



**INTERNATIONAL
DUTCH OVEN SOCIETY**

Annual Meeting

January 25, 2014

St. John's Lutheran Church

55 Pleasant Ave.

Lancaster, NY

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order by Stan Kowalski, our Director, at 2:00 pm.

In Attendance:

Stan Kowalski, Susan Kowalski, Marty Odachowski, John Jones, Matt Zettle, Ashley Hessel, Debbie Patrick, John Patrick, Linda Hessel, Wayne Hessel, Leon Perkins, Tom Merlihan, Mark Weidmann, Cindy Weidmann, Chris Maussner, Christine Maussner, Mel Weidmann, Zack Weidmann.

It was brought to the group's attention that Dave Horton, our founder and first Director has been going through a run of health problems and, at last report was home recovering from prostate surgery.

Treasurer's Report by Susan Kowalski:

Balance on hand \$938.40.

12 Family groups paid registrations for 2013, with approximately 25 people in total.

Election of Officers:

Current Secretary Mike Warner has declined to run for reelection, due to health problems. He has already resigned from his other position as Director of Region 8 of the IDOS.

Stan read the duties for Chapter Secretary, then asked for volunteers willing to run for this office.....followed by a long lengthy silence. Eventually, John Jones agreed to run for that position. With no other candidates, he was

elected by acclimation.

This now created a vacancy for the office of Assistant Director, the position John held before the elections started. Stan read the duties of Assistant Director, and asked for volunteers willing to run for this office. Again silence from the assembly. Eventually Marty Odachowski raised his hand and agreed to run. With no other candidates, he was also elected by acclimation.

All other officers agreed to run for reelection and were reelected By acclimation.

The 2014 Officers:

- Director.....Stan Kowalski Jr.
- Assistant Director...Marty Odachowski
- Secretary.....John Jones
- Treasurer.....Susan Kowalski
- DOG Warden.....Tom Merlihan

Stan passed out copies of the schedule for 2014 DOG and other events and it was brought up for discussion:

Mark and Cindy Weidmann mentioned that they could not host the DOG in Alleghany State Park scheduled for August. It was decided to hold the DOG without a formal host, and have all those planning to attend aware of the "No Back Up" situation. Please plan to bring everything you need, as there will not be a host on site with extra materials.

The DOG at Hamlin Beach State Park will be planned for the Rec Center, rather than at one of the camping sites as in previous years. Last year's DOG had to be moved there because of really bad weather, and worked out well. Mark will contact the park personnel and make arrangements.

New DOG on schedule in PA.—the 1st Annual East Coast DOG, to be held at the County Acres Campground in Bird-in-Hand, PA. This is a DOG organized by the desires brought up in several on-line discussion groups. The location is property owned by members of the Smuckers family—yes, those Smuckers. They own several campgrounds, hotels and motels in the area around Bird-in-Hand. If you want a short travel for a weekend of fun, this might be the time and place to do it.

The ODOS Annual Meeting and Frozen DOG scheduled for Jan 2015 will have food on the table planned for 1:00 pm.

Other items for discussion:

After talking to members during the year, Stan took it on himself to investigate the price of getting pins made, similar to those given out by the IDOS as yearly membership pins. The jobber he contacted was still in the process of working out arrangements with his supplier, but the unofficial details called for a minimum order of 150 pins, with a price of between 2.50 to 3.50 per pin.

The discussion on this proposal brought the following decision—maximum order 50 pins at no more than the original maximum price. If this maximum could not be met, than no order would be placed. Mark made this a motion, seconded by Debbie. Motion carried.

It was suggested that IF we went this way, each family membership would be entitled to ONE pin per family group and if other members of the family were interested the would be made available at cost, or slightly above cost. The majority agreed to this decision.

If the pins didn't work out, a suggestion was made to look into getting name tags, similar to those which were made available to the original membership (back in the dark ages, when the group was formed). Marty will contact the jobber who supplied the original nametags to see what is available.

Another item of interest was getting more t-shirts and/or sweat shirts available. Stan will get prices from our current supplier, and Marty will get prices from the proposed supplier for the name tags.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mark, second by Debbie. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm

Submitted by acting Secretary
Linda Hessel