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Canadian Northern Light – Minutes
Sunday, September 3, 2023
Three Creeks Campground – Austin MB

In Attendance: Ackerson/Benson; Kevin & Louise Champagne; Chesla/Malyon; George & Margaret Jaeger; Harper/Morgan; Little's; Morrow's; Mychasiw's; Betty Reddoch; Rutledge's & Wolfe's.

Weekend Hosts: Executive

Guests: On the Saturday we hosted a pancake and coffee breakfast for the members of Manitoba Old Tyme Bluegrass Society (MOBS).

President Mark Morgan called meeting to order at 9:00 am welcoming everyone to Austin.

New Members: At our recent joint rally in Grafton, North Dakota, we welcomed new members Dave & Sandy Eckenrode along with previous members John & Pam Meier; Gordon & Adeline Wettlaufer and John Ringland & Garda Hoirup.

Minutes of the May 28, 2023 meeting held in MacGregor was circulated. Time was given for everyone to look over. No errors or corrections noted. Brian Little made the Motion to approve minutes as circulated. Anne Malyon seconded.

Business arising from the Minutes – None noted.

Vice Presidents Report – Margaret Jaeger reported on the Grafton Joint Rally held July 13-16th - did tours of the Marvin Windows Factory; Historic Elmwood House (1895) and to the Heritage Village enjoying a ride on an old fashion carousel. Ron Chesla and Anne Malyon did a great job hosting this rally.

Treasurer Report – Jerri Morrow handed out copies of the financial report. Balance as of August 4, 2023 is \$2,308.41 (after the Grafton rally balance now \$3,393.80 without paying out expenses) Steve Ackerson made motion to adopt the financial report (attached). Ralph Rutledge seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

Secretary Report - Karen Little, on behalf of The Canadian Northern Lights family, is sending out Birthday/Anniversary wishes to members via individual e-mail. No other members are copied.

National Director Report – At the Gillette convention the following officers were elected:

Gary Milner for National President

Paul Mitchell for National Senior Vice President

Pamela Richard for National Secretary

Barbara Smith for National Treasurer

Gene Grimm represented our Chapter at this convention and has provided a really good report which will be e-mailed out along with the minutes to the members.

Old Business - Brochure has been updated with changes to the secretary's contact information and membership due date. The amended Brochure was handed out and was agreed that no further changes were needed. Template of the Brochure is saved and available in the Secretary's electronic files.

New Business – Cost sharing of the Ramblin’ Nodak’s website - currently the Domain Name is \$19.99/year USD and protected Website \$199.99 USD every two years. (approx. \$110.00 USD per year). Contact Ramblin’ Nodak’s for their opinion on what they feel is an appropriate amount to contribute.

Election of Officers - Mark Morgan advised Jan Gorrell is stepping down from the Nominating Committee as she is unable to fulfill her duties at this time.

Nominating Committee: Gordon Unger and George Jaeger

This is the slate of Officers by acclamation:

The only position to fill is Vice President. Steve Ackerson agreed to take on the position and following Roberts Rules of Order, Mark Morgan asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none Steve Ackerson was elected to the position.

Margaret Jaeger moves up to President

Jerri Morrow remains Treasurer

Karen Little remains Secretary

Brian Little remains National Director

Mark Morgan remains Newsletter Editor

Dean Little remains Sherriff

Alternate National Director remains Vacant

Rallies - Brian/Karen Little will host the May 2024 rally. Have looked at various sites and are leaning towards Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Joint Rally – July 11-14, 2024 Icelandic Park, Cavalier, North Dakota

Fall 2024 Rally – to be determined at our Spring Rally

2025 Joint Rally hosted by Canadian Northern Lights - Ramblin’ Nodaks would like us to move it to August due to the National Convention being held in July. Discuss with Ramblin’ Nodaks the September long weekend date (August 28 to 31).

Donation - George Jaeger presented \$100.00 to the Canadian Northern Lights on behalf of Paul McIlwain (Dave Wolfe). Over the weekend Dave assisted Paul with a coach issue and as Dave would not take anything for his assistance Paul decided to donate to our club as a thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 with the handing over of President’s plates.

Karen Little
Secretary
Canadian Northern Lights