

**HOW Business Meeting
April 22, 2023
Choctaw KOA
Durant, OK**

Call to Order at 9:20: Joe Sturgil

Flag Salute: Joe Sturgil

Six State Rally Report: Dan Stogner

- The rally will be held in Shawnee, OK, on Sept. 13-16.
- Skip Steele is in charge of obtaining vendors.
- Ron Lee is in charge of getting dealers to park new RV's at the rally.
- Karen Rood is in charge of FMCA merchandise. **She could use some volunteers to help man the booth.**
- We are expecting a really great rally. Please remember to send your registration by **July 1**. There are registration forms in your FMCA magazine, or Dan has forms available.
- Dan is the Six State Director for the North Area (OK, Kansas, MO, and Arkansas). The national rally will be in Gillette, WY and Dan will attend. There will be an election of national officers this year.

1. Carol Valk asked that during the meeting we should be kind and courteous and not talk over each other.

2. Joe Bouse discussed our March Rallies. There were three options mentioned for consideration:

- a) Jim McFarland suggested moving it to July for 2025.
- b) Carol Valk suggested leaving the rally as it was this year or
- c) Moving it to the 3rd week of March.

Voting by those present indicated that the majority would like it to be held on the 3rd week of March for 2025. A final decision will be decided by the HOW Board which includes officers as follows:

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and National Director

3. Discussion was held about whether or not membership needs to be informed of business meetings being held, and if so how long in advance.

Carol Valk made a motion that we need to form a committee to clarify, edit typos, and revise conflicts that exist between our present FMCA by-laws and our Standing Rules.

Discussion followed in regards to voting and non-voting members.

This motion was seconded by Vera Bouse.

Joe Sturgill will be appointed a committee. This committee consists of:

Rod Cleavelin, Carol Valk, Skip Stele and Vera Bouse

4. Joe Sturgill announced that if we hold the April Rally for 2024 as it is presently scheduled, we will have to pay \$500 to use the Rally Hall. This would be for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, without use on Sunday.

A motion was made by Joe Bouse to give Gerald and Diane Branstetter authority to move the rally to another location for April, 2024. This was seconded by Dan Stogner. Joe Bouse later withdrew this motion due to the following motion.

Following much further discussion, and a recommendation by Karen Rood, Lois Sturgill left the meeting to talk with the manager of the **Choctaw KOA** and the meeting was paused. Lois was able to procure and set our meeting for **April, 2024, for April 15-18th**, at no charge to use the clubhouse. **This means we will be meeting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for this rally.** Joyce Van Tuyl made a motion to approve, and Dan Stogner and Bob Rood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Linda Murray gave us a report on Wagon Masters/Hosts for the rest of 2023. **The June Rally still needs one more host and October needs a Wagon Master.**

New Business: Dan Stogner

- Dan suggested that we have an alternate host list as was used in the past. Bob Murray pointed out that we currently have such a list available but there have been no volunteers to be alternates.
- Dan also suggested that we change our use of the term Wagon Master to Lead Host due to conflict with FMCA's use of the term. There was discussion that followed, but the consensus was that

RV parks are familiar with Wagon Master and understand this terminology better than they would Lead Host. There was no motion to change Wagon Master and discussion ended.

Dan Stogner made the motion to adjourn. Many people seconded and the meeting was adjourned.