

Thousand Trails of Texas Chapter Lake Whitney

September 11, 2021

Paul Pacior called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Filling Station at Thousand Trails Lake Whitney Campground.

Paul led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and New Member Carland Whitaker led the Invocation.

Members present were: Noles, Norton, Pacior, Huff, Kennedy, Farrar, Woods, Griner,

Paul welcomed our guests Carl & Rae Wheeler, Reggie & Linda Fields, and Carland Whitaker. Reggie & Linda Fields and Carland Whitaker joined our chapter.

Wagon Masters Pins were given to Ron and Ellen Norton, & Larry and Dianna Huff. Paul thanked them for a great job. Paul explained the meaning behind the pins.

Dianna Huff moved the May's minutes as emailed be accepted. Seconded by Beth Griner.

Ellen Norton presented the Treasurer's report. Our bank account was transferred from Bank of America who raised their minimum balance from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 to Chase bank with minimum balance of \$2000.00.

Beginning Balance as of 4/30/2021	\$4,422.46
Receipts	\$ 115.80
Expenses	< <u>\$1,554.61</u> >
Ending balance of 8/31/2021	\$2,982.85

Ron Norton Vice President reminded us of important dates for us to remember.

October 6-10, 2021,	Six State Rally in Hutchinson KS
November 8-10, 2021,	November Rally at Medina Lake
Jan 24/Feb 7, 2022	Sunshine/Lakeview Rally in Harlingen
May 5-8, 2022,	Lake Texoma

Discussion of various locations for the March Rally followed. It was decided that it would be held west toward AZ for those traveling to the FMCA Convention in Tucson, AZ. Location to be decided by November rally.

Connie Farrar will check out Lake Tawakoni Campground for possible future sites.

National Directors report by Fred Kennedy.

Fred and Lou Kennedy attended the FMCA 103rd International Convention at the CAM-PLEX grounds in Gillette, WY, July 7-10, 2021. There were 1212 family member coaches, 130 commercial members for a total of 1342 coaches in attendance. There were 380 first timers. Parking was on hard surface or grass with 50-30 electric or dry parking. There was one large building housing the vendors plus cars from the local car museum with display coaches just outside. There were 14 seminar rooms with things going on in each during the day. Thanks to Dianna Huff as Captain of Safety and Thanks to Larry Huff as Tram Captain and others from our chapter working to be sure transportation went smooth. We had 3 nights of entertainment, and all was very good and well attended. Our day started inside the big tent with doughnuts and coffee and one day an ice cream social, but they did not have good ice cream nothing but a melted ice cream bar. You missed a good time in the sunny days and cool nights with rain one day. On the road coming into Gillette, you can see the coal trains lined up to load and leave the mine every 20 minutes. If you have not seen the sunflowers, it is worth your trip to see them and how they look into the sun.

Rodger Donnelly your Assistant National Director and I as your National Director attended the Governing board meeting on July 7, 2021, several things were voted on, here are some of the highlights.

1. 100 % of the Board approved the next steps on the proposed FMCA remodel to admit towable owners, changing paperwork and how it's done.
2. Approved a very good budget that will let us grow and freezing our dues of \$50.00 for two years.
3. Voted on several housekeeping issues.
4. Approved the FMCA Assist funding to be in the annual dues of \$50.00 and taking the cost out of Operating budget not out of Investments
5. They are looking into many things that will help FMCA to continue to grow and change with the times. The reason we needed the approval vote as it had our hands tied and takes too long to react to something that would be a good deal for FMCA growth.

6. Elected new Officers for 2-year terms. Your Executive Board is made up of the four National Officers and 10 National Area Vice Presidents.

National President	Rett Porter
National Senior VP	Gary Milner
National Secretary	Kathie Balogh
National Treasurer	Barbara Smith
Eastern Area	Gaye Young
Great Lakes Area	Ken Lewis
International Area	Paul Mitchell
Midwest Area	Dennis Fox
Northeast Area	John Traphagen
Northwest Area	Don Schleuse
Rocky Mountain Area	Jamie Erikson
South Central Area	Herman Mullins
Southeast Area	Patricia Vonya
Western Area	Bob Golk
Immediate Past President	Jon Walker

Dates to remember:

March 23-26,2022 104th National Convention in Tucson, AZ
August 24-27, 2022, 105th National Convention in Lincoln NB
October 6-10, 2021, South Central Area Rally, Hutchinson, KS
November 8-10, 2021, Thousand Trails of Texas Rally, Medina Lake, TX

Old Business

Thanks to Kelly Rogers with Exact Creative Group our new website is www.Texasfmca.com and new email address is Texasfmca@gmail.com. The cost was \$1094.19. He has been training Connie Farrar on how to update the site. Take time to check it out but remember it is new so there's still work to be done. It was decided to not put the Chapter Directory on the site but to maybe list just the names of the members. We also decided not to include the Treasurer's report.

New business

1. Dianna Huff updated on Six State Rally. The dates are October 6-10, 2021, in Hutchinson, KS Fairgrounds. So far, there are 380 people and 11 vendors

registered. Some of the highlights are a Quilt silent auction, Ice Cream Social, Crafts, and seminars. Ladies Luncheon of baked potatoes with 3 different meats, salads, and dessert. There will be a fashion show, so if you would like to volunteer to model, let her know. Thursday is Chapter Day, so wear your chapter shirts, get together for a social. Friday is Patriot Day so wear your red, white, and blue.

There will be an election of all Six State Offices.

Paul Pacior	Southern Vice President,
Dan Stogner	Northern Vice President,
Roland Cheramie	Treasurer,
Darlene Kennington...	Secretary
Dianna Huff	Senior Vice President.

Hutchinson, KS has an underground salt mine and Space Museum for tours.

2. We will need a new vendor for our name tags. Jan has had a stroke and is selling her business. Discussion on do we raise the cost to join since the cost of badges will be higher or ask new members to purchase them directly from the vendor. Our new member, Carland Whitaker would rather pay a higher price and have the chapter deal with the vendor.
3. If you want or need a Red or Black shirt with our logo on it, please purchase the shirt (s) and give to Connie Farrar. She will have the logo embroidered on. The cost varies depending on the number of shirts embroidered. You can mail the shirts to Connie Farrar at 2008 Vista Road, Keller, TX 76262 or give them to her at a rally.
4. Our Jan 24th to Feb 7th Rally location will be at Sunshine/Lakeview campground in Harlingen, TX. If you don't have that campground on your list of campgrounds, call the Thousand Trails main office to see if you can add on. It was accidently taken off some memberships.

Adjournment 11:15

Submitted by Connie Farrar, Secretary