

OHCC Travel Club BoD Meeting Minutes 9-2-25

OHCC Travel Club Board of Directors

President, Adele Siesel; Treasurer/Membership, Lynn Opelka; Secretary, Amy Blount; Director, Jeannine Ferrari; Director, Callie Dean

President Adele Siesel called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm in the Clubhouse Sewing Room. Board members present: Lynn Opelka, Amy Blount, Jeannine Ferrari, Callie Dean and invited guest, Judy Harris.

The minutes of the July 1, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as read prior by email. Jeannine made a motion to approve the minutes which was 2nd by Adele. It was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Dues Account is \$3,900.13; Spendable Trips Account is \$4,952.10; Membership is 260.

Trips and Events paid by members

Warriors & Cars 9/18/25	26	Budget \$6,500
Laughlin 11/5-8/25	11 rooms	Budget \$20,000
Jungle Bells 12/22/25	23 paid	Budget \$5,000
Phantom of the Opera 7/19.26		Budget \$4,000

It was proposed by Lynn and 2nd by Amy that Judy Harris will purchase 36 tickets for the 2026 Pageant of the Masters when they first go on sale in November. She will look for a date in mid-August.

Old Business

Banking – Lynn said our bank, Banc of California, is now charging \$5/paper statement per account. She had many challenges setting up online banking for both accounts to avoid the fee. This required multiple trips to the bank along with multiple phone calls She went above and beyond her duty as Treasurer! Currently, she is only able to log into one of the accounts. So, it's a work in progress. Several other OH clubs having issues with Banc of California have switched to California Coast Credit Union near Chic-fil-A on College and Marron Roads. It is a future consideration.

Dropbox – Lynn stated there is an annual fee which has increased to ~\$200/year for a higher-level allowing sharing of files, which we need.

Debrief of Pageant of the Masters trip. A couple who paid were not on our list. Their check was deposited but not put on the seating chart or Dropbox. Otherwise, the trip was good.

New Business

Check issues were discussed, i.e. lost or misplaced checks at the front desk. Adele discussed this with Chris Bessie but there is nothing more Recreation can do.

Perhaps we can notify members when their check has been received but not deposited until the trip is a go with 25 people or whatever the minimum is set at.

Member to member ticket purchase or transfer that does not require funds passing through TC accounts was discussed. The Travel Club must be notified and waivers will be required

if not already on file. We will allow members to give/sell tickets up to **24 hours prior** to the event provided we receive notification from the seller/donor, we respond to the seller/donor and we have time to make the necessary updates. No response on our part, does not constitute consent on the seller/donor's part. This is our "Beta test policy".

It was decided that we will not offer only transportation to any trips. The entire trip price needs to be paid.

General Programs & Meetings

October 14, 2025 – General Meeting, Program and Elections. AFC will present their trip to NYC for the Holidays, December 4-8, 2026. Will Reese will only have 30 minutes to talk about this trip. Callie will handle the elections. Doors will open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7pm. We will have the usual refreshments. We need an email blast about the elections listing the current board and that they have agreed to remain in their current positions. Anyone wishing to put their name in for a position, needs to contact Callie. Adele will contact Gail Hyams and Pete Payne to host the trip flyers table.

Trip Ideas and Plans

September 18, 2025 – Warriors and Cars. Tour the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin. We need to arrive by 9am and have two hours to tour. We will donate \$50 to their projects. This is a private museum that raises funds for children's projects. The Bowers Museum is where we will tour the Terracotta Warriors from China. There is an outdoor food court about 2 miles (The District at Tustin Legacy) from the Marconi where people will lunch on their own. The bus will depart at 7:30am. The price is \$130/person. Adele needs a count by this Thursday, September 4th. We have 30 tickets but only 26 sold. Adele will purchase muffins and water for the trip.

November 5-8, 2025 – Motorcoach trip to Laughlin. The cost will be \$580 pp double occupancy (Single supplement is \$128 upon request.) Adele has signed the contract. ADA rooms also available upon request. Adele checked with Securitas regarding attendees parking in the overflow lot for 4 days and its fine. We need to book a minimum of 15 rooms for the group rate. All rooms have views, and have 2 queen beds. Each person will receive a \$15 food credit and we cannot stop at any other casino on the way or during our stay or the contract is cancelled (via motorcoach – if travelers wish to walk to another casino that's ok.) We need 4 more rooms (double occupancy) and a total of 25 people. (Currently, we have 18 people and 11 rooms.)

December 22, 2025 – Jungle Bells. Callie has reserved 25 tickets and she can reserve more so she will change it to 50 tickets. Experience the magic and spirit of the holiday season. Dinner on your own at the park. \$150 per person.

2026 Activities and Functions

January 20 Kick Off – Rosemary Bray will reprise her Rhino Lecture. North Park Produce near the new Sketchers outlet has good Mediterranean food take out. \$300 for 25 people. Pronto Deli is another possibility.

February 19 (tentative) Senior Day at the Safari Park to see the new Elephant Valley We will hold off on this trip until the winter as there is no guarantee that the exhibit will be open by February 19. Plus, it will be extremely crowded. Perhaps move it to November.

February (alternative) Kellogg Ranch Home Tour at Cal Poly Pomona with Arabian Horse Show Buffet lunch included. Once a month and only on a Sunday.

March Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert. Arrive at 8am for tour and lunch on your own. Afternoon visit a date or mushroom farm. Possible Salvation Mountain on east side of Salton Sea.

April – Padres vs Cubs at Petco Park April 29th is the prospective day. It's a Wednesday. ~\$153/person not including lunch.

May – Catalina day trip.

June – Huntington Gardens and Library

July 19, Sunday – 1 pm Pantages theater, Phantom of the Opera & Dinner at Lawry's Prime Rib. Adele has booked 49 tickets. If we don't sell them all we can get a refund.

Classic dinner is \$81 pp. Plus tax and tip ~\$100 pp. This includes a spinning salad, choice of prime rib, salmon, chicken or vegetarian plus a choice of dessert. Beverages other than coffee or hot tea are extra. We will sit in the main dining room. We would leave at 10:30 am. The reservation at Lawry's is at 4 pm. We would leave at 6 pm. Adele paid the deposit for the Phantom tickets (\$708) using the TC Debit card on July 7. Price will be ~\$340 pp. Will it be too much for our members? We will ask members at the October meeting.

August – Pageant of the Masters

Next TC BoD Meeting

The next meeting is on October 7, 2025, 1pm in the Sewing Club Room.

There was no further business, and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Blount, Secretary

September 7, 2025

Distribution: Board Members