

GMC Great Lakers Membership Meeting Minutes

St. Joseph County Grange Fair – June Rally

June 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Steve Johnson

Board Members present: Steve Johnson, Jeff Rider, Jerry Newman, Sharon Gianossa, Faye Smith

Approximately 38 members present (including the board members).

Joe G. had to leave early, but reported to Steve that as of 6/22/24 our GMC Great Lakers account had a balance of \$5264.27. A Centreville Rally report will be done after costs are given to Joe by the hosts.

Janet L. was not here (due to a car accident). Jeff R. said that information about the next two rallies would be in the June newsletter.

Faye S. read the minutes from the May Rally Membership meeting. Jeff R. made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Sharon G. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Patricia Schnek spoke about changes in GMCMI. There will be a new computer system, a newsletter will go out, etc. The Fall rally will be in Buellton, California. There are still six spots left at the resort. There are also other options (besides camping) to stay at the resort. Price is \$685 for a 2-person coach. Changes will be made to make GMCMI more friendly to the regional clubs.

Jan and Brad (guests of the rally) spoke about why they became interested in GMC's. His coach is currently being renovated. They will be joining GMC Great Lakers.

Steve J. introduced the first timers at the rally. Mike Clark – has many YouTube videos about the renovation of his coach. He will send out a link to those videos. Janice and Andre Oosterbeek spoke about how they obtained their GMC coach. Joyceann and Ben Pearson spoke about finding the “right” GMC for them. Scott Campbell was not able to bring his coach due to problems, but did drive down for the day. Lauren and Bill Phinney went from boats to a GMC.

The next rally will be in Pinery Provincial Park in Canada from Aug. 8th – 11th. The park is sold out, but you can get on the waiting list. There is also another camp ground that is five minutes away that could be an option for members.

The September Rally is in Addison Oaks/Michigan. Jeff Rider will host. The Rally Fee will include the campsite. More information will be in the July newsletter.

Steve J. discussed the proposal to take away term limits for the webmaster, newsletter editor and membership chair board positions. Until July 10th, members can send their feedback on this issue to Steve J. at

president@gmcgreatlakers.org. The board will adopt the change to the standing rules if there is not a majority objection by the membership on July 15th.

We have three volunteers for the nominating committee. They are, Tom Aubuchon, Peter Carney and Dolph Santorine. Marv M. moved to accept the nominees and Becky J. seconded. The motion passed.

Steve J. introduced the officers of the board to the membership – including past presidents.

Steve J. handed out leftover May Rally gifts to those that were not at the May Rally.

There was a short discussion on how to obtain new members. Joe G. (before the rally) had suggested a business card to give people an opportunity to get in touch with us. Steve created and printed a card with a QR Code that links to the GMC Great Lakers website. These cards were included with the check-in packet. Rob will put two files on our website. One to print out a sheet of 10 of the “business cards”, if members want more. The other is an 8.5 x 11 version of the same thing to print if someone needs a larger one for some form of display.

A request was made to make it easier for Canadians to pay rally fees. We will look into Paypal and/or Venmo.

Bill H. made a motion to adjourn. Lauren P. seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Smith