

NORTHWEST AREA MOTORHOME ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Linn County Expo Center – Albany, Oregon
September 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Martin at 1:05pm. Those present were: Dennis Martin, President; Don Schleuse, Immediate Past President; Roxanne Parish, Vice President; George Doersch, Vice President; Walt Haynes, Vice President; Cindy Haynes, Secretary. Kathy McBride, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

Invocation was given by Mark Fredricksen. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walt Haynes.

Roll Call/Quorum: Roll Call was taken and a Quorum was established. There were 19 chapters represented.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived, as they were posted on line and distributed to all chapters via email.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Martie Martin in Kathy McBride's absence. As of August 30, 2022, there was a total of \$45,824.12 in checking and \$67,404.00 in savings, with a Balance on Hand of \$113,228.12. This report was submitted for file.

Audit Report: An audit of the presented Treasurer's Report was completed. A copy of the audit report is submitted for file.

Nominating Committee:

Jack Crans, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the candidates who have submitted resumes and applications for the offices to be voted on. The offices and candidates names are as follows:

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| Senior Vice President: | Linda deBord |
| Vice President: | Jerry Lehenbauer |
| Vice President: | Roxanne Parish |
| Treasurer: | Barbara Holmes |

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Andy Balogh that all candidates be approved by acclamation. The motion was seconded and motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the names of Don Schleuse and Kathy McBride be removed from the Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts for the Northwest Motorhome Area Association, and the names of Dennis Martin and Barbara Holmes be added as approved signers on the checking and savings accounts. This motion was unanimously approved.

The Nomination Committee for 2023 elections will be:

Andy Balogh
Jim deBord
George Doersch
Mike Parish

A motion was made by Linda deBord that the four members be confirmed as the Nomination Committee. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The newly elected officers were given the opportunity to address the group.

A report was given on the Lincoln, Nebraska Governing Meeting. During FMCA's Treasurer's Report, there was considerable discussion regarding the Tech Connect program financing that adversely impacted the non-profit status of FMCA.

It was reported that there were approximately 660 coaches attending the rally. Membership in FMCA was reported to be 73,757 member families.

Two proposals were presented by the Constitution and By-laws committee:

Proposal #1: The committee moved to change the title of national "Area Vice President" to "Area President". This proposal was sent back to committee for clarification of the wording in the P&Ps.

Proposal #2: This proposal passed. Chapters will elect a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and National Director for a one or two year term. A chapter may elect in their bylaws to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer into a single position. A chapter has the option of whether to elect an Alternate National Director. A chapter must maintain at least three members holding the officer positions. An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters, however, he/she may not hold the offices of National Director or Alternate National Director in more than one chapter.

Other actions approved by the Governing Board:

1. Resolution not to raise the dues for 2023.
2. Long Range Planning Committee made a report that included recommendations regarding a new mission statement, vision statement, purpose, and nine planning goals. The LRPC has identified a primary target market as RV owners 55 - 65 and a secondary market of RV owners 35 - 55. The report and its recommendations were adopted by the Governing Board.
3. The Governing Board authorized \$120,000 outside the budget to fund projects associated with the work of the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Governing Board adopted the recommendations of the LRPC. However, that only dealt with the recommendations, any actual changes must go the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and other committees and be brought to the Gillette meeting next August.

Al Zimmerman gave an extensive report on the Long Range Planning Committee meeting held in Lincoln.

OLD BUSINESS:

An update was given on the Mill Casino Area Rally in June. Overall the rally was a success. Meals were good, entertainment was very well received, seminars were well attended. A suggestion was made to improve the signage of the parking areas to make it easier for attendees to complete their "location cards".

A question was asked about the financial outcome of the cost of the rally. It was reported that the final cost was within \$1,000 of projection.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the Lincoln convention, Al Zimmerman received the "Richter Award" for his newsletters. This was the second time the Northwest Area has received this award.

Future Northwest Area rally sites were briefly discussed. Electricity is a major consideration. Some locations mentioned were Salem, Pendleton, Redmond, Cashmere, and Chehalis. Suggestions for rally sites can be submitted, and they will be looked into.

The Northwest Area is in need of a new webmaster, and the website needs to be updated. Chapters need to have their information updated on the current website, much of the information is not current.

Important Dates to Remember:

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| Western Area Rally | January 11-15, 2023 | Indio, CA |
| FMCA International Convention | March 15-18, 2023 | Perry, GA |
| NWA Planning Meeting | April 17-19, 2023 | Albany, OR |
| NWA Rally | June 7-11, 2023 | Albany, OR |
| FMCA International Convention | August 23-26, 2023 | Gillette, WY |

Chapter Anniversaries:

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| Northwest Country Coachers | 15 years |
| Southern Alberta Drifters | 20 years |
| Arctic Travelers | 30 years |

Before the meeting adjourned, a suggestion was made that chapter secretaries be sure to complete Chapter Certification information before December 31st.

Dennis Martin asked that chapters to inform him of rally dates so he can make visits to chapter rallies.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Haynes
Northwest Area Secretary
Corrected: October 3, 2022