NATIONAL COUNCIL OF '56 CLUBS
March 5, 1994
Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering
Williamsburg, Virginia

Minutes of General Meeting

Following a short informational meeting during which Lynn Wagner announced that we had 100 clubs on our membership roster, the meeting of the National Council of '56 Clubs was called to order by President Alan Wagner on March 5, 1994, at the mid-Atlantic Village Gathering in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Rollcall

A rollcall of member clubs present was taken by region by Lynn Wagner. Following is a partial listing of those clubs attending: Valley Villagers, S. CA; Village Addicts, CA; Spirit of 56, Arlington, TX; D56 Cottage Collectors, Dallas, TX; Village Landlords, FL; Southern 56ers, Atlanta; North Carolina 56ers, Greensboro; Seaside 56ers, Myrtle Beach, SC; Upstate 56 Collectors, SC; Village Tinkers, Long Grove, IL; Village Travelers, IL; Windy City 56ers, IL; Hoosier 56ers, IN; Bluegrass 56ers, Lexington, KY; Kentuckiana 56ers, Louisville, KY; Village Nuts, Columbus; Pyramid 56ers, Memphis, TN; Cobblestone 56ers, Nashville, TN; A 56 Collectors Club, Richmond, VA; SEVA, VA; D56 Dreamers, Clarksburg, W VA; Saintly City 56ers, St. Paul, MN; Wishagin Collectors Club, Green Bay, WI; Nutmeggers, CT; Ocean State Villagers; Mason/Dixon Collectors Club, MD; Garden State Villagers, NJ; Capital Region 56ers, Albany, NY; Village Keepers, Rochester, NY; D56 Villagers of Central PA.

Membership

Lynn Wagner announced that presently the NCC has over 100 member clubs and 10 associate members and introduced the updated brochures to be distributed by member clubs to all retail and secondary dealers.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Treasurer's Report

Marianne Moore gave an overview of the last minutes in dispensation of reading the minutes of the general meeting in September 1993 and introduced Sue Henderson as the newly appointed Recording Secretary. A motion was made by Helen Chalmer and seconded by Alex of Windy City to accept the minutes as previously mailed to clubs.

Lynn Wagner gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Doug Beck (see Attachment A).

Committee Reports

By-Laws Roger Mikos reported that he needs volunteers with input regarding the contents of the by-laws. An updated report will be given in August at the NCC Convention in Minneapolis.

Social Cathy Gernand reported that the Rally and Dinner tickets for the National Convention/Bachman's Gathering are available for $10 (rally) and $30 (dinner) per person. Checks should be made out to NCC and sent to Cathy Gernand. It was noted that it is very important that we get the message out to the clubs before the Bachman Newsletter goes out in order to assure that club members get first choice at dinner tickets.

Club Activities No report

Displays Saundra Beckwith reported that the display hands-on workshop she conducted at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gathering was a huge success and she plans more at upcoming Gatherings.

Membership/New Clubs

Lynn Wagner pointed out that as of this meeting we have 100 club members and that we should encourage new associate memberships and encourage all members to get involved.

Fund Raising

Buttons have been designed and completed by Ellen Greenwell and are available for $8.

Old Business

Marianne Moore asked for members to send in information from clubs for the Club-to-Club Bulletin.

National Convention of '56 Clubs Report

Co-chairmen Lawson Scoggins, Kay Taylor and the Wagners presented the overall format for the NCC Convention, August 26-28, 1994, to be held in conjunction with Bachman's Gathering in Minneapolis. The goal of the convention is to have fun, promote the NCC and raise money for the NCC. Kay Taylor announced the committee members for the convention

There will be a Rally of the Clubs on Friday night, seminars, displays and demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday with a dinner on Saturday night. There will be room for 550 at dinner. There will be an event piece, a button, t-shirts and a gift packet for each member. Bingo will again be a part of this years Gathering. There will be 80,000 sq.ft. "under the big top" of which 6500 sq.ft will be open for the Rally on Friday night. It is expected that we might have as many as 3000 collectors attending the Rally.

Paul Bachman has agreed to have 50 booths for displays and we have guaranteed him we will have 50 participants. Displays will be limited to 12 lighted pieces. Prizes to be awarded will be determined by Paul Bachman. Display participants will get a personal tour of Department 56 Headquarters along with the Executive Board Members. Betty Lombardi is the coordinator of displays for the NCC Convention. A question was brought up regarding the logistics of shipping display pieces, etc., to the convention site. Alan pointed out that Bachman's would work things out as they do so well.

Tim Kearney, filling in for Peter George, reported that they would like to have some input on ideas for seminars. Some of the ideas were: more hands on display demonstrations, displays, Snow Village seminars, Snowbaby seminars, Secondary market seminars, Panel discussions for experts from local clubs, charitable seminars such as Open Your Heart.

Kay Taylor and Lawson Scoggins reported their ideas for the rally on Friday night including a Parade of States, a speaker, the event piece for members, a pin fashioned after our NCC logo with room for year bars to be added, and club awards. Awards for clubs could be for best pins, flags, displays, newsletters, etc. Any ideas for the convention should be sent to Jack Skeels or Ellen and Bob Greenwell.

Some ideas to relate the clubs to collectors without club affiliation would be music/band, original handmade display items, creative hats, club wearing apparel.

After announcing that informational meetings would be held at all regional meetings between now and August and that an Executive Board Meeting would be held in South Bend (time and date to be announced), Alan Wagner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Henderson

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Recording Secretary