

E-Board/Governors/State Rep Meeting Minutes CoHT 2018 National Gathering

Tod Wells called the meeting to order at 9 o'clock AM in the Council House
opening with the Pledge of Alligence

Present: Tod Wells, Tammy Sowers-White, Scott Carlson, Zach Weisenburger, Mac Stewart, Mike Molnar, Bart Riegel, Dave Gilbertson, Jeff Osenbaugh, Billy Ferguson, Jason Groff (Fort Superintendent)

Fort Atkinson Bicentennial 2019: Jason Groff went over the Fort's Bicentennial celebration that will extend through 2020. He extended an invitation to the 2019 October 5th and 6th buffalo butchering and would like the members of the COHT to do the actual butchering. Tod to discuss with the membership. Jason then took his leave to attend other fort business.

2017 Meeting Minutes: Mac read the 2017 Meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: Bart Riegel Second: Dave Gilbertson Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution and By Laws: Tod Wells emphasized the need to follow the CoHT Constitution and By Laws in future decision making.

COHT Decals: Dave Gilbertson said there were no nibbles on the vehicle/trailer 12" decals.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 CoHT National Gathering: Tod Wells attempted to call the new Superintendent at Fort O'Sage several times to inquire if our 2019 NG would be possible at Fort O'Sage considering the fort's fire earlier this year. None of his calls were returned. As we need to start planning and following Fort Osage's disastrous fire, the E-Board will discuss having next year's NG at Fort Atkinson the week after Easter, April 24th - 29th, 2019. It was noted that the CoHT is always welcome at Fort Atkinson.

Changing the Constitution: In light of Fort Osage's fire, the need to change the CoHT Constitution to allow more flexibility in moving the NG to other sites was discussed.

- The change needs to be announced in the TTG and the entire membership need to vote on it.
- The verbiage needs to be such that it allows the CoHT to move the NG in the event of natural disaster.
- While the NG needs to remain centrally located, that area needs to be defined.
- Site criteria needs to be defined.
- Mac has called previous and returning members and mentioned the the biggest reason for leaving was the immobile NG.
- Mike Molnar will develop the criteria that sites would need in order to host the NG.
- Scott Carlson will work up the new constitutional verbiage. Jim Pecott will insert this into the TTG.
- Jim Pecott will announce the National Gathering location change in the next TTG.

Facebook membership inquiries: All membership inquiries, whether email or Facebook should be routed to the Membership Director (Mac).

- There are two CoHT FB sites. Admin rights need to be sent to Zach so he can make it secret and then no-one will be able to see the second site. Scott Carlson will call “Moon” regarding the password and deleting second site.

Website Update:

The new website is one click away from going live. Veronica Wiese owns the COHT Domain through GoDaddy. It's been several years and she has forgotten the password. She is looking it up and will pass it along to Zach.

- The site will include PayPal so that members can renew or purchase COHT merchandise online.
- For a small additional monthly fee the website can be set up to track memberships and notify members when their dues are due.
- Fifty three t-shirts were delivered by Dave Gilbertson to Scott Carlson. Many t-shirts were pre-sold after Zach's Facebook post for \$10 each. They will be available through the website with a suggested retail price of \$15.

Attracting new members to the National Gathering: People need an incentive to attend and suggestions include the following:

- Better sutlers
- More professional demonstrators
 - A list of criteria to attract demonstrators is needed (reimbursement for gas, motel room, fees, etc. Zach will contact a group and work with Scott regarding reimbursement.
- A digital ad for members to repost to other groups (i.e., Facebook, web, etc.) they belong to. The list could include what is scheduled for the NG. If developed early enough, the list could be published in publications such as “Reliving History”.
- Ads placed in “Muzzleloader” and “Smoke & Fire News” were deemed unproductive and fiscally unsound having produced only one inquiry.
- A COHT T-shirt could be given to a new member attending their first NG.

American and COHT Flags: A COHT 3x5 cotton flag would cost over \$100. Tammy and the COHT Ladies could sew a flag that could be screen printed as a cost saving measure. Mike and Dave will check on having one commercially made at a lower price. Dave may have a 50 star flag available to the COHT.

At -11:30 AM Tod made a motion to adjourn Second: Scott Motion passed