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Treasurer Report-

If anyone missed the All American in Bellevue put on by the Double Dozen Chapter - You really missed a great time. They not only returned the check that was given to them for see money but with all their hard work made \$896.00 for TTCM. The only thing that has not been paid is for the extra dumpster that was brought in. Everyone should congratulate this chapter for a job WELL DONE!!!!

Kathy Rollenhagen

From the Secretary-

I want to thank all of you for your support these past 6 years. I have enjoyed being your secretary and tried to do my best for you and TTCM. It has been eventful and trying at times but this organization is very precious to me. I have been a member for 36 years and have watched TTCM grow, fall down and get bruised a little and then recoup and blossom again. I would like all f you to give your support t Leo Fitzpatrick as your new secretary. Please send your 2012 due to him as he will be taking over in October.

Leo Fitzpatrick
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Please send him your Incorporation Papers and your new 2012 officers. Once again, I thank you all.

Sharon Westerhouse

Welcome Corner-

Wayne & Elizabeth Stout #4729 MAL from Fremont MI
Arturo & DeAnna Munoz #4730 DLW from Michigan City IN
Ken & Carrie Tobias #4731 BL from Kalamazoo MI
Paul & Donetta Jager #4732 MAL from Muskegon MI
John & Judy Wilson From Muskegn MI
Kimberly Buchanan & QuadaLue Hernandez from Michigan City IN

Welcome back to:
Scott & Bonnie Deja #4629 from South Haven MI

**** WELCOME ****

Hesperia Sewing Bee-

What a fun and busy five day's. We had twenty sewing machines of all kinds. I would hate to think of the value of money that was in the club house for the week. And the owners were so busy. Such a range of different projects that were being done. Purse's, quilts, quilts for Veterans, pillows, pillow cases, 117 done in June. 70 in Sept. Aprons, trivet, baked potato bags, rice bag, table cloth, casserole harrier, little girls dress and shorts for the boys, coaster's, and pot holders.

We even made aprons and pot holder's for our GREAT three cooks==Joe Swarts==Terry Hellman==Ron McCastle. I hate to say it but we aren't just going home with all we sew----but I'm sure that we all are going home with a few extra pounds on us. The cooks out did themselves this year. No one went away hungry even our husbands enjoy the evens meals. So another year is behind us and we are already planning our June sewing bee. So if you are interested---PLEASE contact Nancy Hellman very soon. So have a good winter. 2011 September SEWING BEE

Bellevue Tree Planting-

On the 10th of Sept. Dolores Welch along with her daughter Lori put a plaque by the tree that was in honor of past member Jim Welch of the Double Dozen #2335. I hope everyone goes to see this and notices all the detail that was put into this stone down to the type of car, and the trailer color and the TTCM# on the trailer. It was a very moving moment and I was glad that I happened to be there at the right time and was able to meet Dolores and Lori.

Thanks goes out to Darrion who was the photographer and was kind to send me the pictures.

Submitted by
Brenda Hilderbrandt
TTCM# 4608



2011 ALL AMERICAN RALLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

Rally Fees	2250
Shirts	282
Halloween Rally to Pay for Food	200
Food Sold @ Carnival	148
Extra Food/Pop Sold to Campers	80
Jiffy Co. donations	50
Lunch Sold by MALS	34.5
Pop Sold @ Chix Dinner	2.5

Total Income 3047

Expenses

Food/Pop/Ice/Paper Goods	1093
Games/Goody Bags/Prizes	287
Entertainment (Band)	200
Decals	148
Shirts	80
Décor	58
Equipment Rental	56
Copies	22
Postage/Money Order	7

Total Expenses 1951

Total Income 3047
Total Expenses -1951
Total Profit 1096

Newsletter Editor-

Beginning with the January/February 2012 newsletter the editor position will be taken over by Melissa Murrie. Melissa has set up an email address tcmnewslettereditor@gmail.com. She needs to compile a list of members that would like to receive their newsletter by email. Please email Melissa at this email address and provide her your email address along with your name and TCM number.

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2011 All American Rally



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT BELLEVUE SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

ALL AMERICAN RALLY

The President and Secretary are present for business. The meeting was called to order by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Roll call was taken with 2 Chapters absent, River Raisen and Grand Valley.

The Board of Directors meeting of May 2011 was read. Questions were asked and answered and Happy Campers moved to accept the minutes as read and published. Seconded and carried. The August Planning Committee meetings of Bellevue and Hesperia were read. There was discussion on the numbers displayed and insurance requirements for units in storage. The Bellevue Planning Committee recommended a fee of \$25.00 a month for winter storage. Question was asked by Linda Vella, "Does the Planning Committee have the authority to set the amount of the storage fees?" Answer, "They are recommending this amount to the Board." Inez Cummings moved to accept the reports as read. Seconded and passed.

There was no correspondence at this time.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Rollenhagen. Financial reports and membership updates were passed out to all presidents. Our profit for this year as of August 31 is \$2,793.38, down \$4,795.55 from last year at this time. We will need \$17,000 to break even as we have taxes, insurance and electric yet to pay. We cannot go below the \$50,000 that is in reserve. We have a total of \$88,125.87 in the bank. She thanked Cheryl Dennis, Joyce Carpenter, Harriet Conklin and Inez Cummings for helping with the audits. Bellevue was satisfactory and Hesperia's was not as their bank statements were not reconciled, their balances did not co-inside with her figures, golf carts with no insurance recorded etc.

If anyone needs new badges or rockers, get a hold of Kathy or the new treasurer as they are the ones who order them. Tom Crisfield moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. It was seconded with 1 opposed, motion passed.

Bellevue report was given by Tom Westerhouse. The electric and water are done. Thanks to the Mals, River Raisen and Blossom for their donations from the rally.

Hesperia report was given by Lefty McGahan stating that the new fence is up and looks nice. We have the new outhouses that were approved. We mow as needed to save fuel. We have been having potluck dinners. Harold asked if the fence was approved by the Board of Directors. Did they get approval to spend the money as the by-laws state? Answer by treasurer, "No, it was not brought before the Board for approval. I was not contacted for the money from the garage sales. Lefty wrote a check from his campground check book for the fence."

MAL report was given by Representative Tom Crisfield. He stated that Inez Cummings was voted as the new MAL rep for next year. President Dick Hamlin asked the MAL rep to look at the right- in voting procedure and give us a more detailed way it should be done and report at the May officers meeting next year. There was a mix up this year and hopefully we can fix it.

2011 Rally Report: We had 83 units on grounds. No final financial numbers yet but we are looking very good. We may be able to return the \$1500.00 seed money.

2012 Rally Report: Will be in Hesperia. Decision for chairman will be decided by new officers.

2013 Rally Report: Missy Murrie from Happy Campers reported that they will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization of TTCM in 1963. She would like to have pictures of your memories of past rallies.

President stated that we need a records room for all the financial records, voting ballots, newsletters etc. The back room here at Bellevue will be sectioned off, insulated and fire proofed as best we can. We plan on working on this next year.

Old Business: Bellevue needs direction from the members on the winter storage problems.

What do we do about units never moved, units with no numbers displayed and units with no current license plates and insurance? This was tabled from the May meeting with a challenge to each president to poll their chapters and bring to this meeting their options.

Roll call of Chapters was taken for their comments on this subject. All Chapters responded except Draggin Train & Grand Valley. Restless Ones was not sure, talked to 2 members and they were divided in opinion. River Raisen felt there should be a set fee and agreed with numbers displayed, current insurance and license plates. Double Dozen stated donation, correct forms and a disclaimer should be required. All other Chapters stated there should be a donation, numbers displayed, correct forms filled out, insurance and current license plates; these need to be required before going into storage. JoAnn Ingraham suggested that the forms be put out for the people to fill out.

Mike Mullins moved that requirements for winter storage be a donation, correct insurance, numbers displayed and storage form filled out with donation before parking in storage. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Harold stated that all rally forms should have a spot for current insurance if bringing a golf cart to the campgrounds during an outing.

The subject of property tenders was brought up again. Why doesn't Bellevue have property tenders? The members in the Bellevue Campground area are younger and still working and can't come out for a week. They don't have a lot of retired members. Hesperia campground area has a lot of retired members who can property tend for a week with no problem.

New Business: Tina Mullens raised the subject of the teens TP insurance at the rally. There was much discussion. Roger Vogel made a motion to reinstate the T.P.ing with guidance for the teens at the rally. Seconded and passed.

Missy Murrie asked the question of having the application for TTCM on the web site. Is this appropriate? What do we know about these people? Can we do a back ground check? Missy moved to take the application off the web site. There was much discussion on this subject. She later rescinded her motion.

Missy then moved to leave the application on the web site. The applicant agrees to have a records check done by checking the box before application is accepted. Seconded. Again there was much discussion. Missy rescinded her motion in lieu of Joe Anderson who will do research on the subject and bring it back to the members.

Roll Call of Chapters:

Blossom Land – Thanks for a great rally

Double Dozen – Thanks to DD for all their work especially Linda & Gayle and we will host Halloween on August 31, October 1&2 come help, we want your ideas.

Draggin Train – Absent

Dune Land Winnies – Great rally, great time

Golden Agers – Excellent rally

Grand Valley – Absent

Happy Campers – Wonderful rally. We are asking for pictures or memories of passed rallies for the 2013 All American. The theme is “Celebrate Good Times”

Happy Hitchers – great rally. I challenge the Chapters to have your members read the By-Laws and be informed. That would take care of a lot of the questions that were asked here.

Happy Wanders – Great rally

River Raisen – Great rally, good to see all the Chapters here.

Restless Ones – Great rally, good time

MAL – Wonderful time, DD did a great job. I enjoyed watching the kids on the water slide.

Senior Advisor – We are mailing out more newsletters than e-mail. Take it by e-mail if possible. We need to have the length of units and number of slide outs on the registration form for the All American. This would help help the parking committee a lot.

Vice President – Thanks to DD for an outstanding job. Thanks for your support, it was an eye opening experience.

Treasurer – Thanks to DD, you did a lot of work. I hope I did a good job for you as your Treasurer. Thank you for your support.

Secretary – Your Chapters Incorporation papers are needed before next year. I want to thank all of you for putting up with me for the past 6 years. It's been trying at times. Thank you for your confidence, I appreciate it.

Bellevue Director – We will need help with closing. Those who come out to work will get free camping for the weekend.

Hesperia Director – Good rally, let's move forward.

President – Newsletter editor is needed. Debbie is no longer able to do it. Missy Murrie has volunteered to take over the newsletter in January. We will be planting trees at Halloween. Remember that the state and federal government has given us directions on what we need to do in our financial reports. We must follow our By-Laws to protect our non-profit status.

Teen Report: The teens would like to thank DD and all who bought the TP insurance. We had a pizza party.

Election Report: Tom Crisfield announced the new officers for 2012. The numbers will be published in the newsletter.

President – Roger Vogel

Vice President – Daryl Westphall

Secretary – Leo Fitzpatrick

Treasurer – Brenda Hilderbrandt

Bellevue Director – Kork Wielinga

Hesperia Director – Lefty McGahan

Dick invited the new officers to attend the Board of Directors meeting on the 10th of September. Tom Crisfield is to give the newsletter editor a list of the election results. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and passed.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Minutes compiled by Sharon Westerhouse, current secretary

**Board of Director's Meeting at Bellevue
September 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM**

The President and Secretary are present for business. Meeting was called to order by President Dick Hamlin. Chapters represented were: Blossom Land-Judy Collins, Double Dozen-Roger Vogel, Draggin Train-Bill Oates, DuneLand Winnies-Daren Westphall, Golden Agers-Ray Hilderbrandt, Grand Valley-Absent, Happy Campers-Harriet Conklin, Happy Hitchers-Harold Hemry, Happy Wanders-Liz VerPlank, MAL-Inez Cummings, Restless Ones-Ron Page, River Raisen-James Seegert Sr. A quorum was present for business.

The new officers for 2012 also attended this meeting: Roger Vogel-new President, Daryl Westphall-new Vice president, Brenda Hilderbrandt-new Treasurer, Leo Fitzpatrick-new Secretary and Kork Wielinga-new Bellevue Director.

Dick stated that the reason for this meeting is to take care of the problems with the Hesperia Director not fulfilling his duties according to the by-laws. Direction needs to be taken to resolve these problems.

First, he talked about the problem at storage when someone backed into another unit while parking in storage. We need to be more careful and leave a distance between units. Don't park so close. There was not an incident report filled out.

Dick stated that there is to be minutes of every meeting recorded according to our by-laws. If there are no minutes sent to the Secretary than the business that was conducted and voted upon is Null and void.

He then turned the meeting over to Kathy to talk about the audit at Hesperia. She stated that the audit was unsatisfactory as the bank statements were not reconciled since September of 2010.

Cash money of \$520.00 was receipted and sent to the Secretary for new memberships and re-instatement over a period of 2 months. There is a receipt for that amount that Hesperia wrote, but no mention of the money going into the bank. The money was not deposited and a check wrote to the Secretary for each time the new memberships were sent to her.

Sharon stated that she received this amount in membership applications & re-instatement which was included with the applications. She receipted each of the new members for their cash payment. She shows the money coming in on the receipt book and going out on the membership report form.

Kathy stated that we have 2 receipts for the same money that didn't go to the Hesperia bank in the first place. If audited we can't show where the money went. She stated that she will not sign the tax forms because the money wasn't handled properly. She was not sure that our new Treasurer, Brenda would want to either.

Lefty commented that it was no big deal about sending money through the mail. Vice President, Bill Rollenhagen, stated that it was a big deal and that he was told not to do it.

Kathy stated that she had sent Lefty several notices not to send money through the mail. So, he was informed that this was not to be done, but it continued.

The maintenance logs were not current as requested for audit. Out of 8 golf carts, there were 5 proofs of insurances missing on the golf carts owned by members. When the audit was done, the computer did not have the current balance recorded to date from his checkbook.

Lefty was asked what help was needed to correct these things. It was stated that he has property tenders every week; he has a treasurer so why this can't be done on time? Lefty did not prioritize the important things that need to be done by the Director. He has 2 property tenders so there is no reason he can't do the things required by the by-laws.

Dick stated that he needs to check the property tenders books on Sunday, deposit on Monday morning and mail out to the TTCM treasurer the copy of the deposit, property tender sheets keeping a copy for himself, temporary membership forms and whatever else the Treasurer may need. Enter all transactions in his computer and he is done for the week. It only takes a couple of hours a week to do this. Then everything is done and mailed and the TTCM Treasurer can do her job. Then he has all the rest of the week to do whatever he needs to do.

Bill Rollenhagen stated that Lefty didn't follow the planning committee's motion to put the fire pit in the teen area so a large group could gather for the fire. Instead it was put by the flag pole where another group of people wanted it. It was not voted upon to move to a new location. It was not done as directed by the committee. You have to follow what your minutes say.

Sharon stated that once the motion was passed, it takes a new motion to change the previous one. Minutes were taken, motions were made and you just can't change things because you or a few people want it different. You have to follow the correct procedure. You need to re-read your by-laws as to your job description. You need to know how to use the computer and do your financial obligations.

Kathy stated that the temporary membership forms have a place for names & addresses. This is for reporting on our taxes. The temporary membership form from Hesperia only has names.

They were told to fill out the complete form. So, now this money will have to go towards guest camping which will be way over the \$500.00 limit as we don't have the addresses to prove they were temporary members. This will hurt us this year on taxes.

Daryl suggested that Brenda go to Hesperia and work with Lefty and Edna on the records of Hesperia. Brenda agreed.

Question was asked as to how you can teach your campground treasurer to do the books if you can't do it yourself. The Director is responsible for the finances of the campground. Lefty had no comment.

Question was then asked as to why Edna is Lefty's Co-Director when the only Co-Directors were appointed by Dick when John Schultz resigned at Bellevue. Lefty said that he appointed her as Co-Director and she gets free camping. He was told that he does not have the authority, according to the by-laws, to appoint a Co-Director. He asked for Edna to be his campground treasurer only which this Board did approve previously. Edna was told that she is only the treasure for Hesperia. She agreed and understood.

Brenda agreed to stay with the same accountant that Kathy has been working with as he is familiar with our finances. Transition of the Treasurer & Secretary will be done in October.

Missie Murrie will take over the newsletter in January. Information will be in the newsletter this winter.

Roger Vogel asked to have the material for the fire pit below. Daryl will be at Bellevue in a few weeks to do the fire pit. Dick will get the materials and Double Dozen will reimburse the cost.

The question was asked if we could approve the fence in Hesperia. We have to give authority to transfer the money over. A motion was made by Ray Hilderbrandt Jr. to give Board approval to transfer funds from Hesperia garage sale money to pay for the fence. The motion was seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Vice President voted no, Secretary abstained and the rest voted to pass the motion.

Roger Vogel, the new president, stated that he is going to be on top of these problems and things will be done right. Kork is to get a treasurer to be approved by the Board and learn the financial procedures on the computer too.

Lefty was not reprimanded for his actions.

Daryl suggested that we need to increase our membership. Possibly we could advertise or have an open house at the campgrounds.

No other business was discussed. Ray Hilderbrandt Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Sharon Westerhouse, Secretary

ARTICLE XII VACANCIES IN OFFICE

- A)** The office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and trustee shall be declared vacant by the Board of Directors for failure or refusal of the officer to perform the duties of the office, or death of the office holder, at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that at least thirty (30) days notice shall be given to the occupant of that office by registered mail to such office holder's last known address except if deceased; and with copies to all members of the Board of Directors by mail.

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Hesperia Campground: 6777 M-20, Hesperia, MI 49421 (231)854-9913
*From Hesperia, head 3.5 miles west on M-20.
*From White Cloud, West 16.5 miles on M-20, campground on south side.

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