

RVers of Idaho

Fall Campout Camping Through the Decades

Trinity View Resort

September 10, 2025

Director Ken Tetrault called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. He asked that all cell phones be silenced.

The roll was called:

Caldwell Ramblers, Patsy Wyatt, Proxy

Capital Gypsies, Larry Hobdey, President

Kuna Travelers, Tom Sidener, Proxy

Time To Travel, Bob France, Proxy

Sour Doughs, Felicia Bruyette, co-chair

Military, Dave Bruyette, President

Other members present were Warehouse Manager Ron Agenbroad, Legislative Liaison Larry Craig, and Sound Manager Rick Chason.

Secretary Suzanne Craig presented the minutes as posted on the website. Patsy Wyatt moved and Brad Gates seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer Judy Heinbach gave the Treasurer's report (attached). She also spoke to the concern of some members that we are not making money or breaking even with expenses and income every year. This is amounting to anywhere between \$1000 and \$4000 deficit in the bank account each year for the past 4 years. To further explain this issue, she created a spread sheet showing how much we had spent in every category for each of the past 4 years. She and the finance committee have studied the spread sheet to see if there was anywhere expenses could be cut. There was a recommendation that the annual campouts should break even, never lose money. It was mentioned that if we overspent the budget \$2000 a year it would take 20 years to eliminate the money in the bank.

Other items the committee discussed regarding our bank balance: spending should be itemized and reported to the members regularly, reduce registration fees, use money to advertise to attract members, buy shirts and cups with the money, buy a sound board, buy corn hole boards, buy a cart/wagon, get a gift for all members, pay no mileage for officers to attend annual meetings.

Webmaster Jerry Robertson, no report.

Warehouse Manager Ron Agenbroad reviewed plans for the upgrading of the trailer, including a design for wrapping. Discussion followed. The outside needs cleaning and possible painting. Members want the trailer to be a bill board for our organization so discussion was had on where it should be parked. There was a remark about the wording. Ken asked each chapter president to discuss these concerns with their members and get any suggestions to Secretary Craig by September 30. Note: later Tom Sidener said that for the cost of the materials he would sand and paint the trailer before it was wrapped.

Legislative Rep. Larry Craig reported on the coalition to improve the highway to McCall and North Idaho or find an alternate route north. There have been 250 new camping sites built this year in Idaho State Parks. Other year-end info from the ID Park Department will be available soon.

Old Business:

There was a report by Bob France from the committee tasked with finding ways to attract new members. Last year Caldwell Ramblers produced a brochure and asked RV retailers to pass them out to new owners. The Ramblers attended RV shows, and put adds in the newspaper but had only 1 response. It was suggested each chapter actively recruit members. Other ways to get RVers of Idaho know is to have a billboard and be active on Facebook.

Judy Heinbach was nominated for Treasurer for 2026-2027. There were no other nominations. Judy was elected unanimously.

A chairman is still needed for the summer 2026 Campout. Patsy Wyatt, Caldwell Ramblers, volunteered. She will schedule planning committee meetings in the near future.

New Business:

Larry Hobdey reported that Joyce Barcus from It Takes A Village organization in Twin Falls would like a donation.

Brad Gates moved that each chapter suggest a charity to present at the summer meeting. Each chapter would then get \$250 for that charity from the state budget charity fund of \$1500. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

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Sept 11, 2025 Opening Ceremony Notes

The military chapter presented the colors. Members said the Pledge of Allegiance. While an American flag was folded, Bob Amos told the meaning of each fold and the history of the flag. There was a moment of silence for the victims of 911. "God Bless the USA" was played.

Chaplain Dave Bruyette gave the invocation.

Chapters presented their chapter flags as the chapter was announced.

State Director Ken Tetrault announced Judy Heinbach had been elected Treasurer for 2026-2027.

He also announced that each chapter should choose a charity to donate \$250 of the state's charity budget to.

Patsy Wyatt will chair the summer Campout at Elmore County Fairgrounds.

Jane Mehlhaff will be the Facebook Administrator for RVers of Idaho when it is turned over from Eldona Lounsbury. It has not been updated in several years.

Legislative Liaison Larry Craig gave a recap of State Park activities, including 250 new camping sites and there being no sewer dump at Henry's Lake for 4 years.

Susan Buxton has been working on this problem for several years.

Please sign up for games and the banquet.

The AED is in this meeting room.

The South Idaho Campout will be held at the new Eagle Island State Park Sept 23-28 during their soft opening. Contact Tom Cole for registration information. Bring lights. Tom will sponsor the meat for a potluck Thursday night. \$5. Bring a covered dish.

Open ceremonies ended at 11:45.

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September 13 Closing Ceremonies

After the banquet prizes for games were awarded:

Cornhole First place – Tom Sidener and Bob France

Second - Ken Tetrault and Loretta Sidener

Baseball First place – Darrell Harris, Monica Tetrault, Sherry Warr, Carol Peterson, Ike, etc.

Second - Marilyn Harris, Linda Stivers, Kathy Jones, Denise, Chuck, Ed Jones

Miniature Golf – Bob France and Gary Stivers

Swing Golf First Place – Bob France and Tom Sidener

Second – Sandy Hill and Gary Stivers

The Military Chapter will hold a meeting and camp at Three Island Crossing on June 5, 6, 7 and 8, hosting a free dinner Sunday for anyone wanting to attend. Monday, June 8 there will be a lunch for all RVers of Idaho members who no long camp for whatever reason. Please let Dave know of any of your members that fit this category.

Director Ken asked who would like to hold next year's Fall Campout at Trinity View. The vote was unanimous.

Pastor Dave asked members to bring any household items for veterans.

The members were reminded of the church services at 8:30 am Sunday.

The Military Chapter retired the flags and chapters retrieved their chapter flags.

Closing ceremonies ended at 7:30pm.