

General Business Meeting

September 17, 2005
Waldo, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 am. President Mark McGaughey led the group in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stan Schwenke. Joan Lahr read the Unit's Code of Ethics.

Roll call was taken and Board members present were:
President Mark McGaughey, 1st Vice President Stan Schwenke, Second Vice President Jim Stoffel, Treasurer Sally Stoffel, Secretary Ellen McGaughey, Trustee Mary Schwenke, Trustee Joan Lahr and Trustee Chuck Butler.

Members absent:
Immediate Past President Mary Sharrock

The minutes from the last business meeting, May 14, 2005, at Wisconsin Dells, were accepted as read by the Secretary.

Reports of Officers & Committee Chairs:

- Treasurer Sally Stoffel presented her report which will be audited after September 30th.
- The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Walt and Mary Agnes Kneusel explaining their need to sell their trailer and their commitment to stay active through luncheons and other club activities. Their presence at rallies will be missed.
- Rally Parking Chairman Mike Lahr reported 17 trailers parked at Pine View Campground.
- Trustee Joan Lahr told of the Wisconsin Unit's entry at the 2005 International Parade that won a third place in the competition.
- Teen Queen: Mark McGaughey announced that our candidate, Elaine Emerick, won first runner-up at the International this year and represented our Unit well.
- President Mark McGaughey reports that the motion to include the name "Airstream" in the club logo passed at the Delegate's meeting at International. The IBT will compile new names including "Airstream" for the 2006 Delegate's meeting and final vote. Also passed at the 2005 meeting was a constitutional amendment changing the minimum number of unit members

from 15 to 10. The Wisconsin delegation votes were split between Ken Cook and Jerry Larsen who were competing for International 3rd Vice President.

- Joan Lahr reported that 54 units, including 9 from Wisconsin, attended the 2005 Region 7 Rally in Winnipeg. Our Unit won 3rd place in the skit competition and a thanks was given to Stan and Mary Schwenke for all their hard work during that rally. Also, consideration is being given to annexing western Ontario to Region 7.

New Business:

- The Election of 2006 Officers. The Nominating Committee placed in nomination:

Stan Schwenke for President. No other nominations were made from the floor and Stan was elected unanimously.

Jim Stoffel for First Vice-President. No other nominations were made from the floor and Jim was elected unanimously.

Joan Lahr for Second Vice-President. No other nominations were made and Joan was elected unanimously.

Chuck Butler for First Trustee (1 year). Lee Brisk was nominated and seconded from the floor and after each candidate presented their qualifications, a written ballot was taken and Chuck Butler was elected Trustee.

Don Stenz for 2nd Trustee (2 year). No other nominations were made and Don was elected unanimously.

Dave Stowell for 3rd Trustee (3 year). Lee Brisk was nominated from the floor. A written ballot was taken and Lee Brisk was elected 3rd Trustee.

No nominations were made by the Committee or from the floor for the position of Secretary. The 2006 Executive Board will appoint a member to serve in this position. (Subsequently, Julie Butler was appointed and accepted the Secretary's position.)

Kay Stenz was nominated for the position of Treasurer from the floor. Her nomination was seconded and she was elected unanimously.

- President Mark McGaughey reported that our Unit would likely meet the qualifications for us to receive a Unit Merit Award for 2005. Mark also expressed his belief that the unit needs to identify a more local kind of charity that would unify our spirit of giving- like food drives at rally sites or dogs for the deaf. A Project Linus session will be offered on Sunday afternoon at this rally.

- Stan Schwenke announced the following luncheon plans for the next year:
 November 19, 2005 at Tornadoes in Appleton with hosts, the Stoffels
 December- hosts, the Schultzs
 February- hosts, the Lahrs
 March 18, 2006-hosts the McGaugheys at the Moosejaw in the Dells
 April- the Finleys.
 Rally plans include:
 Memorial Day 2006 at Elkhorn. The remainder of the rallies will be announced in the newsletter.
- Ellen McGaughey announced that any members interested in participating in the Oct. 3rd Color Caravan contact her at this rally as it will be cancelled without more interest!

Announcements:

Region 7 Vice President Pearl Adams presented her plans for a "Circus Fantasy" Rally at the Sauk County Fairgrounds, August 16 – 20, 2006 in Baraboo. The site will have showers, water and limited electricity. Pearl plans will be more detailed in the future. Pearl also announced that she is looking for a 2nd Vice President to serve with her during her two year term, along with a new Historian, Legislative, Family & Youth, Nominating and Constitution and Bylaws committee chairmen. Mark McGaughey has agreed to serve as Region 7 Treasurer.

Bon Finley moved and it was seconded to rescind his motion of September 9, 2000 that \$300 be used at each Wisconsin Unit rally to reduce rally costs. A discussion about the intent of that original motion took place and Bob's motion to rescind, and that Unit rallies be self-sufficient, was passed. It was noted that overruns from rallies are normally covered by the unit.

Joan Lahr encouraged members attending the 2006 International Rally to think creatively about the circus theme she is developing for that rally's parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.