

THCKK
Minutes Board Meeting
Friday evening, March 18, 2016
Jeffrey Kyle's Restaurant
Richmond, MO

PRESENT: President/Past President Mike Hester; Vice President, Ed Curtis; Sect/Treas, Barb Keener **BOARD MEMBERS:** Tom DeSotel, Patrick Kujawa, Randy Pytlinski, Doug Kriegel, Jim Windy, Bob Heavner, Doug Hall **ABSENT:** Frank Wilson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Elaine Heuring, Barb Keener

MEETING OPENED: President Mike Hester moved to call the meeting to order at 6:52 P.M. the motion was seconded and approved.

Dates for next year's meet were discussed and will be March 16, 17 and 18, 2017 (3rd weekend in March). After discussion, motion was made by Mike to accept, seconded and approved by a show of hands.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Barb Keener, Membership Chairman, reported that the Klub has 204 active members, we gained 8 of those in the last membership year which ran from March 2015 to March 2016. Approximately 50 dues were 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 2015 thru March 2016, the balance will be approximately \$1500.00 at meet time \$2017. We have \$1380.00 on hand today for deposit which includes dues at meet, dues from mail and miscellaneous.

There were 20 tailgaters Thursday and Friday, bringing in \$400.00 for the Klub. The 50-50 Friday brought in \$410.00, \$205.00 for the Klub and \$205.00 for Boyd Richardson #651, new member as of today!

BUSINESS: Discussion was made regarding the roster. The Board suggested publishing only every 3 years and, when publishing, going back to the original format of a booklet, 9-1/2 by 6-1/2 inches. Barb moved it be accepted, Mike seconded, vote was taken and passed by a show of hands. It will be brought up to the membership at the meeting Saturday morning for discussion and vote.

DUES: Expenses keep going up. It was discussed raising the dues from \$20 per year to \$25 per year, effective next year (2017) Dale moved to accept, Doug seconded, vote was taken and passed.

LOGO WEAR: New logo wear provider: Linda Newman of Excelsior Springs, MO. She is working in conjunction with Dale Ritzel on getting information on the Klub website, including pictures, prices and ordering information.

CONSIGNMENTS: Discussion centered on the quality of items brought to the auction. Dale suggested that Mike talk to Bob about consolidating items at Bob's discretion since he has a better idea of how consolidating will benefit the sellers. Mike will talk to him before the membership meeting Saturday and report to the membership. Also, have lists of items for next year's auction in to Rilla as close to Sept 1 as possible. Mike will remind the membership at the meeting and also to bring quality items.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: There being no takers for the President's position, Ed moved to retain the present Board, Doug seconded, vote passed, contingent on the membership nomination and vote to elect new President and board members from within their ranks.

PROMOTING KLUB: It was discussed and will be presented to the general membership some facts regarding recruiting of new members. Everyone should promote our Klub, taking applications to friends, relatives, put in antique malls, etc. If 50 members brought in only one each every year, we could add 50 to our ranks.

INTERNET BUYING: 25% of people buying on the internet are 30 and under. We discussed sending applications to proxy bidders to recruit members. We can get a list of those bidders from ProxiBid for a mailing.

GUESSING GAME: Tom DeSotel provided one of his one of a kind handmade canes for the winner of the game. "Guess the number of antler tips in the container." Closest wins the cane. \$1.00 for one guess, \$5.00 for 6 guesses.

NOTE OF ADDITIONAL INTEREST:

Mark your calendars: Tentative schedule for outstanding auction in September this year of Tom Howell's collection. Lots of Winchester and quality tools. Schedule tentatively set for Friday September 16, 2016 and Saturday September 17, 2016 with tailgating Thursday September 15

There being no further business to discuss, Doug Kriegel moved to adjourn, Doug Hall seconded, vote was taken and meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Keener, Secretary
The Hardware Companies Kollector's Klub

THCKK Membership Meeting
Saturday Morning March 19, 2016
Veterans Building
Richmond, MO

President Mike Hester moved to open the 21st annual meeting of The Hardware Companies Collectors Klub at 8:30 A.M. Saturday, March 19, 2016. Motion was seconded and accepted.

Mike asked Bob Simmons to lead prayers for member concerns, successful auction and safe travel for all attendees.

Mike thanked members, Simmons Auction for all their hard work in preparing for the auction. He thanked those who donated items, thanked officers and board members and Brenda's family for preparing food. He thanked Tom DeSotel for the donation of his handmade custom walking stick and asked him to present it to Jerry and Elaine Heuring, who brought in the most new members (eight) during the past year (March 2015-March 2016), along with \$100.00 cash, which they donated back to the Klub.

Tom DeSotel's guessing game (the number of antler tips in the sealed container) for which he donated another of his handmade walking sticks was won by Doug Hall #237 with an exact guess of 150. The 50-50 Friday was won by Boyd Richardson, new member #651, providing \$205 for Boyd and \$205 for the Klub. The 50-50 Saturday was won by Rick Eastley, providing \$202.50 for Rick and \$202.50 for the Klub.

We have a new logowear provider, Linda Duncan of GoLogo, who is actively working on the project and will soon be up and running with all our custom logowear needs. She will collaborate with Dale Ritzel, our webmaster, to get it on the web complete with online ordering. More details as available.

Next year's meet will be March 16, 17 and 18, 2017 and encouraged attendees to make their reservations before leaving this year as rooms fill up fast, especially in Richmond.

Mike reported that we had 20 tailgaters this year, have \$1380.00 ready for deposit, and what we collect today from donated items, dues, etc.

Things we discussed at the Board Meeting to bring to the general membership:

Roster: go back to the small envelope and publish only every three years. Postage going up all the time along with supplies, printing, etc.

Consignments: re bunching and quality items and starting bids so low on good items that you know are worth more, which wastes a lot of time. Discussed lots and consignment fees.

Dues Year: Change dues year from March to March to January thru December, easier to remember and eliminate need for so many reminders.

Dues: Increase yearly dues by \$5.00 to \$25.00/year. Votes were taken on Roster, Dues Year, Dues increase and passed by a show of hands.

Election of Officers: Following a call for nominations to replace the office of President and other Board members and receiving no input, vote was taken to retain the present board for another year, and passed by a show of hands.

We need to promote our Klub. Please use application forms for recruiting new members, put in malls, give to friends who collect, etc. We need to get younger folks interested. If 50 members bring in 1 new member every year, it will provide new blood with new and different items, input, etc. We are going to send applications with shipments to proxy bidders and also to other Proxy bidders who are not successful bidders this time. 1/3 of internet buyers are in their 30's.

Bring displays, keep tailgating, bring quality items and send Elaine articles for the newsletter. Have your list of consignment items for next year in by mid-September, ideally by Sept 1.

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