

GWTA STATE STAFF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Wednesday, November 18th, 2009

In Attendance:

Steve O'Dell, Chapter M, CD
Ken Krois, Chapter A, CD
Mike Speer, Chapter P, CD
Chuck Thomas, Safety director
Alex Christensen, State Assistant Director
Lillian Schroeder, State staff secretary
Joyce Armstead, Senior advisor
Dave Bennie, state webmaster
Randi Kobernik, State Director

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m. by Randi. Main objective of this meeting is to set up a 2010 rally place. 10 choices had been submitted to Randi. Over the last week, he checked out all of the places to get cost, camping, space for safety classes, etc. Everyone was asked their 3 top choices of the 10 to narrow it down. Steve noted that if we had used Corvallis for 3 years before, it must have worked out well. Also noted that Deschutes price did not include cost of food. We could not take any food there. They would cater it for an added fee.

The outcome was: Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day
Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis
Deschutes County Fairground in Redmond

From this point it was voted upon the first choice of the top 2. Grant County was first and Corvallis was second. Joyce made a motion that we use Corvallis as our 2011 rally site. Alex seconded it, and all were in favor of this. The only two dates that we could have it at Grant County were the weekend after Gold Rush, July 23rd or Labor Day weekend. Sept. 3th-6th, 2010.

All voted in favor of Labor Day weekend. It was mentioned that we might be in conflict with Region rally, if they choose to have one this year, however, it was decided we would be in conflict with someone no matter what date we picked.

Theme's for the rally were then discussed. The only two suggested were a Western theme, or a Patriotic, American theme.

Western theme won out. Randi suggested having a contest open to all members to come up with a Western theme and a shirt and pin design. Members will have until January 1st to submit theme & designs to Alex. (More info. to follow on this)

Once they have been submitted, state staff will narrow the choices down to the top 5. This will be done at a January 6th, 7p.m. teleconference call. Dave will put these on the website for all to vote on. The top design will be chosen from all votes and be used on the registration form. We hope to have this ready by February 14th, 2010.

Randi stated that he is still looking for a state staff treasurer. In the mean time, Alex & his wife are doing both jobs.

Meeting closed at 8:00p.m.

Submitted by Lillian Schroeder
State Staff Secretary