

MINUTES OF THE June 11, 2010 CHAPTER MEETING OF
MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QWEST PIONEERS
WHITNEY CENTER ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

In Attendance: Gary Greb Jan Swenson Joe Swenson
Al Barthel Carol Barthel Dave Hemmer
Barb Hemmer Pat Jeukens Lee Poirier
Ruby Wilson Betty Lee Mary Ann Neuman
Kathy Hanson Ralph Hunstad Ada Hunstad
Bob Lewis Joan Lewis LuAnn Chambliss

Pat opened meeting 9:04 am. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence.
Welcome and Announcements

Secretary's minutes Al made motion to accept. Dave seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's report Al handed out for all. Dave made motion to accept. Carol seconded. Approved.

Awards: Pat had on display, the trophy that we won from the Region for our Bag project.

Calendar: The Calendar Committee is working on the lay out and changes for the 2011 Calendar. To my knowledge 2 checks were returned unpaid by the Pioneer banking system account closed. Request for gambling permits and gambling license will be started in July 2010 and a printing contract put out to Johnson Printing of Rochester, MN
Next scheduled raffle drawing is August 20, 2010.
Roger Hanson and Ralph Hunstad, co-chairs.

Discussion about 2 checks returned has been taken care of or are in process. Jan sent a note: When you are working on the minutes for the Chapter meeting you may want to make a note about the reimbursement for Bank Fees caused by the closing of the Waterford Bank accounts and transfer to the Wells Fargo accounts. Per Carol's conversation with Sarah Powell at the PAC and calendar checks have been reissued by the Denver PAC, but the Telecom Pioneer Association is doing the reimbursement of Bank Fees from their funds, not ours and they don't have a very high Priority on getting checks issued on the smaller amounts like the Bank Fee Charges.
Here is the information about the calendar payouts to Councils at \$5.00 per calendar sold. The Voucher for those payments to councils for calendars sold was sent to Sarah Powell at PAC on 5/19/2010. Here is the list of those payments. Funds to the Councils can only be spent for Charitable Projects.

Arrowhead -	29 Calendars = \$145.00	Lakes	66 Calendars = \$330.00
Central	264 Calendars = \$1,320.00	Metro	73 Calendars = \$365.00
Chapter 18	4 Calendars = \$20.00	Metro LM 300	Calendars = \$1500.00
Hiawathaland	116 Calendars = \$580.00	Iowa MCC	40 Calendars = \$200.00
Lake Agassiz, ND	3 Calendars = \$15.00	Red River Valley, ND	5 Calendars = \$25.00
Western Plain	207 Calendars = \$1,035.00		

Community Service, Vacant

Scholarships: Winners, Emily Majerus- Austin, MN
Laura Lyons - Owatonna, MN
Andrew Pomeroy - Ramsey, MN
Benjamin Bachmeier- Austin, MN

Congratulations to each winner. There were a total of 24 entries.

Cookbooks: Cookbook report is just that I still fill requests routinely. Today was a trip downtown and I sent 2 cases to Western Plains and 24 books to Hiawathaland for resale.

A concern of the chapter is that there is a profit in cookbook sales when administrative expense is considered. A study made did prove that a profit has been made. It does cut down on the profit when cookbooks are being sold for less than the \$10. Plus tax or \$10 plus \$3. An example are the books being sold for \$10 only (no \$3.00 charge) means that the tax needs to come from the \$10 to pay the state. The total tax for downtown is 7.775 which is for the state, city, county, and metro transit. I suggest that since the cookbooks have always sold for \$10 plus \$3.00 or tax that it stays that Way. Why decrease the amount and take a loss. If there are different prices being agreed upon at the chapter meeting could someone please let me know? Thank you, Paula.

A correction was made at the meeting: Western Plains got 24 books and Hiawathaland got 2 cases.

EZ Help 911: 2nd quarter EZ Help 911 cell phones report 2010.

30 cell phones given out to White Bear Lake Program.

Received 50 cell phones from Anoka County Sheriff's Department.

Used recycled cell phones to purchase 75 fitness balls for Bethune Elementary School and had the official presentation to them on June 3rd. A plaque was presented to Gary Greb as a thank you for raising the funds for the School project.

Activity on cell phones is down right now, but expects it to pick up in the next few months. Areas of Minneapolis are still showing interest, but have not been able to get them started as of yet.

The VFW Women's Auxiliary purchased calling cards for the troops from the sale of cell phones.

Reported by Gary Greb

Family Campers:

**Wagon Master Report - June 10, 2010
10,000 Lakes Telephone Pioneer Family Campers**

The spring 2010 campout was held at the Grant Johnson Farm in Sauk Center, Minnesota May 21, 2010 to May 23, 2010 and it was a great success. Some of the attendees had a tour of Amish farms and shops.

We went out Friday night and ate at the Captain's Table Restaurant and the food was GREAT!!! There was a pot luck supper on Saturday and we all stuffed our selves.

We held a meeting on the 22nd and discussed the following items =====

Treasure Report: Ginny Boom reported---- Savings \$1,875.59 Simple Checking \$309.49 North Star Checking \$376.78 Balance \$2,561.86.

Secretary Report: Was read by Ginny Boom and approved.

Membership Dues Report: Members, who have not paid, can send a check to Lorna Leier.

Old Business: Roger Hanson stated the nominating committee met in Yuma. Roger made a motion that the group cast a unanimous ballot to the slate that was presented. Bill Lovegren – Wagon Master, Lorna Leier, Treasurer, & Ginny Boom – Secretary. Seconded by Kris Swanson. Motion passed. Bill Lovegren reviewed the 2010 winter luncheons, and stated they certainly have been successful! Several members attended the 2009 International rally in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Dave Hemmer stated that 8 campers attended and rally was successful.

New Business:

The memorial for Bill Hofer will be June 12. We emailed info out and put on our web site.

MS150: Dave Hemmer reported the bike ride from Duluth to Twin Cities will be June 13. The Pioneers will man Rest Stop #1 at Pine County Fairgrounds at Pine City, Minn. All volunteers are welcome.

MSTRAM: July 25-29. Dave Hemmer reported the MSTRAM will be from Alexandria to Little Falls, Pequot Lakes, Wadena, Fergus Falls, and back to Alexandria. Camping will be at Pillager and Garfield. Dave will be running Rest Stop #3 and we will be selling buttons again this year. Members, who have not volunteered before and have an interest in joining, can contact Dave. You are responsible for your expenses incurred during the week.

Beep Baseball: Kathy Hanson informed us that the Telephone Pioneer Family Campers are going to hopefully staff or take care of filling a slot at the World Series Beep Baseball. Beep baseball is played by blind or severely sight impaired people. The games will be played in Rochester the week of August 1-7. Kathy is looking for two or three people to volunteer hospitality, one or two days or all week. Three camping spots have been reserved in Rochester.

Ralph Hunstad made a motion to donate \$100.00 to buy two Beep Baseballs. Seconded by George Carlson. Motion passed. Kathy will submit a voucher to Lorna Leier.

Spring Campout: Zig and Marge Carlson have done a fantastic job of hosting this campout. The Carlsons indicated the \$100.00 donation check will go to the Food Shelf at Sauk Center. After a discussion, each unit was encouraged to give \$15.00 per night, or whatever you feel comfortable giving for camping at Grant Johnson's farm.

Fall Campout 2010: Hosts are Bob and Ginny Boom. August 20-21 at Countryside Campground, Askov, Minn.

Mystery Trip 2010: Will be hosted by Charlie Kadlec in October.

International Rally 2010: Dave Hemmer made a motion that 10,000 Lakes send \$100.00 to TPFC to cover our dues, so that we can continue getting the Hello Central Paper. Seconded by Roger Houg. Motion passed. International Rally will be October 26-29, 2010 at Seffner, Florida. Registration forms were available and deadline to register is August 1.

Spring Campout 2011: Hosts will be Dave and Barb Hemmer

Bill Lovegren

Wagon Master

10,000 Lakes Telephone Pioneer Family Campers

Life Member Rep: No report

Management Liaison; No show or report

Membership Committee: One new member was signed up at the Duluth membership Tea. Jan received copies of four others that had previously signed up but have not been added to the Database yet. Jan has forwarded the new member to Denver and asked about the other three people on the copies of membership forms. The 4th person was already in the database. The Qwest Region Pioneer Office did an audit of all dues paying Qwest Employees and sent out a list of about 12 people they could not find. Jan has found or added all the people on the list.

**MS TRAM –
Rest Stop #3**

The 2010 Star Tribune TRAM Ride will be held July 25 to 30 and will take cyclists on one large loop through the beautiful Central Lakes region of Minnesota. Start, stop and finish sites are:

- Sunday, July 25 (check-in) — **Alexandria, Minn.**
- Monday, July 26 — **Little Falls, Minn.**
- Tuesday, July 27 — **Pequot Lakes, Minn.**
- Wednesday, July 28 — **Wadena, Minn.**
- Thursday, July 29 — **Fergus Falls, Minn.**
- Friday, July 30 — Cyclists ride down the Central Lakes Trail to the finish in **Alexandria, Minn.**

Campers will camp at “Camp Jim” near Pillager Sunday, Monday & Tuesday nights, and drive each morning to their designated rest stop area. On Wednesday we will move to “Oak Park” campground and Garfield, MN and stay there Wednesday & Thursday.

Currently we have 7 couples and 5 singles signed up to volunteer. There will be 6 RV’s camping as of now.

We can use more volunteers and everyone is welcome to stay in motels and drive each day or drive from home and work one day or as many days as they would like.

The exact location of Rest Stop #3 will not be known until about 10 days before the TRAM.

However this much we can estimate, Monday the rest stop will be between about 3/4th of the way between Alexandria and Little Falls. Tuesday the rest stop will be between about 3/4th of the way between Little Falls & Pequot Lakes. Wednesday the rest stop will be between about 3/4th of the way between Pequot Lakes & Wadena.

Thursday the rest stop will be between about 3/4th of the way between Wadena & Fergus Falls. And Friday the rest stop will be between about 3/4th of the way between Fergus Falls & Alexandria.

To volunteer to work at Rest Stop #3 contact Dave Hemmer 320-290-2127 –

dhemmer1@mn pioneers.com

Submitted by Dave Hemmer.

Wheel Deals – on a Qwest for a Cure is the name of the sponsored team. \$515. Is the actual amount of pledges as of 6/2/2010. Have secured a \$320 donation from Hiawathaland Pioneer Club and will make donation requests to other councils and Clubs.

There are 8 registered riders.

A waffle/pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held July 18, 2010 at Hidden Paradise Resort Camp Ground in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Commemorative Buttons have been designed and will be sold for a donation of at least \$1.00. Button Machine has been donated by Credit Union.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Ride Team Captain.

Participation Chair: No report due to problems in Denver.

Power Up to Read/Readers for Life: 591 Students at Grant & Nettleton Schools in Duluth on June 2nd received books. We delivered another 40 books for their Library along with copies of the Power Up to Read. They are looking at using the Power Up to Read in their Summer Reading Program and will let us know if more copies are needed. Six volunteers were there: Pat Jeukens, Lee Poirier, Donna Ness as Cat in the Hat, Nancy Eilefson, Char Reno and Jan Swenson.

Prior to the school presentation, Pat Jeukens, Joe and Jan Swenson picked up 1937 books at the Scholarship Book Fair Sale. We have depleted the funds in the Reader's For Life Fund and have a fundraiser planned for June 16th in Downtown Minneapolis.

Jan brought several boxes of books that had been donated to the Pioneers from City of Hope to send to Duluth with Betty Lee for their "Big Red Bookshelf". It is a bookshelf the Boy Scouts built. The Pioneers and CWA members stock with books at a Community Health Center where clients can take books for children up to 3rd grade.

Qwest Foundation is looking at a \$10,000.00 donation in conjunction with the Twins Partnership for the Summer Reading Program. The Pioneer Readers for Life will be working with the Twins & MELSA (Alliance of Metro Libraries) to encourage Kindergarten through 6th grade to read at least 20 hours over the summer. There will be events with T.C. Bear at several libraries in the Metro Area. The Pioneers Reader for Life committee will be working with the Scholastic Book Fair/Jim Osborn to purchase books as prizes for the summer readers.

MELSA - 103 libraries in 7 counties and St. Paul.

Donation of 924 "Tuck Everlasting" to South Metro Schools through Donna Ness. Books were donated to Pioneers from City of Hope.

Web Master -

Web Site Report - Site total 1630 Overall Web Site are down from last quarter.

Chapter Minutes	60	
Meetings	33	
Councils & Clubs	35	Calendar winners and Current News continue to be the pages getting the most hits.
Exec. Board	143	
Projects	78	
Arrowhead Council	16	Councils and Club pages continue to be low with the exceptions of Central Council.
Central Council	123	
Lakes Council	21	
Hawathaland Council	28	Family Campers are generating a good number of hits.
Mpls. Life Members	37	
Metro Council	22	
Western Plains	16	Apparently people are using the web site to find out who is on our Executive Board as that page is also being viewed.
Current News	684	
Products for Sale	47	
Family Campers	156	
Links	35	Dave Hemmer, Web Master.
Calendar Winners	600	
Web Master	10	
Just Pictures	245	
Qwest Benefits	22	
Go Green	34	

Council/Club Reports:

Arrowhead 2nd Quarter Report.

Life member luncheon held on 5/19/2010. A "Let's Go Fishing Duluth" representative was the guest. The board of directors voted to donate \$100.00 to support their efforts.

The council purchased a refrigerator that is used by the Pioneers in the Pioneer Lounge located at the Melrose Building Downtown.

Hug-A-Bear production continues. 20 bears were delivered to St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

Purchased two Beep Balls for the Beep Baseball World Series that will be held in Rochester this summer.

Our councils annual Tea was held on June 2nd. It was an enjoyable event enjoyed by all who attended. Books were donated to the Grant and Nettleton Schools in Duluth in support of "Readers for Life" on June 2nd.

The "Spirit of Service" ride benefiting MACV (Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans) will be held on July 17th. Raffle tickets are being sold. Prize is a Harley Davidson Sportster Motorcycle.

Lakes:

Mary and Lois attended the meeting with John Stanoch. Chet met with Pelican Rapids Police Department and Ottertail County Sheriff's Department about giving out Hug-A-Bears. Also made matching dollars of \$200.00 to Pelican Rapids Food Shelf.

Thanks Chet Nettetstad

Central report: June 11, 2010 – St Cloud MN.

Since the last Chapter meeting we contributed hours to our community as follows:

EZ Help Cell Phones	17 hours
Chemo Caps	67 hours
Talking book repair	144 hours and 15 units sent in
Wellness bags	104 hours 132 bags
Computer Assistance	15 hours
Hug-A-Bears	5 hours (10 bears by Joan Lovegren, hours not yet reported)
Wheel Chair Ramps	378 hours 4 ramps completed by 18 volunteers

Our members Volunteered at Chore Club, Food Shelf, Red Cross, Nursing Home, Life Lines, Hospital & others.

Central Council business meeting on March 15th. We approved the \$50.00 purchase of a beep baseball and approved \$200.00 allowance for purchasing a meal for beep baseball players.

March 28th we participated in a "Welcome Home Veterans" ceremony at the St Cloud Civic Center. Pioneers were well represented by 18 members and provided a great deal of support for this community project.

Life Member Breakfast meeting at Little Falls on April 13th.

April 14th we built a wheel chair ramp in Cold Spring.

May 5th we built a second wheel chair ramp in Cold Spring.

May 20th we built a wheel chair ramp in Milaca, MN.

May 26th we built a wheel chair ramp in Sauk Rapids for Pioneer Merv Marsh.

We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens

Our next Council meeting will be scheduled when needed.

Report respectfully submitted by: Dave Hemmer - Central Council President

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club

Second Quarter- 2010

The Harley Forsythe Life Member Club had their last meeting of the Pioneer year on April 13. We had a luncheon at Little Falls where 60 Pioneers and Partners attended.

We are looking forward to our August picnic at Riverside Park in St. Cloud on August 10. We always have a good turnout for the Picnic.

Our new Pioneer Meeting schedule will be sent out in July. We anticipate the same schedule as this year.

September- luncheon at Princeton

October - Luncheon at Sauk Centre

November - Breakfast at Perkins in St. Cloud

December - Christmas Party at Whitney Senior in St. Cloud.

January - Breakfast in St. Cloud

February - Valentine Party in St. Cloud

March - Breakfast meeting in St. Cloud

April - Luncheon is Little Falls.

All pioneers are invited to our meetings, especially Chapter Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lewis, President, Harley Forsythe Life Member Club.

Hiawathaland:

2nd Qtr 2010 CHAPTER REPORT from QWEST PIONEERS HIAWATHALAND CLUB

In April the Hiawathaland Club assisted Chapter 18 by organizing a Beeping Egg Hunt on April 26 in Faribault at the Minnesota Academy for the Blind. Twenty-one volunteers turned out and helped with the cookout meal (which was moved indoors due to rain) and to assist students as they searched for the beeping eggs. There were about 40 students and staff at the event. Each student received a goodie bag of candy and a gift. Kim O'Donnell, the Phy Ed Director has indicated the Pioneers are invited again next year. Students dictated their thank you's to Kim which were included in a card of appreciation.

Our club continues to participate and support the support program "Operation MN Nice" which sends a monthly box of treats and necessities to deployed soldiers.

Members donated funds and time to assist in the start-up of "Operation Lifesaver" in Rice County MN. This program outfits children and adults at risk of becoming lost/separated from home or caretakers with a GPS track able bracelet. Funds to purchase 2 Bracelets which cost \$99 were donated. Diane Rueb organized vendors to show wares at the county kickoff event. Each vendor paid \$25 to participate, which funds went to the Operation Lifesaver. Mary Perron and Doreen Trahan staffed the ticket stations at the fundraiser spaghetti dinner. Other Pioneers from Hiawathaland attended as paying participants.

A \$320 donation to MS TRAM for the 8 registered riders on the Wheel Deals on a Qwest for a Cure team was made.

Education co-chair Janet Lozon will be contacting the MN Academy for the Blind Librarian to discuss any needs they have and the club will determine how they can help with the school's literacy programs. A \$50 donation was made to the Medford Park Department as a thank you for allowing Pioneers to use their park at no charge.

Sent Thank You to Owatonna VFW for allowing Pioneers to use their meeting room at no charge Kathy Hanson made a plea for Volunteers for the World Series of Beep Baseball to be held in Rochester. This is a CHAPTER PROGRAM and should have broad Volunteer participation.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, President-Qwest Pioneers Hiawathaland Club

Western Plain: Western Plains Pioneers

Meeting April 14 with 8 members attending.

Motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the following: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boy & Girls club for Montevideo, Historical Village of Chippewa County, Montevideo Fiesta.

A Spring Fling was held in Montevideo April 29 with 28 members attending. Door prizes and Cash prizes were given to the lucky persons.

The Montevideo Pioneers meet the 1st Wednesday of each month for a noon luncheon.

A motion to donate to the Kandiyohi Fire Department for equipment.

Submitted by Ralph Hunstad

Metro -

Metro Council

Donations: Purchased 2 Beep Baseballs for the Rochester games

\$200 for meals for a Beep Baseball team

\$100 to Second Chance Animal Rescue

\$1000 to Destination ImagiNation, Inc.

\$100 to Leukemia & Lymphoma society team in training

\$100 to American Diabetes Assn. for the Tour De Cure

Birthday in a Bag continues to be a very successful project and are being delivered throughout the metro area.

19 Wellness bags to St. Cloud Council

Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity on May 15

Presented the Therapy Balls to Bethune School on June 3rd; Gary Greb, Pat Jeukens and LuAnn Chambliss.

Store Sale on May 18 & 19

MERSC – Selling Dining Cards and Valley Fair tickets.

Metro Life

Metro Life Member Report

June 6, 2010

The Metro Life Members held one social luncheon (Valentine’s Lunch) and one business meeting on April 21, 2010. Donations were approved for the following charities:

\$200 – University of Minnesota Medical Foundation

\$100 – Beep Baseball Association (purchased 2 balls)

\$100 – Second Harvest Heartland

\$200 – Changing Lives-Lutheran Social Service

We collected 30+ pairs of Jammies for Joe’s that were delivered to St Joseph’s Home for Children

97 Pioneers and friends went on our Spring Casino Trip to Turtle Lake, Wisconsin on May 5th.

Our next excursion is to the Old Log Theater on June 17th – reservations are still coming in for that trip.

The Metro Life Member group will continue to meet at Elsie’s Restaurant in Minneapolis for 2010-2011. The exact dates of our meetings have not been determined.

Hours reported by Metro Life Member Pioneers are:

	Hours	Participants
Jan	575	71
Feb	726	106
Mar	665	131
Apr	715	81
May	699	73
TOTAL	3380	462

OLD BUSINESS:

All Councils and Clubs were asked to check their cookbook inventory and order enough ahead of time so can arrangements can be made for delivery rather than have the cost of shipping them. Maybe books can be brought to the Chapter meetings.

Cost as follows: 4 book set special (one Red, one Blue, one Green, and one Yellow) \$30.00 no postage or tax. Red and Blue books are \$7.00 each (no tax or shipping) Yellow and Green are \$10.00. (no tax or shipping) We are not as worried about the cost as getting rid of the inventory.

There will be a Membership drive downtown on June 16, 2010.

Discussion on Pioneer truck. Need pictures for people interested in buying. Gary had checked with several Qwest garages. They may be interested in storing but have a lot of if's.

Dave said the Car Club in St. Cloud maybe interested.

MaryAnn questioned why we are keeping the truck. Some of the member would like to use it in parades and have on display at car shows.

There is some concern about judges for the Caring and Sharing Calendar Scholarships. It was decided judges names should be made available.

Beep Baseball August 1 to the 7th in Rochester. Volunteers needed.

Ronald McDonald House Brunch September 12th. Need workers 10:00am to prepare, serving from 11:30 - 12:30. July 11th from 5:30 - 6:30 serving supper.

New Business:

Motion made by Dave Hemmer: Minnesota Chapter 18 requires a sixty day notice on all requests for Chapter funds over \$500.00. Seconded by Jan. Motion approved

Jan amended the \$1000.00 motion made at the March 2010 meeting for MACV to be \$500.00 to Duluth MACV Arrowhead Spirit of Service Ride and the remaining \$500.00 to set aside for items for Personal Care Bags for Veterans to be distributed by the MACV organization.

Kathy seconded. Approved.

Motion made by Jan to set aside \$1500.00 for Beep Ball. \$300.00 will be used to purchase 6 balls and rest will be used as needed for expenses at games. Remainder to return to chapter.

Mary Ann seconded Approved

Motion made by Mary Ann \$250.00 for meal for a Beep Ball Team for a meal. The team will come with a recommendation from the Association. Jan seconded Approved.

Dave made a motion for \$200.00 for up to 9 riders not to exceed \$1800.00. Kathy seconded. Approved. If only 8 riders the extra \$200.00 will be returned to Chapter.

All Council reports were current at this meeting.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be held in Duluth, September 10, 2010 starting at 10:00 am.

Spirit of Service Ride in Duluth area July 17, 2010

MS Tram starts July 25th ends July 30. Check in Alexandria, MN Sunday.

Beep Baseball in Rochester starts August 1st till August 7th.

Kathy Hanson and LuAnn Chambliss are in charge of volunteers.

Thank you to Central Council for hosting the meeting and serving the wonderful snack and providing Subway for lunch. Thank you Thank you. It is always fun to visit other areas. See you in Duluth next time.

Minutes submitted by Ruby Wilson

763-422-6831 or rewilson422@msn.com with questions.