



CHRONICLE

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The April meeting of the WinonaClown Club was called to order by President, Pudgie Pye at 7:30 pm. Members present were: Pudgie Pye, Rosie For Now, Stumpy, Mitzie, Jubilee!!, Buffie (and Emma), Peppermint Polly, Sparkles, Scooter, Sparky (and wife Betty), and Birdie.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was read by President Pudgie Pye (as Mitzie was detained and came later) and accepted as read.

PAST APPEARANCES

- Saturday, March 7, St. Anne's and Sauer Memorial Chair: Rosie-for-Now. Attending were Birdie, Rosie For Now, Buffie, Sparky, Jubilee!!, Rasin, and Timber .
- Saturday, March 28th, Clown Club Banquet (Our 34th Birthday Party.) @ Ginny's Supper Club in Rollingstone. (See below for list of award winners and their pictures.)

UPCOMING EVENTS and APPEARANCES

(Please note that several dates are different than printed on you new clown calendars)

- Whalen Stand Alone Parade, Saturday, May 16, @ 12:00 noon. Chair: Jubilee!!
- Spring Grove Syttende Mai, Saturday, May 16. Chair: Jubilee!!. Parade is @ 1:30 pm.
- Preston Trout Days. Saturday, May 16, (error on calendar) Parade @ 4:00pm. Chair: Jubilee!!
- Special Athletic Competition, Winona Senior High School, Friday, May 22. Meet @ 9:45 am. dressed. Chair: Stumpy
- Arcadia Lions Broiler/Dairy Days, Sunday, May 24. Parade @ 1:30 pm. Chair: Jubilee!!
- Sparky's (Wally Ask's) Birthday Party, Saturday, June 6. More info to follow at a later date.
- Independence Days, Sunday, June 7. Parade @ 1:00 pm. Chair: Buffie.
- Winona Steamboat Kiddie Parade. Friday, June 19. Meet dressed @ 10:00am. Chair: Buffie .
- Winona Steamboat Days. Sunday, June 21. Parade @ 12:31pm. Chair: Buffie
- Wincraft Family Picnic, Saturday, July 11. More information later.
- Winona County Fair @ St. Charles, Saturday, July 11 @ 12:00 noon.
- Rushford Days, Saturday, July 18. Parade @ 6:00pm.
- Winona Seniors Friendship Picnic, Wednesday, August 12 @ 11:00 am.
- Goodview Days Kiddie Parade, Friday, August 21 (error on calendar), @ 10:00 am.
- Goodview Days, Sunday, August 23, (error on calendar), @ 1:00 pm.
- Ettrick Fun Days, Sunday, August 23, @ 1:00 pm.
- Blair Cheese Festival, Sunday, September 20, (error on calendar), @ 1:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Stumpy raised a question about the people who did not attend the Award Banquet but had said they were coming; is the Club still charged for those dinners? Mitzie had not received a bill from the dinner as of the meeting, so we will deal with this issue at the next meeting.

The membership voted to accept the changes to the Clown Handbook as presented by the board. A copy of those changes will be sent with this Chronicle.

Upon a suggestion from Rosie For Now, a Big Thank You was given to the calendar committee for their wonderful work again

this year in putting together an outstanding Clown Calendar. The pictures are wonderful!!

NEW BUSINESS

The following is taken directly from Pudgie Pye's presentation at the Clown Club Award Banquet.

"Welcome to the Winona Clown Club, River City Rascals annual awards banquet. Clowns have voted and the results are in!

Our Best Parade Clown joined the club in 1988, giving her 20 years with the club last year! Congratulations to Buffy, our 2009 best parade clown!

This year is very special for the The Best Walk Around Clown award. Congratulations to Stumpy and Peppermint Polly, our best walk around clown couple!

Our Best Prop Award is judged on Originality and Uniqueness. Our 2009 Best Prop Award goes to a functional candy cane toted by none other than Peppermint Polly!

Our Most Improved Clown for 2009 has been a member since 1998, earning 10 years with the club last year! Congratulations to Scooter, our 2009 Most Improved Clown!

The Most Appearances Award is pretty self explanatory. With an outstanding 31 points for the 2007-2008 clown year, Stripes is the winner of our Most Appearances Award! Congratulations Stripes!

The Rascal Award is our top honor; the winning clown has been a member of the Winona Clown club since 1999. Congratulations to Rosie for Now, our 2009 Rascal Award winner, AND for celebrating 10 years with the Winona Clown Club!

We only have one other longevity award to mention tonight. Funzie was awarded his 30 year watch at a club meeting with a promise of formal recognition at this year's annual banquet. So, Funzie, my sincerest apologies and a heart-felt thank you from the Winona Clown Club, River City Rascals for a FUN 30 years with the club!"

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Banquet an outstanding success.

A Birthday Card was received from Sugarloaf (Winona Zechman) with a donation to the Clown Club in celebration of our Birthday, which is the same day as her own birthday. We will be sure and send her a Thank You and a current Clown Calendar.

We also received a card from Hugs to remind us of the dates for Clown College in La Crosse this summer and also to invite us to participate in the annual Circus World Parade in Milwaukee. She enclosed an application if we are interested. If anyone is interested in attending the Clown College this summer held at the University in La Crosse, you can contact Richard Snowberg @ 608-796-1546.

The board will meet later this month to discuss our contribution to the Smile Train for this year. They will report to the membership at the May meeting. It was also mentioned that the fact that the Smile Train is our club's official charity should be put on all Parade Acceptance Sheets that are sent out.

Meeting adjourned,
Sparkles, secretary

April Birthdays

Sugar Loaf April 1
Little Bit April 3

Don't forget to access our website. The address is www.winonaclownclub.org

THE NEXT CLOWN CLUB MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 7TH AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL, 961 WEST 5TH STREET, WINONA, MN AT 7:30 PM.

Stumpysisms for April

You never know when it'll be a Kodak moment, so keep your camera ready!



The Winona Clown Club has designated the Smile Train Organization as their Charity and a percentage of each year's income will be donated to the Organization.

www.smiletrain.org



Buffie and Scooter received their Awards at the April meeting.



Peppermint Polly, Stumpy, Stripes and Rosie For Now Receiving their Clown Awards at the Banquet

Proposed By-Law Changes/ Discussion:

Addition of a "Jr. Joey" article. Article is to include the following:

- o Definition of a Jr. Joey member: Member who is under the age of 18, participates in clown functions and meetings
- o Jr. Joey members are not eligible for awards and can not receive the CLAP.
- o Jr. Joey members will not be required to pay dues.
- o Jr. Joey members must have a delegated responsible party present at all clown functions (meeting, events, parties, etc.).
- o Jr. Joey members will not be permitted to chair events.

Adoption of the Clown Code of Ethics/ 7 clown commandments as revised from the National Clown Associated:

1. I will keep my acts, performance and behavior in good taste while I am in costume and makeup. I will remember, at all times, that I have been accepted as a member of the Winona Clown Club to provide others, principally children, with clean clown-comedy entertainment. I will remember a good clown entertains others by making fun of him/herself and not at the expense or embarrassment of others.
2. I will learn to apply makeup in a professional manner. I will provide my own costume. I will carry out my appearance and assignment for the entertainment of others and not for personal gain or national publicity when performing for Winona Clown Club events. I will always try to remain anonymous while in makeup and costume as a clown, though there may be circumstances when it is not reasonably possible to do so.
3. I will not drink any alcoholic beverage prior to any clown appearances. I will abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking while in clown makeup and clown costume. I will conduct myself as a gentleman/lady, neither molesting nor interfering with other acts, events, spectators, or individuals.
4. I will remove my makeup and change into my street clothes as soon as possible following my appearance, so I can not be associated with any incident, which may be detrimental to the good name of clowning. I will conduct myself as a gentleman/lady at all times.
5. While on appearance in makeup and costume, I will carry out the directives of the club. I will abide by all event and club rules without complaint in public.
6. I will do my very best to maintain the best clown standards of makeup, costuming, properties, and comedy.
7. I will appear in as many clown events as I can.

Blatant disregard for the above code of ethics can be terms for termination of membership from the Winona Clown Club.

Revise Hall of Fame area to include previously passed amendments allowing Hall of Fame members to become honorary clown club members, making dues optional.

Further clarification of mileage policy - reimbursement from designated starting point.

Criteria on officer voting- develop quorum?

Remove inactive member rate and clause

Amend meeting location on Page 1.

Remove maximum points earned in one day on Page 6.

Revise VII- remove one year timeline for appearances needed before re-issue of Make-up, and add "or supplier of your choice" for purchasing make-up.