

Board Members -- Present:

President: Bob Williams
Treasurer: Jon Jenkins
Secretary: Bill Erskine
Charter Director/At Large: Peter Smith
Membership Chair: Gordon Jones
At Large: Jean Jones
At Large: Wayne Walker

Absent:

Vice President: Marshall Brown
Past President: Jeff Tallant
Communications: Bob Davis
Education: OPEN
Activities: OPEN
Regulatory: OPEN
Giving Rural Assistance: OPEN

There being a quorum present, Bob Williams called the meeting to order and gave an invocation.

Standing Agenda/Old Business – Treasurer and Committee Reports.

Treasurer: Jon Jenkins gave the report. 2013 saw continued declining membership, but still a net positive retained earnings/margin of \$61.00, with a closing 12-31-13 bank balance of \$7,940. The 2014 budget, is expected to have income of about \$2,000 primarily from dues, with a small amount of merchandise sales, and no activities except paying insurance (\$370), website maintenance (\$237.50), regulatory expense (federal and state) and reimbursing Ed Fleener for his expenses for the annual festival (\$500), leaving an expected balance/margin of \$413. Holding any activities that have an expense will reduce that expected margin. Not holding activities may lead to further decline in membership. Following motion and second, the report and budget were approved.

Membership: Gordon Jones reported that we now have 33 paid members, including new members paying at this meeting. The organization at its peak membership in 2008 had 201 paid members.

All other committees have no current serving chairs, however the functions were briefly discussed.

Communications: Chuck Clark is still the webmaster, managing & maintaining the website.

Education: The possibility was discussed of holding inexpensive workshops during 2014, including bluegrass fiddle.

Activities: Members present were supportive of holding the pick-camping event again in 2014, in early November.

Estimated cost \$300-400.

Regulatory: Annual functions include the IRS letter, Tennessee Annual Corporation Report, and Sales Tax Report, being handled by Jon Jenkins as Treasurer.

Giving Rural Assistance: Jean Jones has been sending out bereavement letters as needed for the organization.

New Business – Future of the organization.

The Board members and other members present discussed maintaining the organization with appropriate activities given the smaller size and income. The suggestion was made that we should either fill the committee seats now open, or consider Bylaws Amendments to streamline the structure, perhaps reducing the size of the Board to seven or nine voting members, making it easier to have a quorum to conduct necessary business. All necessary functions could be maintained by the Board and officers, for example by combining or eliminating committee positions or functions. Members can consider this, possible 2014 activities, and how to increase membership, for more discussion at the next meeting, which was set for February 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Erskine, Secretary

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