

March 5, 2010

Minutes of the State Board Meeting were read.

New lodge development, Roger Wallert Welcome to Frankenmuth and Burch Run. At this time there are no moose centers in the works. Looking for organizers that would like to help make the calls in an area. Ideas to start a service center, contact the local governing authority. Find a location to hold meetings. Should have two meetings a months and keep the times and dates the same for each. Handouts for information available.

Mooseheart and Moosehaven hand outs available.

Dave spoke on Government relations and comment cards. If you have an issue that you would like answered, please pick up at the podium. Preferred member parties, please take this project on and thank your members. Had 92% transmitted last month, thanks? A few questions have come through the office about "People to People". This is a very good organization and they do exist. Accounts receivable for Moose Intl. We were about half a million and is now \$600,000, but could be from the risk pool insurance. Email boxes, some are getting spam and have been working on that. Dave spoke to the full State Board about by-laws.

Goven't relations, Dave was invited to the state of the State address. As of May 1st Moose Lodges will not be exempt from the Smoking Law. They don't even know what they are doing with it. It looks like it will be coming to each county health department, and could be different in each county. Cathy Funky is now working as our Lobbyist and doing a great job. House bill 51.21 will be affecting us. The bill will increase the fee from \$200 to \$1000. Looking to kill the bill, but there have been some changes. 52.25 is looking to change the number of licenses from 4 to 12. Trying to define large and small millionaire parties. Working of different things like the Special Olympics and keno. Right now they are looking the other way on Keno but trying to work on it.

Lodge orientation, be sure to hold an orientation for new members and tell them about the Moose and that they will be getting a video in the mails that they can watch. Tell them about your lodge calendar and local lodge rules and policy.

Officers training, Bob Cornwell and Larry Deater. All new program this year, once you go and get trained this year, you are done for three years. Just because you have been around for 30 years and a pilgrim, things change and you need to know what those things are. This is drastically improved class, please plan to attend.

Youth Congress, 34 lodge participated, 92 students, 14 have sent reports back in.

Mardeen Hess is traveling the state doing 2-Hott class. Looking for lodges to host a training class.

3-6-10 Session 2

Dave spoke about the staff meeting in Branson. The Supreme Council decided to open a department of lodge operations. This moved Shawn Baile up to membership director. He read a description of the new department.

Shawn Baile spoke on Community Service program. Getting some resistance from the from schools on the Youth Awareness program. They are trying to talk to the secretaries of education. Special Olympics and Wertz warriors. Thanks to Michigan and the GREAT job. Please continue what you do, we ask that each lodge consider \$100 a year donation to the program. Safe Surfin has picked up a congressman that read a statement on the floor recognizing the Moose Organization for their efforts in this program.

Gayle reminded the attendees that the Moose Legion donated .50 per member to the scholarship program for the Youth Awareness program.

Jim Grawl spoke on Moose of the Year and Rookie of the year. Everyone should have one every year. This year will be the 21st year of the program. Only requirement for the Moose of the Year is that his dues are current. This goes to the man that will be Jr Past Gov on May 1st. Rookie fo the Year selection is different, this person must have been enrolled after July 1st 2007. Re-enroll do not count, or join another lodge. Must be a legionnaire in good standing. Must be on or serve on a lodge committee or serve in a lodge office. Jim read off the names of the Moose of the Year and Rookie of the Year for the state.

Tiger Day July 11th, 2010 Tickets \$15.00 or \$22.00 above home plate. Family activities will not be ending, and Governors must have the report in my the time they leave office.

Gayle presented a certificate that was given to him by Wertz Warriors and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Loss Prevention-lets keep down our insurance claims. The biggest claim is through corporate theft. Watch for checks and statements. Each lodge officer can and should be checking the books. Each month the board should be checking records and statements. Identity theft, make sure that you have your members approval before putting personal information in the newsletter. Phone numbers, birthdays. House committee information should not be discussed outside of the office. Liquor liability is a huge cost for the order, make sure you and your staff are trained. Avoid accidents, slip and fall. Check carpeting, snow and ice, slick floors in the rainy season. Michigan had 8 claims last year for \$50,000, of that was \$30,000 for slip and fall, and liquor was \$10,000

Special event insurance. If it is not a Moose related event, it should have special event insurance. Will alcohol be assumed by ANYONE and the room is rented or reserved you MUST have the insurance.

Debbie Palmer spoke on the TIPs program. Home Safe Program is available, if you have a group of people and one person can be the designated driver and they drink soda or coffee for the night.

Rev it Up Ride: Jim Adams from the Special Olympics attended. Trying to get a 1,000 man ride. \$100 from each rider collected and ride into Central Michigan University. Money will go 50/50 to Moose Charities and Wertz Warriors. Jim spoke on the Rev It Up Program.

Seminar in Reno. 3 tracks available. WOTM to voice opinions with the Director General. 2. Running a successful lodge and social quarter's operations. 3. The Moose Legion, making a difference between success and failure. November 7th – 10th \$250 per person with room included.

Session 3

Credit cards to improve your social quarters sales. First Data has a new rep, and trying to see what is up. Transactions are being missed because members don't have the cash or don't want to use it. If you have a food service or beverage, you need to have credit card service. Imagine a members guest want to join but doesn't have the cash, do you want to possibly loose that potential member. Costs are \$20 a month for reports, then a percent of sales.

Ladies visited from the WOTM.

Dan Engleke spoke on Changing Faces of Moose Sports. Multiple lodges could take part in an international tournament and benefit from it. All pool tournaments in the state are changing, all tournament are now going to be handicapped. Golf attendance is up, bowling is average, fishing is up. If there are any lodges or chapters that would like to host a tournament for the State, please contact the chairman and they will happy to discuss it with you. All bid letters will be sent out by March 1st and due back my Aug 1st.

Dave announce We match you is back on again. Retro to March 1st, and goes to April 30th. Let Bob Beardsley know if you will be participating in it.

Next fall's convention 5 club party will be on the boats again.

Shawn Baile spoke and asked, Why are we afraid of a Challenge.

Bob Beardsley spoke on membership. When you sign your first member and get your pin for the theme, wear it. It can be a door opener and you can explain the order and sign a new member. Remember that if you sign 4 apps you get a sweater, and sign 8 get a second for your significant other. Please reply to the letter that is sent out for your size AND your ladies size. We don't send out reminders. Dave hit a little bit on the 10/10. We can do it again and it is a great deal. Please contact Bob if you're going to do it 616-887-8578 or fax 616-887-1933.

We now have a boat deal going on from Moose International. Runs from March 1st, 2010 to May 31st, 2010. Sign 2 new apps and enrolled by may 31st, Moose Intl will pay the sponsors dues for 2011. You also go into a drawing for one of three trips.

Donna and Delpha spoke on the Case or Cash program for this fall again. Some figures from last year, we filled a 48 foot semi with all but 8 foot of it. We raise \$5996 and purchased about \$18,000 worth of foods and goods. 219 children at Mooseheart that we need to support. This year Oct 8,9, and 10th for dropping off food. Spaghetti dinner will be the 9th. Oct 22nd-24th will be founders day weekend. Please don't take from your general fund, hold a raffle or ask your leagues to donate. This project is now being talked about all over the country in other Associations.

Sunday Session 4

John Tate announced that he has collected over \$10,000 this weekend. Total 59,279.11 this year. There are 12 lodges that have not donated to the endowment fund yet this year.

Jim Colby read off checks for the charities. Looking for donations towards watches of \$65.00 for founders day. Also looking for donation towards their haunted house. Remember that you must donate \$100 toward Moose Charities for Special Olympics to get credit for your Premier Award. The rest can go towards Wertz Warriors. Safe Surfin is also a requirement for the Premier Award and read off those donations. Boy Scouts is a part of your community service report and can donate if you don't have your own troop.

Calendars were at 70% this year, next year we are going to go to 100 per lodge by district. So a district with 7 lodges will get 700 tickets to sell. Thanks to those that got the tickets in so early this year. It was nice not to have to chase lodges down.

Lanny talked about the R. Dale scholarship fund. High school students of the class of 2011. Father/Mother, Grand parent, step parents children eligible. Make sure to get it in your bulletin. Spoke on the per capita tax, that is the tax that lets you belong to the association. ABCD portion of dues goes to Mooseintl. ABCD went up to \$28 and association would have been over \$5.00, so the association cut it back from 20% to 12%. Intl is going up \$2.00 a year, so that would raise the state again. So the state has gone from 12% to 11%. SO right now it is \$3.30 per member. The state has the five point program that will help to offset your per capita up to \$1.00 per member. (.20 for each point)

The calendar program is to help the lodges, not the state. How does the calendar help you, it helps through the special projects. We don't need to come to you and ask for more money. The state association is doing everything they can do to help with the costs at the lodge for programs. 10/10 program is also for the WOTM, we are helping them to. Even the convention, if you went to the awards banquet, the cost was \$25.00. The state associations cost for each ticket was \$35.00.

Attendance for the Men's and WOTM meetings WOTM 295, Men 334

Dave Coffey spoke on the attendance this weekend. Thanks for your efforts to be here. Charitable giving last year very disappointing, and this year we were over 50% and are closing that out. Bob Porn came in with some new information on the smoking ban. It is now on the state site, Dave will bulk it out to units. Wondered about ordering shirts for the Rev it Up, contact Bob Beardsley.