



The 44th Annual Membership Meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. was held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in the Post Theater, Fort Clark Springs, Kinney County, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice President B.E. Sweet. The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Sandra Hagen, and B.E. Sweet, Bill Herman, and Myrna Cassel. Also present was John Hodge, Director of Operations, and Monique Jensen, Office Manager. President Roby Roberson was absent. Members present recorded in Board Minutes Binder.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation delivered by Dave Kever. Pledges of Allegiance then followed.

Welcome: Vice President Sweet welcomed those in attendance. He proceeded with introductions of the Board of Directors, the new Director of Operations, John Hodge and recognized the electoral candidates Ann Baron, Myrna Cassel, Jodee Stevens, Sandra Hagen.

Approval of Minutes:

Cassel read aloud the minutes from May 17, 2015 rescheduled Annual Membership Meeting. Dave Kever moved to approve the minutes as read. Woodie Trotter seconded the motion. Sweet called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

Jerry Wojtek, CPA, from Oliver Garison LLP, reported on the financial audit for the fiscal year 2013-2014. He proceeded with the Audit Report stating the opinion of the Auditing Firm the audit was a clean audit. He noted highlights of the financials: total consolidated assets were down 4.6% and cash balance increased by 17%. Consolidated net loss for the year was \$178,376. Bank account balances as of September 30, 2014 is \$701,928 which includes general fund, impound fund, and historical building preservation fund. He encouraged all members to look at and read the audit. The audit will be available at the Administration building on Monday.

State of the Association:

Director of Operations, John Hodge, welcomed and thanked the membership for such a warm welcome to him and his family to the community. He noted during the interview process he had the opportunity to come out to the Fort and was given a tour. He expressed his immediate reaction of falling in love with the Fort and could see the potential that was hidden. He highlighted his work history where one of his first jobs was sweeping at Knott's Berry Farm and then having 15 years of experience of Operations Management part of which was working at the Mission San Juan Capistrano in California.

He briefly explained policies that he has put in place since his arrival including accounting practices with a system of checks and balances and transparency for the membership and board for our financials. This is the same process he's had at previous jobs and he knows it works. He has plans for increasing marketing the Fort to bring in more revenue through package deals, new advertising books in the motel rooms, a new map for Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs, and inviting journalists to come and visit. He wants to share Fort Clark Springs with the public and invite them with a Recreation Fee to bring in revenue and show the value of membership. Corporate events are another way to market the Fort and increase revenue. He is currently working on a plan to open the bar in Dickman Hall.

He conveyed his thanks to the staff of Fort Clark Springs and noted the staff is a hard working group of people who care about the Fort. He expressed that in order to save the Fort we all have to come together and work together.

Recognition of Committees:

Herman read aloud the committees that are established on the Fort including: RV Committee, Golf Committee, Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Committee, Architectural Committee, Recreation Committee, Airport Advisory Committee, Recycling Committee, Community Council, Historical Society, and Old Quarry Society. Herman added thanks for serving and donating time to working on these committees.

Employee of the Year:

Hagen introduced the employees of the year. Diana Stewart, RV Park Manager and James Holloway, RV Park Assistant Manager were recognized for their superb job at keeping grounds in great shape, and providing excellent customer service.

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Member of the Year:

Cassel introduced Allison Watkinson as Member of the Year for her extensive work as Community Council President, Living Historian Coordinator, and general love of the Fort.

Outgoing Directors:

Sweet recognized the outgoing directors Myrna Cassel, Sandra Hagen, and Roby Roberson for their outstanding jobs working on the Board.

Election Results:

Twila Barnett, CPA, associate at Glen, Graf, & Bowers stood and read the results of the 2015 Board of Directors Election:

Official number of ballots mailed from Fort Clark Springs	2304
Official ballots received	887
Official ballots countable	815
Official ballots received after deadline	4
Official ballots undeliverable as addressed	32
Official ballots uncountable	36

Results of the election are as follows:

Ann G. Barron	478
Myrna Cassel	652
Jodee Stevens	349
Sandra Hagen	565

Write-In Candidates totals (as reported during the meeting):

Dan Sullivan	54
Bill Haenn	37
Todd Tate	22

Swearing in Ceremony:

Sweet administered the Oath of Office.

Sweet presented a plaque in recognition and appreciation to Roby Roberson for his term as a Board Member.

Announcements and Closing:

Sweet announced The John Clarkson Band, presented by Old Quarry Society, would be performing in the Post Theater starting at 7pm.

He announced the next Regular Board of Directors Meeting is April 18, 2015 at 9:00am in the Board Room.

The member lunch is served at the Las Moras Grill starting at 11am. Tickets needed to get your meal. The Grill will reopen for regular business at 4:00pm.

The new Board of Directors will convene in an organizational meeting here on the stage directly following adjournment. Members are welcome to stay.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Katie Brown. Charles Field seconded the motion. Vote was called and passed unanimously at 10:55am.

Organizational Meeting Summary:

Sweet announced the result of officers from the Organizational Meeting.

Myrna Cassel – President

B.E. Sweet – Vice President

Ann Baron – Associate Vice President

Sandra Hagen – Treasurer

William Herman – Secretary