

## RIVER CITY WINNIES MINUTES FOR JULY 2007

The monthly meeting of the River City Winnies took place during the GNR in Forest City, Iowa on July 15, 2007, at 4:00 PM.

**Members present:** Dyes, Frambes (and granddaughter Samantha McNamara), Meisers, Peddenpohl, Peskin, Vickerys, (and granddaughter Addi Fields), and Bob Westbrook

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty Peddenpohl reported we have a balance of \$837.08. We currently have 18-20 paid members.

**Wagonmaster:** Joan Peskin would like for the individual wagonmasters to select their own campground for the weekend, and be creative. She would like to have at least two couples to host a campout; even three or four would be better. August campout is at Little Farm on the River, and each coach needs to make his or her own reservations. September will be at Wapakoneta and the Dyes are hosting that weekend. Gail Dye said the tour of the Airstream plant is scheduled for 2:00 on Friday afternoon. Saturday night dinner will be at the VFW and it will be a buffet. The remainder of the meals will be pitch-ins. Verne Augspurger and the Kieborths will be hosting the October campout at Lively Lady. Joan said she still needs people for the luncheons. She suggested using firehouses, libraries, etc. **Be creative.** The Riehms are hosting the December luncheon.

**2008 Spring WOW:** The River City Winnies will be hosting the 2008 Spring WOW campout, and Mike announced that Betty Peddenpohl and Joan Peskins are co-chairpersons for that event. Joan said that after visiting several fairgrounds Clinton County Fairgrounds would most likely be the location for the WOW campout. She said they have a great room with a stage, etc. Joan already has some entertainment lined up. She asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer to handle the games. Ed Peddenpohl volunteered. The committee is trying to keep the cost around \$70-\$80 per coach for the weekend.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Della said she and Mike had attended a seminar for local chapter presidents and they were advised that as of 2006 the IRS requirements require each local chapter to get a federal identification number for checking account purposes only, and after the ID number is obtained, a one page return/certificate needs to be filed no later than five months after the close of the club's fiscal year. If our annual income is under \$25,000 no money will be owed, but still a return/certificate must be filed each year thereafter.

Mike pointed out that some campgrounds don't want to hold a block of sites without knowing the exact number of motor homes that will show up for the weekend.

Mary Meiser offered to set up a web site for the River City Winnies to get as much information out to the members as possible. She has already talked to Wade Stepp at

Colerain and the web site is already in existence. She offered to give some information on the web site to Betsy Hall to put in a future newsletter.

Marty talked about the brochure Ron Collins had prepared for the River City Winnies and it was agreed that we should start getting those out to prospective members. Marty agreed to contact Ron Collins to get some brochures to give to Bill to send out.

Bill Frambes suggested that maybe we should plan a four-day weekend around a fun activity. He has two sons who are DJ's and said he could possibly get a karaoke machine to use at one of our campouts.

It was decided that Mary Meiser would chair a Computer Utilization Committee for the River City Winnies. Bill Frambes agreed to be on the committee, and Mike suggested that Mary contact Ron Collins to see if he would also be interested in being a member of the committee.

Mike said he would be appointing a chairperson for the Nominating Committee at the September campout. If you are interested in chairing this committee please see Mike.

Ed Peddenpohl asked if we were still going to use the names placards for the window. Everyone wanted to continue using them. Some members who were present said they needed to have theirs replaced because they had faded, etc. over the years.

**Membership:** Bill Frambes is in the process of contacting members who have yet to pay their dues in 2007. He is also contacting new purchasers of Winnebago/Itasca motor homes. He has sent information to one new prospect and will be following up with them. He said Mike had just given him the names of some new prospects. He will also be contacting inactive members. There was some discussion about having the campouts during the middle of the week instead of on the weekend because of campground availability. Della said we have a number of members who are still working and they would be unable to attend campouts in the middle of the week.

**Sunshine Lady:** Lillian Wake is the current Sunshine Lady. Please send her information on anyone who is ill or who she should send a card for whatever reason.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Frambes, and seconded by Bob Meiser. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Betsy Hall, Secretary