

**NORTHWEST MOTOR HOME AREA ASSOCIATION – FMCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
The Mill Hotel & Casino
Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm. President Kathie Balogh presiding and Secretary Bobbi Radford were both present. Executive Board Members Bill Chambers, Jim McBride and Immediate Past President Andy Balogh were in attendance. Executive Board members unable to attend; Don Schleuse, Barbara Schleuse, and Dennis Martin. Dennis Hill gave the invocation.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived as they had been distributed via email. The minutes were submitted for file.

The Treasurer's reported was distributed to those in attendance. The balance on hand in checking account, as of April 15, 2018, was \$66,015.14. The savings account balance, as of April 15, 2018, was \$117,319.72. The total cash on hand, as of April 15, 2018, is \$183,334.86. This total includes income for the Coos Bay Rally. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for file and will be filed with the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Kathie asked for nominations for the Nominating Committee. The nominees were George Doersch, Walt Haynes & Jack Crans. The three were elected to serve through September of 2018. George Doersch was elected Chair of the Nominating Committee.

There was a discussion about the Offices that will be up for election in September 2018. There will be two (2) Vice President Positions; Dennis Martin is terming out; Bill Chambers can run for another term. The Treasurer position is also up for election as Barbara Schleuse is terming out.

Kathie discussed the upcoming election for the Northwest Area National Vice President. She stated that the ballots were out and that the ballots needed to be returned by May 5, 2018. Even though Don Schleuse is running unopposed it is necessary for all ballots be returned. If Don is elected to the National Vice President's position, he will vacate the Northwest Area Sr. Vice President's position and that position will be up for election.

Kathie stated that all National Vice Presidents that are up for election are running unopposed.

Northwest Area 2018 Rally: There are approximately 250 families signed up, this is above what we had at this time last year. The Mill's sales team has been exceptional to work with. We have gained a little more parking than last time because we will be using the grass area on the water side of the RV Park. Small units like small class B's and Roadtreks can be parked there with no problem.

Northwest Area Rally 2019 – June 06-09, 2019 Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany Oregon. The delegates were asked to come up with a Theme and a Logo for this rally. This will enable us to get the advertising out early; in order to attract a larger number of attendees.

Redmond Rally 2020: The 102nd FMCA rally will be held in Redmond Oregon at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds. Kathie asked for suggestions for a theme and logo for this rally.

The meeting will reconvene on Wednesday morning before the Planning Meeting to vote on the suggested Theme and Logo the Northwest Area Rally 2019 and the Redmond, Oregon National Convention 2020.

Perry, Georgia 97th Convention Update: There were 2507 Family coaches in attendance, 967 first timers 37%, 19 other recreational vehicles at the Perry, Georgia convention

Gillette, Wyoming 98th National Convention Update: There is a need for temporary delegates in Gillette. If your chapter does not have a member attending, please let the Secretary know, so she can find a Temporary Delegate for your chapter. The Gillette full hook up sites are sold out. There are 30amp electric sites still available. There are 1047 attendees registered at this time.

Membership Committee: Membership has increased to 76,000 members. The call center is working; calling those members that have let their membership lapse and calling new members to answer any questions they may have. The FMCA membership booth at rallies has been doing a very good job at recruiting new members. We have had 1300 other types of RV's join FMCA since December 2017.

Recruitment: The Membership committee is always looking for new ideas for recruiting members.

National Committee Appointments; Any FMCA member can be on a committee. National President Jon Walker has announced that there will not be any AVP's

appointed to a committee. If anyone is interested in serving on a National Committee, please let Kathie know.

Questions for Cincinnati: There were a number of complaints about; not being able to get on the FMCA web-site, and not being able to get on the forums. After a lengthy discussion, Kathie will discuss this at the National Executive Board meetings in May

Chapter By-Laws: After the Governing Board meeting, where the delegates will be asked to approve the proposed changes to the P&P's; the chapters will be asked to revisit their bylaws. The major change that will need to be made is changing verbiage from Motorhome to Recreational Vehicle.

Website – www.fmcanw.org Please visit the Northwest Area web-site often. Each chapter was asked to check the web-sites, both National and Area, to update the Chapter Scope. If it is out of date, please update and send that update to the NWA Secretary, Bobbi Radford, and Bobbi will post to both sites.

RVillage: According to the Membership reports, RVillage has generated 300 new members to FMCA.

Our IT Department is working on developing a Social Media protected section of our website for only FMCA members.

Chapter Officers Duties and getting Officers. Kathie talked about the new Officers Handbook. We need to encourage members to step up and serve.

Future Sites –2019/2020 and beyond: At the last Executive Board meeting in September 2017 the Board voted to have a three venue rotation; Linn County, Cowlitz Event Center and The Mill Hotel & Casino.

The following represents the rotation. The dates have been reserved but no deposits have been made.

2019 Linn County Fair & Expo Center

2020 102nd National Convention, Deschutes County Fair Grounds Redmond, OR.

2021 Cowlitz County Event Center Kelso, Washington

2022 The Mill Hotel & Casino North Bend Oregon

2023 Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Albany Oregon

2024 Cowlitz County Event Center Kelso, Washington

2025 The Mill Hotel & Casino North Bend, Oregon

If a National Convention is held in Redmond Oregon the rotation would slide.

Updates/Newsletters/Officer Changes: Kathie asked all Chapter to keep their Officer list current. Please submit your newsletters to the Northwest Area

Secretary, cooper.radford@gmail.com, for publication on the Northwest area web-site.

Indio (Western Area) Rally: The Indio rally will be held at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio California. The Northwest Area Gathering will be Thursday, January 10, 2019 in the Queens Gallery right after the parade.

Quartzsite: Kathie reported that she and Andy have been asked to work the FMCA booth at the Big Tent RV Show in Quartzsite, Arizona in January 2019.

Kathie asked if there was any additional new business

2018 Chapter Anniversaries –

35 years: BC Bus Nuts – to be given at the Mill Rally

GMC Cascaders – to be given at a Chapter rally early in July 2018

30 years: Frustrated Maestros – to be given at the Mill Rally

10 years: Northwest Alpine Coach Association – given at chapter rally May 2018

Announcements -

Cincinnati Meetings – May 05 – 11, 2018

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY – Mill Hotel & Casino June 21 – 24, 2018

Gillette, WY – FMCA 98th National Convention July 18 -21, 2018

NW Area Planning Meeting – Cowlitz County Event Center – September 25 -27,

2018 Cincinnati Meetings - October 08 – 12, 2018

Western Area Rally –Indio, CA - January 9 – 13, 2019

Quartzsite RV Show – January 19 -27, 2019

*Chandler, AZ – FMCA 99th National Convention Spring 2019

NW Area Planning Meeting – Linn County Fair & Expo – April 16 – 18, 2019

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY – Linn County Fair & Expo - **June 06 - 09, 2019**

*Minot North Dakota – FMCA 100th National Convention Summer 2019

*Perry, GA – FMCA 101st National Convention Spring 2020

*Redmond , OR 102nd National Convention Summer 2020

* Pending successful negotiations.

The meeting was recessed at 3:33pm

Kathie reconvened the meeting at 9:10am, April 18, 2018.

Kathie explained the process of certifying a Temporary Delegate for a Chapter that needs representation at the upcoming Gillette Wyoming National convention.

Northwest Area Rally 2019 – June 06-09, 2019 Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany Oregon. The delegates were asked to come up with a Theme and a Logo for this rally. Suggestions were: Motor On In, Rally In The Valley, Celebrate Summer, Come Rain or Shine, County Fair, Covered Bridges, Summer Round-Up, Cruise The Willamette, Silver Falls, Bridging the Gap. After the process of elimination "**Bridging The Gap**" theme was chosen and a Covered Bridge logo was suggested.

Redmond Rally 2020: The 102nd FMCA, Redmond Oregon at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds. Kathie asked for suggestions for a theme and logo for this rally. Suggestions were: Round-up in Redmond, It's A Little Bit Country, Faith Hope & Charity (The Three Sisters), Three Sisters & Mt. Bachelor, Play Where The Astronauts Train, Exploring Central Oregon, Relax in Redmond. After a process of elimination "**Three Sisters & Mt. Bachelor**" was chosen. It was suggested that photos of the four mountains be used on the cover of the program book.

The meeting was adjourned

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