

MICHIGAN STATE HRRVC
FALL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

The Fall Council Meeting of the Michigan State Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Mill Creek RV Park in Mackinaw City, Michigan. The meeting was called to order by State Manager, Gil Seger at 2:04pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The invocation was given by Bob Metcalf.

The following presidents or representatives were present:

Chapter 4	Mich-I-Wanders	Janet Vance
Chapter 10M	Wolverine Ramblers	Ron Brink
Chapter 15	Furniture City Roamers	Bob Beute
Chapter 66	Rambler-Lairs	Judy Mayo
Chapter 195	Roving Ramblers	Jan Wright
Chapter 422	Sunset Coast Ramblers	Keith Chapman

Michigan State Officers present were:

Gil Seger	Michigan State Manager
Tom Youngs	Michigan Assistant State Manager
Jerry Flanary	Michigan State Treasurer
Kathy Powers	Michigan State Secretary
Pat Ward	Michigan State Historian
Bob Metcalf	Michigan State Chaplain
Martha Summers	Michigan State Web Master

Gil asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of September 20, 2008. Being there were none Chapter 66 made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and Chapter 4 seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gil received a letter from Wanda Smith, National Scholarship Chairman stating that they were able to offer a total of nine \$2000.00 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of HRRVC members. She also had requested that our state club contribute an item for the Scholarship Raffle Table at the International Rally this past July. A note was received from George and Nancy Shirkey in appreciation for the Michigan basket which they received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry said as the rally had not wrapped up, he did not have a final report. As of January 2009 the balance was \$11,357.87. Chapter 66 asked when it would be completed and Jerry said the final report should be done a few weeks. Gil stated it would be available at the Spring Council Meeting next year. Chapter 195 made the motion to accept the report as is and Chapter 4 seconded. The motion carried.

REPORT: State Manager

Gil showed the new CD which has the Document of Governing on it which includes Forms 2 and 10. Each of the council members received a copy. The old binder book is no longer any good.

REPORT: Assistant State Manager

Tom said the International dues have been raised as membership is declining. He said it will be a while before new units are available again so be on the lookout for units without numbers. Be sure to contact the first timers here and hook them up with a chapter. It's very important for us to increase our numbers.

REPORT: Chaplain

Bob Metcalf invited everyone to attend Devotions in the morning at 9:00 am. The topic will be "Bible Manual for Life".

REPORT: Historian

Pat Ward asked that if anyone had pictures from the tours would they please send them to her.

REPORT: Web Master

Martha Summers was not present at that moment.

REPORT: Chapter Presidents

- Chapter 4 Janet reported they have two new members, Doug and Toni Pratt and Robert and Barbara Tuckey. Merrell and Edna Harris had sold their unit and will become Emeritus members. Joe Couture has had some health issues but is doing better now and is still camping with them.
- Chapter 10M Ron said their membership is doing okay however they lost a few to Monoco.
- Chapter 15 Bob mentioned that they are still the smallest chapter. Nothing to report right now but by the Spring Council Meeting he will have something to report on 2012.
- Chapter 66 Judy said they have a healthy chapter. There are 38 units with 19 units here at this rally. She invited everyone to come next year to Hastings for the 2010 State Rally.
- Chapter 195 Jan said that their membership is staying the same and that the chapter enjoys being together and having a good time.
- Chapter 422 Keith said their membership is holding its own and that they will be at Hidden Ridge RV Park near Kalamazoo the first weekend of October for their campout. Outside members are invited and will be considered their guests

OLD BUSINESS

Gil presented Rick Payne a Rally Coordinator's pin for a successful rally. Rick thanked everyone for coming. He said that during the planning stages they had planned on 65 units; however, there were 125 units present. There were 75 units from Michigan, 44 units from other states, and 6 units from Canada. They also had techs available, had a maintenance session and just wanted to try some other things. He felt the rally was a success and thanked Janet Vance for her assistance. Gil thanked Bob Summers for getting the Canadian Flag.

NEW BUSINESS

Gil stated that the flag poles are in rough shape and we need new ones. He said he would get them. A motion was made by Chapter 4 and seconded by Chapter 422 for Gil to purchase them. Motion carried. A reminder that the items for the Michigan Scholarship Basket need to be brought to the Spring Council Meeting next year.

Status Report on 2010 Rally. Larry Larson said the plans are well underway at the Expo Center in Hastings. Parking will be on grass and there is no sewer hookups. The area has several historic sites and they have plenty of things planned to keep everyone busy.

Chapter Assignments for 2010 Rally

- Chapter 4 Indoor Games/anything else they can do to help
- Chapter 10M Cakewalk
- Chapter 15 Hospitality and ice cream
- Chapter 66 Hosting rally
- Chapter 195 Saturday Breakfast
- Chapter 422 Parking

Pre-Rally Expense Reimbursements: Gil stated that the \$200 reimbursement was not enough and he and Jerry are suggesting that it should be raised to \$500 with the same procedure in place. After some discussion Chapter 15 made the motion to raise the amount to \$500 and Chapter 4 seconded. The motion carried.

Forms 2 and 10 (Chapter Roster and Campout Schedules) must be in to Gil by November 15, 2009. The forms are on The D.O.G. CD.

STATE RALLY ROTATION

2010	Chapter 66, Branch County Fairgrounds, Hastings, MI
2011	Chapter 422
2012	Chapter 15
2013	Chapter 10M
2014	Chapter 195

Janet Vance (Chapter 4) suggested that instead of a \$10.00 late fee for registering for the rally, that we just reverse it and include a \$10.00 discount for early registration. The fee after that would remain the same. This way no one would feel penalized for registering late. Chapter 422 made the motion to accept this idea and Chapter 66 seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Chapter 15 to adjourn the meeting which Chapter 4 seconded. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rick Payne suggested that since the council had \$11,000 in its treasury it could be used to subsidize upcoming rallies as the money is from the members and should be returned to them. It was explained that the bills from this current rally had not all been paid as yet and the extra funds act as a buffer in case of an emergency. Rick also suggested that being we support three national charities, and the monies raised from the State Baskets go just to the Scholarship Fund, he would like to see it shared among the charities we support.

Judy Mayo suggested that we should look at some other ways of hosting a rally other than a chapter being responsible. She shared how many other states do their state rallies but Tom suggested when the need arises where we aren't able to put on a rally per chapter we'll look into other ways to go. He commented on seeing changes in the way the chapters were doing their rallies and he complimented them and saying how important location and scheduled activities were to getting people to attend. Several agreed it's hard work and you need to start early in the planning to be successful.

Art Simmons asked if we have ever asked the membership just what they want at a rally. It was suggested we go back and look at past rallies and see what drew the people. It was also suggested that a newsletter be put on the website so members could make comments. Tom said he would go back and look at the survey that they in 10M had done and look at a way to use it in the upcoming newsletter. He encouraged us to look at new ways to schedule things so that we have time to take in the local area. Perhaps have the evening meals etc. as time to spend together; leaving the day for touring. Art said the past and current Rally Coordinators should get together and update the Rally Coordinators' Handbook.

Melody Kasl complimented Chapter 4 for a phenomenal rally. The destination site was as good as any National Rally and she appreciated all the hard work that went into it.

With no further comments Bob Metcalf closed the meeting with a benediction at 3:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Powers 65671
Michigan State Secretary