

NWTFC Executive Board

Email Meeting – February 11, 2014

Executive board members participating: Al Zimmerman (President), Helen Anderson (Vice President), Colleen Wright (Treasurer), David Pierce (Secretary) Steve Webber-Plank (FMCA national director), and Peggy Beers (FMCA director alternate).

Committee chairs participating: Rodger Wright (Rally Coordinator), Mary Carlson (Webmaster)

1. NWTFC Newsletter Evaluation.

The first newsletter was published at the beginning of February. Most of the comments received were positive. Executive board members also seemed to think the newsletter is off to a good start and liked it. Everyone seems to like pictures.

2. Content for the Next Newsletter.

You might own a Trek if ... Several responses were received and will be published in the next newsletter.

Where will Your Trek Be?

Many liked the idea, thinking it would be fun to get together while on the road. However, several agreed that in this day and age, there are security concerns. This feature will not be implemented unless Mary comes up with some amazing way to implement it.

3. Newsletter Editor

Stacia Norris is to be appointed to serve as newsletter editor. It will be important for officers and committee chairs to support her and submit reports, comments, and material to her.

4. Handling Member Dues during the Winter

This issue may have been largely resolved – especially since there is not a large number of new members to cause a concern. The main problem is the delay in cashing a new member's check. If we were to add a PayPal feature, the cost for processing a \$10 amount would be significant (some felt such costs should be borne by the one using PayPal.)

As long as we have a process that seems to be working, even with both secretary and treasurer being snowbirds, we can move forward.

5. Rally Schedule for 2014 and 2015

(Rodger is aware of these rallies)

August 7 – 11	NWTFC Pre-rally	Lee & Judy Keeler Keeler's Ranch
August 11-16	FMCA Family Reunion, Redmond	
August 18 – 20	NWTFC 10 th Anniversary Rally	Colleen & Rodger Wright Ed & Jeanette Block Mt. Hood RV Village
October 2014 (Specific dates TBD)	Grants Pass	Robert & Barbara Henderson Josephine County Fairgrounds

Rally Promotion and Planning Ideas.

6. Annual Rally Calendar

Proposal

A goal of NWTFC is to have at least three rallies a year (one of which may be a pre-rally to an FMCA event). The objective is to spread rallies among spring, summer, and fall and distribute rallies among the various geographic areas served by NWTFC. An annual rally calendar is to be established and published by March each year.

5 votes in favor, 1 opposed

Upon ratification at the next physical meeting of the Executive Board, the proposal would be submitted to the membership for adoption.

7. Person to encourage wagon masters and see that calendar is filled.

Under the present job descriptions of club officers and committee chairs, no one has the assigned task of recruiting wagon masters or seeing that the annual rally calendar is "filled." No one has the task of encouraging wagon masters and staying in touch with them to see that they have a positive experience.

The executive board is a limited sample and we didn't have input from everyone, so it is difficult to ascertain a consensus on this.

One person suggested that this task should be added to responsibilities of the Rally Coordinator. However, in fairness, that is not part of the current job description.

One person suggested this is the job of everyone. However, as often is the case, when it is everyone's job, then it is no one's job, and the job doesn't get done. At the present time, responsibility falls to no one to see that we have a certain number of rallies.

However, unless the job description of the Rally Coordinator is changed or a person emerges to take on that responsibility, things will remain as they are.

Support and encouragement for wagon masters.

It has become clear to many club members that the task of being a wagon master seems overwhelming or too daunting and is intimidating to many club members. (Of the current 58 members – 12 have been a wagon master and 4 of those 12 have done more than one rally). It does seem that as club leaders we have to be more pro-active in providing resources for wagon masters, encouraging them, and coming alongside so that sponsoring a rally becomes a more positive experience.

A number of ideas have been suggested for consideration.

8. Encourage couples to jointly serve as wagon masters for rallies. If more than one couple serves, then the job doesn't seem so big or overwhelming. The tasks can be divided easily. Some may still be willing serve if they could be matched with someone.

Question: Should NWTFC actively encourage multiple individuals/couples to serve as co-wagon masters for rallies?

5 voted Yes 1 voted No

Based on this action - on the website, in discussion, and in other venues NWTFC should encourage couples or multiple parties to serve as wagon masters for rallies. If there are couples that feel it would be helpful to have others work with them, they should be encouraged to partner with someone else. In the past, some rallies have had more than one wagon master. This action takes a positive step to encourage potential wagon masters that may have been a little reluctant.

At the NWTFC Rally in Centralia, WA on October 28, 2011, a motion was adopted that the site fees for Wagon Masters would be paid for 2012 and 2013. That period has now expired.

The question was asked about continuing to pay the campsite fees for Wagon Masters when more than one Wagon Master serves a rally. The responses were as follows (some indicated more than one choice):

- _0_ NWTFC would pay for both sites from the club treasury if there are two wagon masters.
- _4_ NWTFC pays an amount equal to one campsite per rally for the wagon master(s) from the club treasury. The amount may be applied to one or both wagon masters.
- _3_ Wagon master site fees should be paid from rally fees and should be applied to pay for the wagon master(s) site fees.

A proposal will be submitted to the March meeting of the executive board for action on this matter. The treasurer expressed some concerns about the club treasury continuing to support the payment of wagon master site fees, especially if there are two wagon masters for most rallies.

9. Prepare a list of rally mentors – experienced members willing to provide guidance to wagon masters in conducting a rally.

Question: Should a list of experienced rally masters be prepared who could serve as mentors for wagon masters. Contact information for these mentors would be supplied to wagon masters.

5 voted in favor, one opposed

Steps will be taken to recruit a list of mentors and make those people available to Wagon Masters who would like assistance.

10. Creating a “wagon master packet.”

A number of resources have been developed by various members that could be assembled into a packet that could be helpful to wagon masters. Some of these tools have come from the FMCA handbook.

Question: Should a “wagon master planning packet” be assembled and provided to each wagon master for their use (if desired) by the Rally Coordinator?

3 voted in favor, 3 were opposed to creating such a packet.

The concept of a wagon master packet of planning resources needs additional discussion before clear direction emerges. At this point the NWTFC website contains the Wagon Master job description, NWTFC rally guidelines, and a rally checklist. The planning worksheet and expense worksheet will not be provided unless the Rally Coordinator adds them to the website.

11. FMCA Family Reunion in Redmond – volunteers.

Another request has been received for more tram volunteers. The announcement will run in the next newsletter. By then, the need for volunteers should be evident to all.

12. Planning for the 10th Anniversary and Rally.

Thanks to Rodger and Colleen Wright and Ed and Jeanette Block for serving as Wagon Masters for the anniversary rally at Mt. Hood RV Village in Welches August 18 -20.

President will contact David Pierce and/or Jeanette Block, as historian, about submitting the article to FMCA for the magazine.

The next email board meeting will be Tuesday, March 11.

The next scheduled physical meeting is August 7-11 during the Keeler pre-rally.