

HOW BUSINESS MEETING
April 16th 2025
Choctaw RV, Durant, Oklahoma

Call to Order: Ron Lee

Flag Salute: Ron Lee

Invocation: M.D. Gentry

Introduction of 2025 Officers

President: Ron and Evelyn Lee

First Vice President: Bob and Karen Rood

Secretary: Danita Ortowski

Treasurer: Jim and Deborah McFarland

National Director: Dan Stogner

Alternate National Director: Ron Lee

President: Ron Lee

Topic: VOLUNTEERING

Ron encouraged people to volunteer.

HOW is having trouble with finding volunteers for our rallies. All rallies are now covered for this year but we need volunteers for next year (2026). If we cannot fill the volunteer roles at the rallies, then we won't be able to have the rallies. It's a little bit of work, but if I can do it, anyone can do it.

Ron acknowledged, by name, those who routinely volunteer.

Topic: CLUB OFFICERS

A lot of us have timed out on holding offices, so some of you younger guys that just got in, think about it, we can help you out.

Treasurer's Report: Deb McFarland

Bank Balance: \$9,224.73

Some have not paid, apologies if someone has paid twice.

If you don't know, contact me.

Motion to Accept Report: Dick Stickle

2nd: Jeannie Compter

Motion Carried

Secretary Report: Danita Ortowski

Read minutes from last meeting.

Motion to Accept: Dick Stickle

2nd: Vera Bouse

Motion Carried

1st VP Report: Karen Rood

Have not received the Prospect List from FRVA (formerly FMCA).

Good numbers for year. Explained the information the prospect list provides is people living in State of OK that joined FMCA National, future prospects for H.O.W.

Karen will start hounding for hosts.

In reference to 2026 rally calendar, question was posed by Hellen Stickle:

Q: Is Carthage scheduled for same time as Six State?

A: Clarified that the new calendar of rallies is for 2026.

2nd VP: Joyce Van Tuyl

Handed out a tentative Rally Schedule for 2026.

Question was asked if we are having a March rally?

Joyne is working on Choctaw today. She will be visiting them in person today. Choctaw RV Park will not sign a contract. They would not last year either, but Joyce has a contract ready just in case.

In reference to Choctaw RV Park and why we shift rally days, we shifted days of the rally because the kitchen/clubhouse is free during week. There is a fee on the weekend.

She explained the reasoning behind going to the same places - we need adequate facilities and spaces.

Discussion held about why we are going to Wichita, KS and description of facilities.

National Director's Report: Dan Stogner attending Six State Rally planning meeting in Mineola, TX – no report as of this printing.

FLOOR OPEN FOR DISCUSSION:

LENGTHY DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A MARCH RALLY:

Ron Lee: We will vote on having a March rally.

Who would attend March?

Why we don't currently have one – because 8-10 couples spend winters in TX.

Terri Gentry: told us about Elm Mott, TX which is right off 35 just west of Waco. There are a lot of interesting things to see/do in the area.

-Texas Rangers Museum (M.D. Gentry told us how phenomenal it is.)

-Magnolia

-Swinging Bridge

Jim McFarland: Most people who live in the valley during winter, are the most supportive ones. How many of the winter Texans would come to that rally?

Discussion as to the number of members who are winter Texans.

13 coaches here today.

36 active members, though some haven't shown up in a while, but they have paid dues which means they are likely to come to a rally in the future.

Joyce Van Tuyl: Can we go back to addressing March?

Bob Rood: We discuss this every year. He proposed we have a July rally, and ju

Motion by Deborah McFarland:

This year, we replace March rally with our August rolling rally.

Joyce Van Tuyl: We're already doing a rolling rally.

Deborah McFarland, Same motion for 2026:

Replace March with rolling rally for July or August.

Joyce VanTuyl: School is still out in July.

M.D. Gentry – Motion Seconded

2 nays

Motion Carried

NO MARCH RALLY in 2026.

Jim McFarland: Question (in reference to August 2025 rolling rally):

Do I understand that there is a limit to 12, and that's all we can book? Is it still limited to only 12, or can more sign up if they wish to?

Joyce Van Tuyl's explanation: I felt like I needed a limit because 2 of the parks have only 5 sites left. I guess if you still want to go on the Rolling Rally, tell them you're not one of the 12, and you're an extra. The park in Roland, OK will not hold our sites, so you must book your sites in advance. So, if you still want to go, it's fine with me, if you book a site and tell them you're not one of the 12. I didn't think we would have more than 12 go.

Did everyone understand that it's the size of the parks?

It will be hot. We didn't think we would have that many who wanted to attend.

Evelyn Lee: Same rallies, same places. Not having a welcome bag for everywhere rally? Host needs to be more in charge of the decision of whether or not to have a bag.

Motion by Deborah McFarland: Suggested no goodie bags, as it will take pressure off rally host.

Motion did not carry through. Died on the floor.

Terri Gentry: Call Chamber of Commerce (they will have bags ready).

Activities Director: Per Ron Lee, it's her job to come up with the activities/excursions.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT: Jeannie Compter

Line Dancing at 2pm.

Thanks to everyone who joined me for morning walking and BINGO.

Next month, I won't be here, so if anyone would like to volunteer to plan/lead the activities please let me know. Thanks.

Email me if you know of things to do or if you've been somewhere you think might be fun for the club to go to during our Rallies.

I'm here to help you all have some fun.

Any questions?

Some things you'd like to do? If you'd like to host, send it to me.

OLD BUSINESS:

HOW shirts – see **Joyce Van Tuyl** to order.

Joyce Van Tuyl – Men’s blue t-shirts are discontinued. We’re going to order a red t-shirt. She has to get prices but wanted to discuss it with everyone instead of having to match our blue with other companies. She will have prices at our next rally.

NEW BUSINESS:

6 State Rally – Sept. 24-28:

The report on that will be the at the next business meeting.

Ron Lee: I’d like to see everyone here at the Six State Rally. We will have a meeting there.

Motion by M.D. Gentry: A couple years ago we forgave the annual dues. We have 9k in the bank and that seems like a lot. To help recruit new members, ywe could tell them the first year of dues is forgiven, but would still be a charge of \$20 for the notebook and name badge. We’re only giving away \$500/year currently. I’m suggesting we do that as a benefit.

Motion Carried (per Ron Lee)

Motion to adjourn – Jim McFarland

M.D. Gentry – 2nd

Motion carried