



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Hi everyone,

It's August believe it or not. With everything going on time has just flown by. I am hoping everyone is doing well. Remember to send your ballot in by the Fifteenth of August. I want to thank everyone for the support they have given me. If we keep following the rules we will get through this!

President Gene Kowatch

I hope that everyone and their family are still safe and healthy. This year has definitely had its moments. I do not like the new norm, or the fact our families have suffered in one form or another, graduation, sports, Church, family gatherings, let us hope next year is better!

I feel bad that the sewing bees were cancelled, I know the women really enjoyed the get together and the Campground always benefited in more ways than one.

Good luck to the folks running for the Board position's, everyone's vote counts ,so be sure and send your vote in. I have enjoyed my VP position and hope you all were happy with how the Board did things. Remember no one is perfect and just do the right thing, we all try to get it right and would like to think we did.

Thank You all ,see ya at the Campground.
George Behler

Hello Fellow Campers!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! It sure has been a hot one, with no relief in sight, but I will take this weather over snow any day. ☺ This summer sure is a change from previous ones. Because of the pandemic, we are unable to plan large group activities. I sure do miss that. Hopefully we can put this past us and get back to planning campground get togethers soon.

Don't forget that this is an election year. Hopefully we will be able to have our general meeting in September.

The June 27th meeting went well. A financial package was given to all of the Chapter Presidents in attendance.

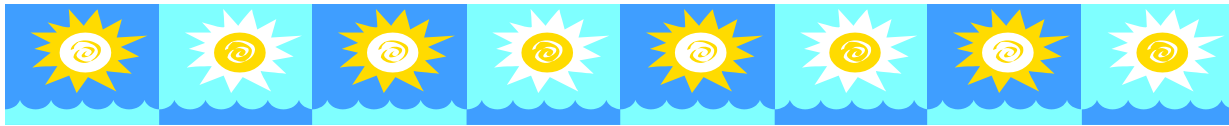
If you are a Chapter President and were unable to attend, please email me at ttcm treasurer14@gmail.com and I will send you copies.

Everyone stay safe and healthy and hope to see you all soon.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer



Secretary Report

Hope everyone had a nice 4th of July. Hard to believe that it is the middle of July already. Please take a moment to read the Minutes to the Board of Directors Meeting as there are some important things going on with our club. Any questions you may talk to any Board Member or your Chapter President. MAL's Rep's are Jessica Hutchins (Bellevue) and Bill Fox (Hesperia). If there is anything that you would like to see done or would like to make suggestions for, please talk to your chapter and your chapter's president.

If any member joins another Chapter please let me know for TTCM's Records. For New Members you may join any chapter or chapters you wish. There is no limit to how many chapters you can join. You can look up what a Chapter is in the By-Laws that I have provided to you in your New Membership PKG. Chapters will have other Activities outside of TTCM's Outing's. TTCM outings are the Pig Roast, All American Rally (Labor Day Weekend) and Halloween outings at both Campgrounds. Some years we have more. There are 12 Chapters: Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Draggin Train, DuneLand Winnies, Golden Agers, Grand Valley, Happy Campers, Happy Hitchers, Happy Wanders, MAL's (Members-At-Large), Restless Ones, and River Raisin. New Members can ask either Campground Directors who are the members of these chapters and who their Chapter Presidents are. You may call me also! For MAL's. they have a once a year meeting at the All American Rally. Would love to see new members come and find out what MAL's and TTCM are up to.

Happy Camping,

Sandy Jarrell

TTCM Secretary

Hello,

I hope everyone had at least one chance to get out and enjoy the campgrounds. It's been a very interesting summer to say the least. As a reminder all ballots must be post marked by August 15.

Happy Camping!

Jessica Hutchins

SEWING BEE

Hello ladies,

This year has been crazy! We have all missed the building but until the pandemic is over we cannot take a chance of anyone getting ill. So therefore, until next camping season when we know more, the sewing bee will have to be cancelled. We have missed getting together but I hope next year will be much better.

Nancy Hellman

HESPERIA NEWS

It is that time of the month for the newsletter, time is going by fast.

With things the way they are we have been having a good turnout for camping, which I am happy to see.

The weather has been almost too hot to do anything in.

Lefty is sorry to say that his FISH Fry in September is going to be cancelled.

Keep staying safe and keep camping!

Clione, Bob and Lefty

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions:

The ALL-AMERICAN RALLY scheduled yearly for Labor Day weekend has been cancelled.

The MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held in Hesperia on Monday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held outside so please bring lawn chairs and dress accordingly for the weather. The election results will be announced, and the new board of directors will be sworn in. One set of port-a-potties will be opened for the duration of the meeting. Sanitizer will be available.

Please remember social distancing and if you cannot social distance, please wear a mask.

Thank you!

ELECTION RESUMES:

PRESIDENT:

Hello Members!

I Johnathan Hutchins am running for president of TTCM. My grandparents joined sometime in the 80's, my parents in the 90's, and I joined in 2009. I have practically grown up in the campgrounds. I have seen the many great improvements along the way. I envision a bright future for TTCM. We had a good amount of new members join in 2019 and I would like to continue that increase especially in the younger crowd with families. I enjoy being a part of such a great camping family and community. I believe we are one organization, not two separate campgrounds, and need to work together to grow and improve both locations. I have participated in our Joint Planning Committee meetings and board meetings. I have heard and seen the needs in the campgrounds.

My family and I have attended Bellevue opening weekend, wood cutting weekend, and have run the kid's games at rallies over the years. I have served as youth leader for Novell Community Baptist Church. I was director of shooting sports at Camp Menhake(a Cub Scouts Residency Camp). I have taken leadership training and I served as team leader of the tool room at my employer where I work as a Journeyman Tool and Die Maker.

Thank you for your consideration and let's have a great 2020 camping season!

Johnathan Hutchins

VICE PRESIDENT:

Roger M Vogel #013

I would like to place my name on the ballot for the 2020 election for office of Vice President of TTCM. Cheryl and I have been members of TTCM for 15 years, my goal would be to work with the board and committees and the members to continue to improve the TTCM membership. Strive to keep improving the campground and make a safe place that everyone can have a fun filled camping experience. I would be committed to work with the new Board and help in any way that I can.

I was President of TTCM for a total of four years 2014 until 2018. Presently holding the office of senior advisor, I was Responsible for overseeing an annual budget by heading up committees, meetings, fund raising, board meetings, general meeting, treasury duties the hole of TTCM operation, I believe I could be an asset to the board with my experience.

I would like to thank you for your support.

Roger Vogel

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ELECTION RESUMES CONTINUED

SECRETARY:

Hello

I am the current Secretary and have been for the past 2 years for T.T.C.M, my husband and I have been members since 1990. We started in Double Dozen and are now Mals. I am also currently the President of Bouvier des Flandres Club of South Eastern Michigan, plus, a Dog Show Chairperson and Show Secretary. I have been on the By-Laws Committee a couple of times for T.T.C.M.. I have enjoyed being the secretary of T.T.C.M. for the past 2 ½ years and would like to stay secretary for the next 3 years.

I love the outdoors and enjoy planting flowers at each of the campgrounds. I enjoy pitching in and help around our campgrounds, enjoying those famous campfires.

Sandy Jarrell

TREASURER:

I would like to run again for the Treasurer position at TTCM.

I have been the Treasurer for the past term, and I am very familiar with the workings of the campground and the way all of the funds should be recorded. I am very dependable and honest. Roger and I have been members of TTCM for 15 years.

I have worked in the accounting field for my entire business career and I have used various accounting software. The campground is currently using QuickBooks, which is what I am using in my current job.

I have a Master's Degree in Information Systems and Communications. With this degree and many years of experience, I feel I will be able to continue the responsibilities of the Treasurer position for another term.

Thank you for your support.

Cheryl Vogel

ELECTION RESUMES CONTINUED

BELLVUE DIRECTOR:

This is to let the membership know that I am rerunning for campground director:

My qualifications are at least 6 years as director and 2 1/2 years when John Schultz resigned.

Herman Hazard

HESPERIA DIRECTOR:

Hello Members,

My name is Clione Carr and I am running for Campground Director position at Hesperia Campground. I was the Campground Director for the years 2019 and 2020. I have learned how to do the job.

I went to the Muskegon School of Business after graduating from Grant High School. I also worked for a farmer in our area doing the bookwork for their produce business.

My husband and I have been members of TTCM since 1996. We also property tended several times each year for several years, we are members of the Restless Ones.

I was instrumental in getting rid of the old cook stove that burned a lot of propane. And bought two regular kitchen stove's and hoods for the kitchen. And putting up new ceiling tile in the clubhouse, and it was all done with donated money.

I enjoy meeting people and making it a place where people enjoy coming.

Sincerely,

Clione Carr

TTCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 27, 2020

Call To Order: By Gene Kowatch

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Prayer – by Johnathon Hutchins

Roll Call – Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Draggin Train, Duneland Winnies, Golden Agers, Happy Wanders, MALs Bellevue, Restless Ones, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

Not present – Grand Valley, Happy Campers, Happy Hitchers, River Raison, Vice President

Pledge

Minutes of Previous Meeting- Motion to Accept with the Changes of Duneland Winnies were present.

Made by Beth Gay and 2nd by JoAnne Ingraham Motion carried

Guest Speaker – Randy Kuipels - A Forester Management, of 42yrs, who manages private Properties for Forestry and logging. Randy talked about how to manage our trees on both campground properties. He looked at both properties.

Bellevue has 81 acres 20 acres of harvestable trees. There are low wet areas that could be harvested if it is a very dry or frozen ground year. We need to figure out what we want from our wooded areas.

Hesperia has a variety of trees, and a lot of dead trees that need to go.

Gene Kowatch suggested that Steve Bouwman would be our person to work with Randy for Hesperia and Bill Oates will be Bellevue’s person to work with Randy.

Randy will charge 15% of what the (sale value) Logging Company will give us. Randy will have different Logging Companies come in and tell him what they will give us for logging each Campground.

Motion made to bring in Randy Kuipels (Forester Management) to help TTCM manage our campground properties for Harvesting and Management of our forests.....by Beth Gay and 2nd by Jessica Hutchins Motion Carried.

President Report – Thanked everyone who came to the meeting today.

Vice President Report – No Report

Secretary Report – Read a letter from M & M Camping Center Inc... They are no longer in business and thanked us for our support.

Treasurer Report– Our Profit/loss for 2019 \$13758.75

Total in all accounts.....\$136,836.47

Savings.....\$80,259.00

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Main (TTCM Mother Club) Checking Acc.....\$36,792.52

Bellevue Checking account.....\$3,064.58

Hesperia Checking account.....\$2772.83

Special Earmarked Funds accounts.....\$13,947.54

We have 172 members and 0 associate members

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as read by Patrick Story and 2nd by Deanne McGahan Motion Carried

Bellevue Campground – Speed bumps in and working great. 2 weeks ago a group came in with Dennis Dingman and cut wood. Another Wood Cutting is schedule the 3rd week of July (18 & 19), Dennis Dingman is coming in with a 24” saw to cut more.

Hesperia Campground – Trees that came down recently, are being cleaned up and split up. There was No wood cutting bee as there was no sewing bee.

Committees:

We will have to play ALL OUTINGS by what the Governor says

All- American Rally: Jessica Hutchins suggested that we have something like an old-fashion Camp-Out and Big Picnic with a lot of outdoor activities. We can have the Club Buy the Hamburger, hotdogs and fixin’s and possibly a dish to pass!

Halloween Outing: Hesperia – Bill & Rhonda Fox

Bellevue – Jessica Hutchins in the planning

Membership: 7 new members

Newsletter: No Report

Website: Up to date.

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue Campground - Zero Turn Mower - Bill Oates presented a report for a new Commercial Ferris Zero-turn Mower model ISX800, with a 27 Horse Power Motor with a 3 yr guarantee, 61” cut for \$7,700.

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Motion for Bellevue Director to purchase a new Ferris Zero-Turn Mower for \$7,700.00 made by Debbie Steenbergh and 2nd by JoAnne Ingraham Motion carried

Permanent speed bumps at Bellevue – Are in and Dennis Dingman did most of the work.

Hesperia Campground – In talking to MDOT about having a cement Leesway into our campground was going to be too expensive. Looking at other options.

Water Issues(Iron) – A filter system as estimated at \$4,500.. Clione is still looking at other options.

Light pole will be worked on when Lefty gets back.

Electric Upgrade – Need to find someone to change out the Outlet boxes and must find out cost of a bigger transformer for more electric power coming into the campground. Will have to find out what the cost of a bigger transformer.

Tree Harvesting at Bellevue Campground - Discussed at beginning of meeting

Bringing in outside groups - Will have to look into this further. We need to have each Chapters discuss this with their own chapters and see how they feel about bringing in large groups. Bellevue has 82 sites.

Changing Outsider Camping Fees – there was no blackout dates or restrictions of any kind on Passport America's website.

Motion to "Change Passport America" to add Restrictions – Blackout Dates and Sunday thru Thursday are Discounted \$12.00 a night and Friday & Saturday Full price of \$24.00 a night made by Jessica Hutchins and 2nd by Bill Oates. Motion Carried

New Business:

Elections - Jessica Hutchins mailed 1 ballot per TTCM Number and supposed to mail each member a ballot.

Motion to except ballots as mailed out 1 per TTCM number per this election, made by Debbie Steenberg and 2nd by Jessica Hutchins. Vote was with 2 nays, motion carried

Cleaning out of Pond at Bellevue

Motion made by Jessica Hutchins. for Roger Vogel to put a proposal together for looking into cleaning up the pond and remove the peat moss 2nd by

Facebook - Need a new person on our TTCM Facebook page as Administrator. Jessica Hutchins volunteered to be the new Administrator for TTCM's Facebook.

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Audit Books - Kay Kowatch, JoAnne Ingraham and Brenda Hildebrandt volunteered to audit TTCM books

Proceeding with Covid 19:

ALL CLUBHOUSES & OUTHOUSES SHALL REMAIN CLOSED!

NO Clubhouses or Out-House's shall be opened **without** Gene's Approval. We MUST keep Social Distancing and wearing a mask, while at the campgrounds.

Website: Remove the Addresses of Club Officers from Website and Newsletters, out of concerns over safety of our members.

Meeting Adjourned motion by Patrick Story 2nd by Beth Gay

Sandy Jarrell

TTCM Secretary

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DIRECTIONS:

From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 approx. 1 mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South).

At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).

Campground is approx. 0.8 miles on your right.

Hesperia Campground

6777 E. M-20

Hesperia, MI 49421

Phone: 231-338-6124

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DIRECTIONS:

From Hesperia: head 3.5 miles West on M-20.

From White Cloud: West 16.5 miles on M-20.

Campground is on the south side of the road.

Cyndi Behler
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DELIVER TO:



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