

THCKK

Minutes Board Meeting
Friday evening March 21, 2014
Jeffrey Kyle's Restaurant
Richmond, MO

Present: President, Mike Hester; Vice-President, Ed Curtis; Treasurer, Barb Keener

Board Members: Tom DeSotel, Frank Wilson, Patrick Kujawa, Randy Pytlinski, Doug Kriegel and Jim Windy

Committee Members: Elaine Heuring, Barb Keener

Absent: Rita Bunn, Secretary, Bill Underhill, Board Member

MEETING OPENED: President Mike Hester made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dates for next year's meet were discussed and the dates of March 19, 20, and 21, 2015 were chosen.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Barb Keener, Membership Chairman reported that the Klub has 199 active members, including one new member and 3 rejoins as of March 21, 2014. 51 members renewed today.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb Keener, Treasurer reported that the Klub is solvent and it is estimated that, after expenses for the Klub year of March 2014 to March 2015, the balance will be approximately \$2000.00 at meet time in 2015.

There were 18 members tailgating Thursday and Friday, bringing in \$360.00 for the Klub.

The 50-50 Friday brought in \$295.00, providing \$147.50 for the winner, Randy Pytlinski and \$147.50 for the Klub

OLD BUSINESS: Last year it was suggested that pictures be put in the annual roster because new members and lots of old members had trouble putting names with the familiar faces. At his meeting it was discussed further and that that would entail too much work and that members be issued name tags when they arrived to get their bidder numbers and that they wear them on the auction days. A motion was made to implement the tags and was seconded and approved.

AUCTION ITEMS AT MEET: Discussion was started regarding the declining quality of items at auction. We need more items and more quality items that bring

more money for the consignors after their expenses.

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GROWING THE CLUB: THCKK needs more members and young blood. It will be brought up to the membership to get the word out and encourage them to take applications and recruit new members. It was discussed about reinstating the \$100 incentive each year for bringing in the most new members. Membership will be asked to vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Frank Wilson has resigned from the Board. Bill Underhill has not been present for the last few years and needs to be replaced. Rita Bunn has resigned as Secretary and will be replaced.

Suggestions for election of officers were made and will be presented at the membership meeting tomorrow morning (March 22, 2014). They are as follows:

**Retain President: Mike Hester
Retain Vice President: Ed Curtis
Retain Treasurer: Barb Keener
and current Board Members**

Possible Board Members: Asking for nominations

The motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:

**Barb Keener, Temporary Secretary
The Hardware Company Collectors Klub**

THCKK Membership Meeting
Saturday Morning March 22, 2014
Veteran's Building
Richmond, MO

President Mike Hester moved to begin the meeting at 9 a.m. and Harold Nantis seconded the motion. Mike thanked the attendees and asked that Dale Ritzel and family be remembered in prayers as they suffered a loss in their family. We certainly have missed Dale at this year's meet.

He thanked Simmons Auction family for their fine job as usual and for all the hard work preparing and putting on the auctions. He also thanked Cotton Creek Ministry for their fine cooking Wednesday and Thursday morning and the Veterans Ladies Auxiliary for their food Friday and Saturday. Mike especially thanked Elaine and Barb for the hard work they do for the Klub. He thanked the members who brought in displays this year and encouraged everyone to keep bringing them in. He thanked the tailgaters (18 this year) and thanked the members who donated items for the auction, which brought in \$627.50 for the Klub.

Mike told the membership the dates for next year's meet: Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 19, 20 and 21, 2015 and encouraged the members to make their motel reservations as soon as possible.

He talked about the declining quantity and quality of items at the auction and mentioned the expense versus profit. An item should be expected to sell for a minimum of \$20 or more to allow for the expenses involved in getting it to auction in order to maximize profit and not have to basically give the item away. Rilla Simmons suggested putting together in one consignment an item or items to amount to \$40-\$45 (\$20 being too cheap) and the goal being to help the seller. We also need more consignors to keep having a two day auction. This year the number of items was way down.

He suggested we bring a wider variety of items, railroad, clocks, advertising items, signs, oil and gas related items and items pertaining to the tool world. He asked for pro and con remarks from the members. Bill Russell thought it is a good idea, would help bring more members in. He asked for a vote which was unanimous to consign more varied items but to keep them antique in nature – no yard sale items.

He mentioned the need for more members and younger members and encouraged those present to do more recruiting, take and pass out applications, encourage friends and share your knowledge. Mike moved to vote and Paul Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken to reinstate the \$100 incentive for the member who brought in the most members in the coming year. It was unanimously voted on and Tom DeSotel will also donate a handmade custom walking stick to the winner in addition to the \$100

Some board members have resigned and we need nominations for Secretary and two new board members. The President presented the membership with the proposed Officer roster:

Retain present officers: President Mike Hester, Vice President Ed Curtis, Treasurer Barb Keener.

Retain board members: Tom DeSotel, Frank Wilson, Patrick Kujawa, Randy Pytlinski, Doug Kriegel, and Jim Windy.

Vote was taken and the membership voted to retain the officers for another year.

Nominations were taken for Secretary to replace Rita Bunn who resigned. Barb Keener was nominated and accepted the position after a vote was taken to make her the Secretary. Regarding the two new board members: Patrick Kujawa nominated Bob Heavner, seconded by Randy Pytlinski. Mike nominated Doug Hall and Rilla seconded. Vote was taken and Bob and Doug were voted in and accepted the positions.

Mike reminded the members to pay their dues before leaving. The 50-50 Friday brought \$147.50 for the Klub and \$147.50 for the winner Randy Pytlinski. The 50-50 Saturday made \$180.00 for the Klub and \$180 was given to the winner, Jerry Heuring. We had 56 members paying dues at the meet. He reminded the members of the upcoming June auction of Doug Olson's collection, 1000-1200 items, Friday and Saturday June 20 and 21 and tailgating Thursday June 19, 2014. Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m., seconded by a member and the meeting was adjourned after a vote was taken.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Keener, Secretary, THCKK