

PARADISE TVARA CHAPTER MINUTES
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING
June 13, 2017

Chapter President Gary Southerland called the meeting to order.
The invocation was given by Frank Fox.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Cobb.

A reminder was given to pay 2017 dues. It was noted that the new TVARA President, Dewitt Burleson has been looking at TVARA membership. The Paradise Chapter has a potential of 950 members. As of April 30, 2017, 370 have paid their dues. This is 39% of our potential membership. We had 450 paid members in the past. Of the 20 active chapters in the TVARA system, Paradise Chapter has the third highest number of paid members. The 950 potential includes retirees and their spouses who are already members, beneficiaries, anyone with 80 points who is eligible to retire and civil service persons eligible to retire. President Burleson will be looking into how to encourage more potential members to become active members.

Charles Perry shared names of those who have passed or have health problems. Additional persons shared the following people to remember in prayer. Cards have been or will be sent.
Paula Davis' husband Larry – health problems
Sharon Winn – health problems
Danny Walker – health problems
Ron Pharris – health problems
Layton Sumner's granddaughter and great granddaughter – girls were in a wreck
Connis Mercer – health problems
Mike Moseley – health problems
James Davison – health problems

Reading of the minutes from the March 14, 2017 chapter meeting was suspended as they had been sent to members by e-mail. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried. A copy of the minutes is always available at the meeting for review.

Sue Bartlett, treasurer, gave a report on finances as follows:

Beginning Balance	625.88
Deposits	2,112.50
Checks written	259.40
Balance	2,478.98

\$850 of the balance is from BVI and is designated for work on bridges at Lake Malone. There is also a check from TVARA for \$171 which has not yet been deposited. There is about \$1800 available for chapter spending. The TVARA board voted to give each chapter 25 cents for each paid member to be spent on celebrating TVARA's 50th anniversary. Paradise Chapter has \$92.50 available for this expenditure.

Door Prize was won by David Grace.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a flag stand for the USA flag which belongs to the Paradise Chapter. The flag will remain at the Catfish Dock for our meetings. Motion passed. Sue Bartlett volunteered to look into this purchase.

A report was given on the BVI project of replacing two foot bridges at Lake Malone State Park. The bridges are now 4 ft wide and will be rebuilt to be 6 ft wide. Gary Southerland had sent the project description, plans and materials list for approval to Reny McClain-Lee TVARA

Volunteer Coordinator. BVI sent a check for \$850 to the chapter to be spent on this project. A motion was made and seconded for the chapter to proceed with the trail bridge project. Motion passed. Donald Phelps thanked the chapter for its participation. He noted some of the things that will need to be done to prepare for the work. A signup sheet was available for those who want to help. The following persons added their names to this list: Louis Travis, Terry Southerland, Tommy Latham, Darrell Sisk, Jerry Hargrove, Charles Perry, Gary Southerland Those in charge of this project were instructed to purchase needed materials and have a bill sent to Sue Bartlett, treasurer. Also donations of \$200 were given to buy lunches for those working on the bridges.

Donnie Webster presented a report from the picnic committee. A ballot was given to each person present to vote on his/her choice of venue and menu. Choices were Morgantown City Park Community Building (\$125 rental fee) with Green River Caterers and Greenville United Methodist Church (\$100 cleanup fee) with Jeanne Bullock, caterer. Both caterers charge \$10 per meal. After the ballots were counted, the most votes went for the picnic to be held at Morgantown. A motion was made and seconded for the chapter to pay \$5 per each member's meal and 1 guest meal. Motion passed. Any additional guest will pay full \$10. A motion was made and seconded to celebrate TVARA's 50th anniversary at the picnic. Motion passed. The picnic committee will plan events for the celebration. They are looking into purchasing a 50th anniversary banner to use at the picnic. A motion was made and seconded to allow the committee to purchase the banner. Motion passed. A motion was also made to look into printing place mats with the same logo as the banner. Motion passed. Members were encouraged to reach out to fellow retirees and invite them to this special celebration September 12, 2017.

Gary Southerland went over the TVARA Board minutes. Items shared:
Electric fuel costs were 12% lower for the 3 year average April fuel cost.
There are no longer any TVA employees at the Widows Creek site.
TVA posted \$313 million in earnings for the first half of fiscal year 2017.
Retirement system earnings for the quarter ending March 31, 2017 stated that investments earned 3.98%. System assets, fiscal year-to-date, had earned about \$324 million and contributions from TVA totaled \$150 million for a total of \$474 million. \$353 million was paid out leaving a net of \$121 million.
Retirees and dependents that are not on Medicare and are enrolled in a TVA medical plan have access to benefits of Physician Now. See further information in the TVARA newsletter.
It was noted there is a new place and date this year for the Annual TVARA Retiree Appreciation picnic which is usually held in Guntersville, AL. This year it will be at the First Tennessee Pavilion in Chattanooga September 28.
TVA retirees can rent cars from National and Enterprise car rentals at a significant discount. A couple of the Paradise members said they had looked into this and it is a good deal.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.
Next meeting and event is the annual Paradise TVARA picnic at Eva J. Hawes Community Building at the Morgantown City Park September 12, 2017. Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. Doors open 10:00 - come early to register and visit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Southerland
TVARA Paradise Chapter Secretary

Those in attendance at the 6/13/17 meeting:

Terry Meredith
Jimmie Ramage
Bobby Neal
Randall Garst
David Grace
Doris Grace
Jerry Hargrove
Martha Hargrove
Patricia Cobb
Tommy Latham
Nell Latham
Billy Wilson
Wallace Loyd
Donnie Piper
W.T. Doss
Donald Geary

Kenneth Vincent
Greg Martin
Danny Walker
Hugh Evans
Terry Southerland
Charles Perry
Larry Aldridge
Pete Sinks
Sue Bartlett
Betty Woodlee
Gary Southerland
Anita Southerland
Charles Davison
Roy McManaway
Darrell Sisk
Donnie Webster

Frank Fox
Ruby Fox
Carrol Grundy
Don Phelps
Bill Newman
Ronnie Brooks
Bud Miller
Joe Moore
Louis Travis
Terry Settle