

Sierra Vista National Scenic Byway
Annual Meeting
April 13th, 2009

An annual meeting of the Byway association members is required to elect officers and board members. This year, in order to stimulate more interest from the members and general public, the Byway Board decided to include refreshments, a guest speaker and also have a photo contest. Photos were to be sent in prior to the meeting so they could be organized for display.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack McGowan and continued with the acceptance of the previous meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report. The next item of business was the nomination and election of officers and board members. The election of those nominated was accomplished by acclamation.

The non-business activities started with a talk by guest speaker Roger Mitchell, author of the guidebook "Exploring the Sierra Vista National Scenic Byway". Roger described some interesting and little known features on the Byway and described how he organized his book so that the Byway could be explored over several trips. He fielded many questions from members and guests. Mitchell's guidebook is for sale locally at the Forest Service office as well as at North Fork Hardware on Main Street.

Next up, Dan Carter showed his beautiful slide presentation of scenic Byway vistas. Dan frequently shows this presentation when promoting the SVSBA to various groups and organizations.

The last feature of the evening was a slide show of photos submitted by the public for the photo contest organized and presented by Doug Waltner and Dave Martin. The Byway Board will review the contest entrees to decide on winners and prizes, both of which will be announced here on this website at a later date.

The meeting was well attended and ended with many favorable comments and enthusiastic suggestions.