

General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

September 15, 2020

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Don Schleuse informed everyone that Jon Walker, FMCA National President was attending the meeting as a guest. Jon Walker's opening remarks began at 10:04am.

Jon Walker thanked the Northwest Area for the invitation to our meeting. He was glad to hear that some chapters are still holding rallies, and using Zoom for meetings.

FMCA is tentatively planning the March 2021 102nd International Convention in Perry, Georgia, and also cautiously optimistic about the 103rd International Convention in Gillette, WY in July 2021. FMCA is trying to learn from the Tucson rally not to spend money before the rally, remaining hopeful conditions improve and the rallies can take place.

The Executive Board passed the new 2021 budget. They kept the emergency evacuation program with a different insurance company. They kept the same basic coverage as before with some added features. Annual dues will remain at \$75. Because they have changed to a different company they turned a \$115,000 deficit into about a \$100,000 surplus, so there is a good budget going forward. The one area that needs to be watched is the membership loss because of people not renewing. About 5,000 members have been lost this year, mostly because of the high dues.

(Note: Actual numbers \$214,675.28 deficit and \$112,115.72 for surplus)

Don has the responsibility to give Jon recommendations for National committees. Let Don know people who could help on committees, such as Finance, Education, Risk Management, Strategic Planning, Member Engagement. There are 143,000 members and the life talents of all these members are unknown.

Jon Walker concluded his comments and opened the meeting up for questions, and he addressed the questions.

Don Schleuse called the Northwest Area Annual Meeting to order at 11:57am.

Roll call/Quorum: Names of members along with Chapter names of those attending the Zoom meeting along with ballots of the officers voting was used as a roll call. The question was raised about having a meeting without a quorum. Ballots for the election of officers went out by email and were tallied. Ballots are okay. Election of officers was the only thing to be voted on, so the meeting is okay.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived, as they were posted online and distributed to all chapters via email.

Approval of the Minutes was questioned along with whether a quorum was present at the meeting. Kathy Balogh, National Secretary, referred to the Bylaws which state: a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at any duly called meeting shall be a simple majority of the Executive Board and only 25% of the delegates. So we do have a majority.

Al Zimmerman moved that the Minutes be approved. Dennis Martin seconded. There were no corrections or additions. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was emailed out to all chapters. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and there were no questions. Kathy McBride had to issue refund checks to all those registered for the Roseburg rally. She has three outstanding checks that have not been cashed.

There were no questions. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Nominating Committee: Ed Stutz announced the results of the September, 2020 annual election as follows:

Treasurer – Kathy McBride re-elected for a two year term
Vice President – Walt Haynes re-elected for a two year term
Vice President – Roxanne Parish elected for a two year term

These duly elected officers will begin their term of office immediately upon the completion of this annual meeting.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Jon Walker mostly covered everything Don wanted to discuss. If there is no other new business someone wants to bring up, New Business can be dispensed.

Tomorrow, September 16, 2020, will be our planning meeting for the 2021 rally in Longview. Information regarding rally theme suggestions, etc. has been sent out by email. Clarification was requested as to whether the rally is in Kelso or Longview. Don explained that the rally will be at the Cowlitz County Event Center which is in Longview, so it is the Longview rally.

Announcements:

Big Tent	January 16-24, 2021	Quartzsite, AZ
FMCA 102 nd Int'l	March 10-13, 2021	Perry, GA
Northwest Area Planning	April 13-16, 2021	Longview, WA
Northwest Area Rally	June 24-17, 2021	Longview, WA
FMCA 103 rd Int'l	July 7-10, 2021	Gillette, WY
FMCA 104 th Int'l	March 23-26, 2022	Perry, GA

Indio rally was cancelled due to COVID. The government has taken over the facility and probably won't be releasing it until December. Lon Cross felt there would not be enough time to get everything done to have the rally in January, so they cancelled for 2021. The first time it has been cancelled in 30 years.

Gillette, WY is shortly after the NWA rally. This is an election year for National Officers.

The next rally will be back to Perry in 2022.

Don congratulated all of the newly elected officers. There was no other business brought forth.

Jack Crans felt a "thank you" needed to be expressed to Jon Walker for attending our meeting, especially shortly after surgery, and wish him a complete and speedy recovery. All members were in agreement.

A Nominating Committee for 2021 was elected. New committee is Andy Balogh, George Doersh, and Jack Crans.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.

Cindy Haynes
NWA Secretary
9/21/20