henry & Kerstin Roberts
Bud McFie and Julee Shields
Tracy & Glenda Ridgeway
Lee & Jane Orth

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by President John Eckardt. There was a quorum present. (15% of membership)

Opening Ceremonies:

Invocation—Henry Roberts

Pledge of Allegiance—led by John Eckhardt.

Opening remarks – The President asked Kay Corder to describe the history, purpose and working of the Common Cents tradition in WBCCI, since there were several new members who have joined us, and the collection jar was being passed. There was also a card passed for all to sign, to be sent to Beth McCall to express our sorrow and our sympathy for her over David's untimely death.

REPORT OF MINUTES OF LAST BUSINESS MEETING – Kerstin Roberts

The minutes of the last general meeting held on Sept 26, 2020 were written by Paula Timmons, Acting Recording Secretary, and sent to the membership via email shortly after that for all to read. I recall her asking members to speak up if they had any questions or corrections to offer. It was the meeting at which we heard the outcome of our club's first electronic voting for new officers, and it had gone very smoothly. Since the membership had the opportunity to read those minutes, they were not read aloud at this meeting. John Eckardt stated they are considered approved and are filed in the book of this club's minutes.

Report of Committee Chairs:

Charles Colbert-1st Vice President: Charles reported the Fall Rally will be held at Rutlader Outpost RV Park near Louisburg, KS from Thursday, Sept 9 to Sunday Sept 12, 2021. There will be more news in the June Gopher News. It will be an interesting rally and we'll need to make our own reservations by early August. One particular activity of interest will be a "star party" on Friday evening at Powell Observatory. We will have a wonderful opportunity to see the heavens under the high magnification, with oral commentary by speakers who have much knowledge to share with us. We have been missing the monthly luncheons which used to be planned on the first Saturday of every month. These were cancelled when COVID19 struck in March 2020. One idea discussed was perhaps holding "brown bag picnics" at some parks when the weather is more reliably pleasant. This could involve each attendee preparing his/her own lunch or picking up your favorite "to go" meal. Also please bring a folding chair for seating. Charles also mentioned that he is still working on when and where the Christmas luncheon will be held. He welcomes any ideas for places to hold the luncheon and what dates would work best for the majority of members.

Stephanie Porto-2nd Vice President: Stephanie reported it is not fiscally reasonable to pursue a ZOOM account for the Club at this time. The Club agreed. Stephanie plans to send out short, informative messages in the newsletters or by email about stars, constellations, any current activities in the sky, etc... to stimulate interest in astronomy leading up to our visit at Powell Observatory.

Stephanie reported that the calling tree is inactive. It was decided that in case of emergencies of any member, one of the officers of the club would be contacted.

Stephanie suggested that we honor the excellent job that Kirk Moore does in editing the Gopher News every month. The board members concurred that Kirk is doing an outstanding job in editing the newsletter. Stephanie would like to check with Kirk about the club's feelings and find out if there is possibly a contest at International where the newsletters from various local airstream clubs are judged. She would also be open to composing a letter to represent our club at the International meeting in Lebanon, TN on July 21, 2021. Traditionally, the club President

serves as Delegate, if that person is going to the Rally. The alternate is appointed by the President and is a member who has registered for the Rally. In this instance, President John Eckardt is available and eager to be our delegate. Julee Shields is also registered and volunteered to be considered as an alternate. She was appointed by President John Eckardt. Kay Corder moved for John and Julee to vote by their discretion on any issues that may come up at the meeting on July 21, 2021. The motion passed.

The delegates have papers to study in regard to 3 amendments to the Constitution and By Laws. The amendments seem to be concerned with moving some articles which ought to be listed in the bylaws but are in the constitution. The decisions suggest deleting words and phrases from one location and instead place them in another. John and Julee will have time to read the Amendments between now and July 21, 2021. Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager of MBCCI, sent out information packets for our delegates. They will be voting for the State of International Officers electronically between June 1 and June 15, 2021. The April issue of Blue Beret has resumes of each of the International Nominees.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Linda Poage -- Linda read the financial report from Sept.27, 2020 through April 21,2021. It is printed for the membership and attached to this email. The beginning Balance as of 9-27-2020 was \$4539.98. The expenses are itemized and include new club flags, new design member badges, recognition gifts, door hangers to promote our club, as well as the usual expenses for postage and rally supplies. The income is provided by the club dues. There is a \$900.00 budget planned. The Common Cents collections are kept separate, and the amount of \$1345.69 is earmarked. The spring rally collected \$1610 minus \$300 reservation fee, leaving a balance of \$1310 (earmarked). The balance on hand as of April ,21,2021 is \$7575.86.

John Eckardt asked if there were any questions about this report. There were none, so he stated that the report will be filed and kept for the audit that will be made by 3 appointed club members before the end of the year.

Joyce Cantrell,Membership Chairperson: Joyce just received word that our club has 2 new members, which brings our membership to 69 units. She introduced those who are attending this rally: Marvin & Deborah Williams, Lee & Jane Orth, and John Bennett. They took turns sharing a little about themselves and their Airstream adventures thus far. Another new couple, Dennis & Janet Nelson, had planned to come but had to cancel when learning their son was able to visit them in Topeka. We are always delighted to meet new Airstreamers! We are very happy to have these folks in our Mo-KanAirstream Club. Joyce and Lee are hosting a JUST HAVE FUN RALLY at Clinton Lake, KS on June 11-13, 2021. Look for the details in the Gopher News or on our club website: www.Missouri-Kansasairstreamclub.org

News from our president, John Eckardt-Old Business

Our club still needs a community service chairperson. The chairperson will be needing to remind the members to save up soft toys, blankets, hats, aluminum pull tabs and make sure they are counted and prepared to be taken to the annual Region 8 Rally. It is helpful to have 2 volunteers

working together.

We also need a 3rd Vice President. John will speak with the Nominating Committee and we will try to encourage fellow members to search their hearts and spirits to see if this is a way they could help our club as well as having the good feeling of being involved and developing strong friendships.

Kay Corder reported on an old issue: What is to be done with the large accumulation of our club's historical scrapbooks? Kay intends to move in the near future and cannot move the scrapbooks with her. Over the years, they were assembled by the club historian as each new President took office. They are heavy. Larry Poage moved and Bud McFie seconded, Stephanie Porto, Kay Corder, Delores Crain and Sue Anderson form a committee to decide what they can do with the scrapbooks. A suggestion was made to save 1-2 photos from each book. They may find some past presidents who would like to keep the book from their year as president after all. Motion passed.

John appointed the nominating committee. They are: Mike Bedinger, Larry Poage and John Eckardt.

John expressed appreciation to all attending the rally. The catered supper will be at 6:00pm. Following the supper, we will have entertainment provided by John's piano teacher with singing and camaraderie. Afterwards we will be having a campfire at the Poage site.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Kerstin Roberts, Recording Secretary