

**MINUTES**  
**SKP Saguaro Chapter 21**  
**April 4, 2014**  
**Lazydays/KOA RV Park, Tucson AZ**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:04 am

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Vice President/Acting President: Don Del Rosario, Secretary: Betty Dawson, Appointed Treasurer: Ann Meilicke

**INTRODUCTION OF VCRs PRESENT:** Bill and Jan Mains

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Betty Dawson read the minutes of the SKP Chapter 21 Meeting held October 18, 2013 at the Dream Catcher RV Park in Deming NM. Pat Spaulding moved to accept the minutes as read; Stu Dutcher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ann Meilicke reported that as of April 1, 2014 Chapter 21 had 111 active members. In 2013 the number was 158, and in 2012 it was 146. As of February 28, 2014 the Chapter had a balance of \$2,930.93. Rally fees generated \$1,821.64 for a current checkbook balance of \$4,752.57. The cashbox balance is \$100.96. With the resignation of Chapter Treasurer Ron Schulz and the appointment of Ann, an audit of the Chapter books was done by Bud Antuna and Ann. All balances were confirmed.

**VCR REPORT:** Jan started her comments by defining what a VCR is and what they do. The Volunteer Club Representative is someone any SKP can talk to, ask questions of, and is a provider of a wealth of information. She pointed out that the Escapees Travel Guide is a resource for all to use, and to share with people who might not be Escapees.

Jan mentioned that it's the time of year when the CARE facility in Livingston, TX is in need of volunteers. She urged anyone who is willing to lend a hand to contact the CARE volunteer coordinator.

Another members' resource is the Escapees Club News on-line available through the Escapees web page or members can receive e-mails from Escapees. She mentioned that the Escapees have been made aware that BLM is looking into transferring land north of Parker, AZ on the California side of The Colorado River to a private concessionaire. She brought up the concern that if this takes place, other BLM properties might be in jeopardy. She stressed how important it is for everyone to respond on the Escapees page and to do their part in presenting their views.

Discussion followed on various ways to introduce people to the Escapees, to remind them of benefits and discounts available, and of how to use the *Escapees Magazine* to learn what's going on throughout the country.

Members present were informed that the 2015 Escapade would be held in Tucson March 8-13, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Don Del Rosario reported that at the meeting in Deming last October and also at the Winter Rally in Parker he had requested volunteers for an officers' nominating committee. He had no positive results from either request. He reiterated that getting volunteers to step forward is not a

concern of Chapter 21 only. Many other chapters are having the same problems; some having to disband. He said that he will run for President of the Chapter but also mentioned that he will be traveling out of the area from April 2014 until February 2015. Ann Meilicke agreed to take on the duties of Treasurer if elected. No one was nominated for or stepped forward to accept the position of Vice President. Don pointed out that the Chapter Secretary can act in the President's place if the President is absent. Question was raised as to what the duties of the Vice President are. Betty read them as shown in the Chapter handbook.

Discussion turned to future rallies. Chuck and Dee DuPuis have agreed to be Hosts for a Fall Rally. The rally is scheduled for October 14-18, 2014 at Pancho Villa State Park south of Deming, NM. Regarding the Winter Rally, many members have mentioned that they are tired of going to Parker. Don Del Rosario said that he has looked into the possibility of holding the rally at Utery State Park near Phoenix, but that no one has stepped forward to be Host. Bruce Ratcliff suggested that Chapter 21 not have a separate Winter Rally but have a joint rally with Chapter 6 in Quartzsite. He and Bunny are there for two weeks each year, and if the Chapter agrees they will Host a Winter Rally. He said that they would not provide entertainment. There are many RV parks in Quartzsite if people attending want to stay where there are hook-ups available they may do so. Sharon Del Rosario suggested that if the idea proved workable that five days be set during the two weeks that Ratcliffs are in Quartzsite to hold a Chapter rally and to identify those dates on the website. Don Del Rosario reminded all that there is a Manual on how to run a rally in case someone who has not hosted one before might be interested in doing so.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don Del Rosario asked if there were any nominations for the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer. Jan Mains nominated Don Del Rosario for President; Gene Struble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no nominations or volunteers for the office of Vice President. Sharon Del Rosario nominated Ann Meilicke as Treasurer, Don DeMent seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Del Rosario emphasized the importance of volunteers and how all jobs are handled more easily when there are more people to divide the load.

Stuart Dutcher volunteered to run for position of Vice President. Don DeMent made the motion to nominate Stu, Don Del Rosario seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:** VCR Bill Mains read the Oath of Office and installed Don Del Rosario as President, Stu Dutcher as Vice President, and Ann Meilicke as Treasurer.

At this time Don Del Rosario asked if there were any volunteers to fill other Chapter positions. Sharon Del Rosario will remain as Webmaster, Marti Moehlau agreed to continue with the Newsletter, Marilyn Wix volunteered to take on the Voice Mail duties, and Bunny Ratcliff said that will be the Sunshine contact. The Chapter is still in need of a volunteer to be Historian.

Discussion returned to the subject of future rallies. Bill Lawrence questioned whether the Fall Rally might not be held in November instead of October as many people do not return south until November. Don Del Rosario mentioned that years ago the Fall Rally was held at the conclusion of the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque as many people went from that to the Fall Rally. It was decided to table the discussion at this time. Stu and Sandy Dutcher volunteered to be Hosts at the Spring Rally 2015 in Tucson. Currently the dates are April 4-9, 2015. It was suggested to possibly move the date forward and

have the rally take place at the conclusion of The Escapade in March. Stu said he would look into options. The subject was tabled.

The subject of dropping Chapter membership was brought up. Don DeMent suggested that perhaps the Chapter could be promoted throughout the SKP Saguaro Park on Channel 5 or at Chats WithThe Board. Sharon Del Rosario mentioned that many members do not live at the SKP Saguaro Park and would need to be reached in other ways. She asked Marti Moehlau how often the Newsletter is put out. Marti reported that it's currently done four times a year – after each rally and once in the summer to remind people of the Fall Rally and future events.

Chuck Dupuis reminded everyone that April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last SKP luncheon for the season. They will resume in November.

Ann Meilicke reported that raffle ticket sales had brought in \$275 for CARE.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Made by Don DeMent, seconded by Pat Spaulding.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY COMMITTEE:** With the next meeting of the Chapter undecided a special committee of Chapter 21 members assembled to approve these minutes. Those members included: President Don Del Rosario, Vice President Stuart Dutcher, and Sharon Del Rosario. The minutes were read and approved, April 5, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty Dawson  
Secretary, Chapter 21