

Discovery Owners Association, Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting, September 27, 2019
Pueblo, Colorado

John Ricciardi, Vice President of Development, called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. A quorum was deemed to be present. DOAI officers attending, in addition to John, were Elaine Holley, MaryAnn Crowell, Gary Osburn, Nina Soltwedel, Jim Sullivan, Glenda Angus, Robert Orr, and Ricky Keen. John, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked all the workers on the rally.

Ricky Keen reported on the good news that all DOAI chapters are now exempt from paying Federal taxes; any states' taxes still must be paid, however. He also presented the Board-approved budget for 2020 for approval by the membership, in accordance with the DOAI Bylaws. In summarizing the figures, he pointed out that, even with our one-year trial of first year's dues forgiven, we will have a small profit, and the organization's financial status will be okay.

Bob Angus announced the location for the 2020 National Rally: Ridge RV Resort, Sevierville, Tennessee. He added that rally-goers may arrive two days prior to rally's beginning, and may stay two days after conclusion. This new location is very beautiful, with many meeting spaces, comfortable amenities, and is easy to get to from the Interstate – no need to drive through town. Bob invites DOAI members to let him know what kind of activities they would like to have at the rally. The rally will take place September 28 through October 4, 2020. More information will be coming in the January *Discovery Express* as well as future issues. He urged everyone to get their registrations in early.

Dick Tracy reported on plans for the Southeast Region Rally at LazyDays, Seffner, Florida, January 28-February 2, 2020. There will be a full day in between the end of the FMA rally and the beginning of our rally. The RV campground will need that day to get the FMA-ers out and get ready for the incoming DOAI-ers. He gave a brief description of the planned activities, and said that online registration is open now. The Mason Dixon Discoverys chapter will be the hosts.

Glenn Magnuson reported that the 2021 National Rally will take place at the CamPlex on Gillette, Wyoming. Dates have not been set, but the Northwest Region (hosts of the rally) will make every effort to have the rally follow a large rally so that we can take advantage of entertainers in the area, etc. More details will be in future issues of *Discovery Express*.

MaryAnn Crowell gave an overview of online registration: One can register now for LazyDays. Further, as soon as it is possible to get it up and running, one will be able to register for the 2020 National Rally as well. When asked if one can pay online, she said it can be done via PayPal.

Bruce Plumb explained the basis for his and Robert Orr's work on revising the DOAI website pertaining to chapter maps and the states and provinces associated with each chapter. One of the foci is to assist new members in finding ideas for chapter membership. While the revised pages are not yet "live," Robert can provide a link to see the pages in progress. Bruce explained that when one puts a cursor over their home state, a drop-down menu will show possible chapters to which one may wish join.

John Ricciardi explained about the one-year test of giving new owners of Discoverys their first year free. It is on a trial basis, and results will be announced after the trial with a decision if it will continue.

The region vice presidents for the Northwest, South Central, and Southwest regions reported no new news.

Elaine Holley reported current DOAI membership count is 1,275. This figure does fluctuate slightly from month to month.

Jody Bruce reported that DOAI merchandise sales were good. She will have new merchandise for the LazyDays rally.

Nina Soltwedel introduced the new editor of *Discovery Express*, Glenda Angus, and advised chapters and DOAI officers they would be getting Glenda's email about upcoming January deadline in November.

Robert Orr said he is getting feedback, which he appreciates. He told about adding the eGroup focusing on lifestyle with a non-technical focus. He stated that while the old Bulletin Board will be deactivated, all the information will be preserved for posterity.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.