

TEXAS STATE COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, April 27, 2024
2024 Texas State Rally –Mineola, Texas

- I. Meeting was Called to Order by State Director Chuck Hayes at 9:00 am
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hayes
- III. Invocation was given by Jay Delmar, Texas State Chaplain
- IV. State Secretary, Donna Mann, did the Official Roll Call. 10 Chapters out of 23 were represented.
- V. State Secretary, Donna Mann presented the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting. A Motion was made by David Mitchell of Arlington Sams and was seconded by Bill Vinson of Yellow Rose Sams that they be approved as presented. Motion passed.
- VI. State Treasurer, Helen Woodard, presented the Treasurers report. A motion was made by David Mitchell, Arlington Sams and seconded by Joanne (Rich) Burnett, Texas Red Hat Traveling Dolls that the report be approved. Motion passed. It was noted that the income and expenses were estimated based on limited information passed on from prior Treasurer, Nola Schrum.
- VII. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Equipment / Trailer Report – Bill Vinson, State Equipment Manager
 1. Inventory of State Trailer has been completed by Bill Vinson and Jay Delmar. Inventory List is available if anyone wants to see it. It was noted during the inventory that there were some extra items no longer being used.
 2. The old popcorn machine was no longer working properly and was thrown away. Jay will check with his church, who bought the other machine, to see if we can use it at the next rally.
 3. Patti Dodds-Hollis, DGADS, made a motion to sell all the excess game items out of the trailer, motion was seconded by Joanne (Rich) Burnett, Texas Red Hat Traveling Dolls. Motion passed

4. The Sound Trailer is still located at the Prater's home. Director Chuck Hayes is going to inventory the items in that trailer. Once items are disposed of in the trailer, it will be available for sale. A buyer is lined up to purchase. It was noted that L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, Texas, will take all the old, outdated sound equipment at a donation they hold in August. Items donated are weighed and they are paid a percentage per pound.
5. Bill Vinson has the authority to sell the State Trailers, as this was previously passed while Don Prater had this position.

VIII Old Business

Julie Davis-Raley, Texas Military Retirees, had questions concerning the titles to the State Trailers; at this time Director Hayes was still working on getting new titles to both the Big Trailer and the Sound Trailer.

IX New Business

a. Texas New SOP

Director Hayes was going to introduce proposed changes to the SOP for 2025, this included moving the election dates for the in-coming Director to earlier in the year by completing the election by the end of March. This change would allow the incoming director to be involved more with the upcoming rally. However, he had not submitted the changes to the Chapter Presidents 90 days in advance, so no vote could be taken on the proposed changes per the SOP. Joanne (Rich) Burnett, Texas Red Hat Traveling Dolls, wanted to be sure Chapters do their due diligence to get information into the State Secretary in a timely manner. Patti Dodds-Hollis, DGADS, wanted to make a motion to change the SOP now to install newly elected officers immediately after the rally was completed. Director Hayes advised her to submit the proposed change to the SOP following current procedures that are in place. Much discussion ensued and control of the meeting was lost. All involved were advised to write up additional SOP changes that needed to be voted on and submit them accordingly. Patti Dodds-Hollis, DGADS, made a motion to suspend the SOP rules today and vote on the SOP changes immediately. Hearing no second to her motion, the motion was void. Joanne (Rich) Burnett, Texas Red Hat Traveling Dolls, made a motion that any changes in SOP MUST be submitted in writing to the Director and Secretary as required, so they can be voted on by Presidents at the Committee Meeting, motion was seconded by Larry Walker, DFW Sams, motion carried.

X Closing Remarks

Director Hayes announced that a contract had been signed with the Mineola Civic Center for the 2025 and 2026 State Rallies.

A motion was made by Bill Vinson, Yellow Rose Sams and seconded by David Mitchell, Arlington Sams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 12:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Mann
Texas State Secretary