

**NORTHWEST MOTOR HOME AREA ASSOCIATION - FMCA
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Cowlitz County Regional Convention Center
Tuesday September 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. President Kathie Balogh presiding and Bobbi Radford, Secretary, were both present. Executive Board Members Don Schleuse, Kent Pratt, Dennis Martin, Judie Lehenbauer, Barbara Schleuse and Andy Balogh were in attendance. The meeting began with an invocation by Dave Owens. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Schleuse.

The roll call was taken and chapter delegates identified for voting purposes. A quorum was established.

The Executive Board introduced themselves to the audience.

The readings of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived. It was moved to accept the minutes that were emailed previously to the Executive Board Members, Chapter Officers and also published on the Northwest Area website. The motion was seconded and carried.

Barbara Schleuse, Treasurer, reported the balance on hand in checking account, as of September 16, 2016, was \$41,880.24. The savings account balance, as of September 16, 2016, was \$67,285.71. The total cash on hand, as of September 16, 2016, is \$109,165.95. The Treasurers Report was accepted for file and will be filed with the meeting minutes.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee Chairman Jerry Lehenbauer reported that were two Vice President positions up for election and there are three applicants running for two positions; Bill Chambers, Jim McBride and Dennis Martin. Jerry mentioned that the candidates receiving the top two number of votes will be elected to the positions. He also reported that the office of Treasurer was up for election and that Barbara Schleuse was running for that office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Kathie pointed out that the resumes for each candidate were on the tables. Kathie thanked the Nominating Committee - Jerry Lehenbauer, Fred Royce, and Beth Harrington for their work over the past year.

Old Business: None

New Business:

West Springfield MA 94th FMCA Convention. Kathie thanked all those that attended the Convention and announced that the Northwest Area was 2nd in attendance percentage for all ten areas. The number of Family coaches in attendance was 1059, adding in the show coaches the total number of coaches was 1305.

The Governing Board Report: The report copies were presented to the attendees and is attached to these minutes.

RVillage: Fred Royce asked for an explanation of RVillage. There was a lengthy discussion on the topic and members that attended the Governing Board Meeting gave their opinions. It is a member benefit; some members have tried it. We need to promote this new benefit, as we have invested money into the program. There will be more information in the FMC Magazine in the near future.

Articles of Incorporation: Kathie read the FMCA Articles of Incorporation to the members. The FMCA Board wants to add one more item to the Articles of Incorporation. The 7th would allow FMCA to broaden the scope of FMCA. There will be vote with a ballot printed in the October issue of the Family Motor Coaching Magazine. To pass it will take 51% of the ballots **returned** to FMCA. Al Zimmerman, a delegate at the Governing Board Meeting in West Springfield, explained what this could mean. He said it could mean another company, a separate organization that would cover towables.

Northwest Area Update: Barbara Schleuse reported that the Area had a profit of \$23,303.85 at the "All Aboard For Albany" Rally. There were 356 Family coaches in attendance and 132 show coaches. Kathie touched on the Rally Surveys briefly.

FMCA Store: The Store is now outsourced and the Area should be seeing better inventory in the near future.

Call Center: The call center is working well. They are keeping in touch with new members, as well as, calling members whose membership has expired. It has been very successful.

Dues Increase: The dues will increase as of October 1, 2016. You can purchase additional years prior to the increase date. Kathie explained that if you leave FMCA before your membership expires you can receive a refund for all excess years except the year you are currently in.

FMCAssist: Last year FMCA paid a premium of \$295,442 for FMCAssist. The FMCAssist pay out, by Seven Corners, was \$298,470, in 73 claims. FMCA is in negotiations for new FMCAssist coverage. Kathie will send out information as it becomes available.

10 Year Rule: If your coach is older than 10 years, professional drivers can and will refuse to drive your coach home. Seven Corners will pay similar benefits up to \$5000, but you will need to find your own driver. Kathie is looking into having an updated Pitch Hit Drivers list.

Recruitment Money: FMCA will spend up to \$125 for each chapter for mailings. Please use it to promote your chapter. It cannot be used for web sites. Kathie has challenged the members to recruit new people for FMCA and your chapters. As of now FMCA has 70,872 members. In August, we had an increase of 333 members. The last Family number out is 461558. Paul Everts is giving a free FMCA membership, with the purchase of a coach.

Indianapolis Indiana: The convention in 2017 will have a National Election for the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for FMCA. Please think about attending, if you can't please ask for a Temporary Delegate for your chapter. Jon Walker and Rett Porter are running for President & Senior Vice President of FMCA.

Northwest Area Rally: June 23-25, 2017. Kathie showed submitted Art for the Rally Book. Jim Mc Bride moved that we adopt the darker of the pictures for the Rally Book and Pin, seconded and the motion passed. The intensity of the coloring in the Art work will be at the discretion of the Program book chair and the Executive Board.

Possible Rally sites for: Kathie offered these site for consideration

2018: The Mill Hotel and Casino - Gene Kenney moved that we go to the Mill in 2018, the motion was seconded. Melanie Kenney amended the motion to include "based on successful negotiations". The motion **carried**. The Mill offers 182 electric sites. The Registration usually goes on the web site the middle of December.

2019: Linn County Fair and Expo Andy moved to go to Albany for 2019 based on successful negotiations. Seconded and the motion **carried**.

2020: Redmond, Oregon International Rally has been approved by the Governing Board, based on successful negotiations. We will not have a Northwest Area Rally in 2020 as it is too hard on all our volunteers.

Western Area (Indio) The Northwest Area gathering will be held on January 12, 2017 immediately after the parade in the Queens Gallery.

Elections: The ballots were passed out to the voting delegates as Jerry Lehenbauer read the list of Nominees.

Treasurer: Barbara Schleuse's name was read. Kathie asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Al Zimmerman made a motion to elect Barbara Schleuse by acclamation. The motion was seconded and **carried**.

Vice Presidents: Jerry Lehenbauer read the names of those nominated; Bill Chambers, Dennis Martin and Jim McBride. The voting delegates were asked to vote for only two of the candidates. Kathie reminded the delegates that the candidates receiving the top two highest number of votes, will fill the two positions. Andy Balogh, Dennis Hill, and Judy Hill counted the ballots. Kathie announced that the two new Vice Presidents are Dennis Martin and Bill Chambers.

Kathie thanked Kent Pratt for his 6 years as Vice President and his many years of service to the Northwest Area and FMCA.

Andy Balogh made a motion to destroy the ballots, it was seconded and the motion **carried**.

Recessed.

The meeting was reconvened on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 9:20am to complete unfinished business.

Kathie suggested that the Area portion of the 50/50 raffle be donated to a charity, and submitted the Shriners Hospital for Children in Spokane WA as a possible recipient. Dana Chambers made a motion that the donation be made to The Shriners Hospital in Spokane, WA, the motion was seconded. After a discussion Dana amended her motion; stating the donation go to the Shriners Hospital in Portland, OR. **Rationale:** the rally was held in Oregon. The motion was seconded and **carried**. The donation from the 2016 Northwest Area 50/50 raffle is \$1700.

The 2016/2017 Nomination Committee: Nominated for the committee were Jerry Lehenbauer, Fred Royce & Beth Harrington. Motion to elect by acclamation made by Dave Owens, seconded and **carried**.

Kathie asked that all Officer updates and Chapter Rally information be sent to the Secretary as soon as they are available.

Announcements -

Cincinnati Meeting – October 10-15, 2016
Indio CA – Western Area Rally – January 11-15, 2017
Quartzsite – January 21 - 29, 2017
Chandler, AZ - FMCA 95th International Convention – March 7 - 10, 2017
Planning Meeting Dates – Cowlitz County Convention Center - April 11 - 13, 2017
Cowlitz County Convention Center – Northwest Area Rally - June 22 - 25, 2017
Indianapolis, IN – FMCA 96th International Convention – July 12 – 15, 2017
Planning Meeting – TBD – September 19-21, 2017
NORTHWEST AREA RALLY – TBD June 21 – 24, 2018
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*Perry GA – FMCA 97th International Convention Spring 2018
*Gillette, WY – FMCA 98th International Convention Summer 2018
*Chandler or Tucson, AZ - FMCA 99th International Convention Spring 2019
*St. Paul MN – FMCA 100th FMCA International Convention Summer 2019
*Perry GA – FMCA 101st International Convention Spring 2020
*Redmond OR – 102nd International Convention Summer 2020

*pending successful negotiations.

2017 Chapter Anniversaries:

50 years: Northwestern – July 06, 1967 Celebration Rally Labor Day week end 2017,
Selah WA Elks

25 years: Artic Travelers – August 15, 1992

15 years: Panhandle Gems – May 19, 2002
Southern Alberta Drifters – August 17. 2002
Vancouver Islanders - July 07, 2002

10 years Bernie & Red – April 07, 2007
NorthWest Country Coachers – September 29, 2007

The meeting was adjourned

Bobbi Radford

Secretary