



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
RADISSON RESORT AT PORT CANAVERAL
CARNAVALITO 2018
MINUTES – February 24, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mike Coffey (President)

Mike welcomed the 122 members and guests present and thanked them for coming.

Pledge of Allegiance: Laura Kosik (Sgt. At Arms)

Mike introduced the Past Presidents in attendance: Betty LeDoux, Bill McLaughlin, Bob Russell and Tom Wilder. Mike thanked Bob and Fran Morrissey, Dick Roscoe and Dave Wilder for making the Hospitality Suite such a nice place to be on Friday night. He thanked Betty LeDoux, Richard Grimison and the Morrisseys for assistance in researching the hotel after the Doubletree was not ready for us due to their hurricane destruction. He also thanked Margaret McLaughlin for the beautiful centerpieces and Chiva bus on the tables.

Mike introduced the Board Attendees: Shirley Avery-1st Vice President, Noreen Hanson-Treasurer*, Patrick Smith-Director, James Beattie-Director, Bill McLaughlin-Historian, Richard Grimison-Chaplin, Lee Bentley-By-Laws Chairman, Jacque Vowell-Editor*, Betty LeDoux-Member Support, Kathy Malin-Office Manager. [*Noreen & Jacque were introduced later in the night – inadvertently left off Agenda.]

Mike asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the last meeting. Tom Wilder made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Shirley Avery, motion carried.

Mike advised that the March issue of the Canal Record would be out the first week in March.

Mike reviewed the upcoming events:

Panama Canal Society UF Museum Luncheon, Gainesville, FL on March 3

Space Coast Bunco, April 29 [corrected date to 21st]

PCS Picnic Phillippe Park, Safety Harbor, May 19

PCS Annual Reunion, Orlando, Florida June 27-July 1

Mike reminded everyone to be sure and get their reunion reservations in soon and called on Bill McLaughlin for a reunion update. Bill gave an update on the Annual Reunion and that registration deadline is earlier this year on May 21st. Betty was welcomed to the front, advising that the first set of confirmations have been sent out by the hotel. She then gave an update on the Nominating Committee and that the ballots will be in the March book. Betty asked that even though all the officers are uncontested, to please send in their ballots to show support of those running for office. Betty also advised that there is space on the ballot for write-in candidates for each office.

Mike advised that we would now enjoy our dinner and that the door prizes, along with the early bird drawing, would be handled at an intermission and thanked Fran Morrissey and Sentimiento Panama for providing the music for this evening.

Invocation: Richard Grimison gave the invocation.

Meeting was adjourned while dinner was served.

During intermission, door prizes were handed out, along with the winner of the 50/50 drawing, drawing for the handmade bowl and Early Bird Registration drawing. Terry Deakins entertained the members with the "Burying of the Fish Ritual". The 50/50 raffle was won by Fred Watkins and the Early Bird Drawing for two complimentary nights at Orlando Marriott World Center during the reunion was won by Ann O'Neal.

During another intermission, the centerpieces were awarded to a guest at each table.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Coffey, President

Kathy Malin, Office Manager