

NORTHWEST MOTORHOME ASSOCIATION
Business Meeting Minutes
Mill Casino – Coos Bay, OR
April 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. President Don Schleuse presided. Executive Board members present were: Dennis Martin, Roxane Parish, George Doersch, Walt Haynes and Cindy Haynes. Kathie Balogh and Kathy McBride were unable to attend. The meeting began with an invocation by Mark Frederickson. The Pledge of Allegiance was let by Dennis Martin.

Roll call was taken. There were 19 of 31 chapters represented. A quorum was established.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The report was given by Don Schleuse in Kathy McBride's absence. As of April 13, 2022, there was a total of \$50,056.60 in Checking and \$117,411.14 in Savings, with a Balance on Hand of \$167,467.74. The report is submitted for file.

Nominating Committee:

Jack Crans, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the upcoming election in September. Elections for Senior Vice President, two Vice Presidents, and treasurer will be held. He asked those present to consider running for one of the offices, or suggesting others that might be interested in serving on the Executive Board. Anyone interested serving in any of the offices should contact Jack.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

The Northwest Area Rally in 2023 is scheduled for May 28 – June 3, 2023, in Albany, Oregon. Martie Martin asked if there was a possibility of moving the dates to later into June. Don explained the difficulty of planning out future rallies. When Don met with the Linn County Fairgrounds, the month of June was booked for graduations and other events for 2023 and 2024. The end of May was the

only option unless the rally dates were set in July or August. In August, most attendees would want air conditioning, and Albany cannot supply enough electricity for a large number.

It would be up to the next Area President to negotiate a different time and place. Albany is an excellent facility with a large banquet area, seminar rooms, room for vendors and a large area for show coaches.

Preliminary dates for 2024, dates would be May 27th–31st, 2024. 2025 is possible May 26th-31st, or possibly June 1st-6th, which is still early. Both held in Albany.

Other alternative locations discussed were:

Roseburg: Since 2020, the county has taken over the campground, the NW area would have to deal with the fairgrounds, as well as the county for the rv park. Power at Roseburg presents a problem because of the locations of the power. The cost of the facility in 2020, was \$30,000, then you have food service. It was felt Roseburg was not a good option.

Longview: Power is a problem there, and limited in numbers. If there is no power, people do not want to come. In the past, bringing in generators was considered, but very expensive and fuel to run them would be an additional expense. Food service is a problem in Longview as we would need to use their caterer and it was very expensive.

Lane County in Eugene

Marion County in Salem

Pendleton – in the past, this was ruled out because it was not on the I-5 corridor

Redmond, Oregon

Bozeman, Montana

Areas in Idaho

The Northwest Area Rallies usually expect to have approximately 300 coaches attend. When venues are being looked at, we need to keep numbers in mind.

In Tucson, FMCA had 1,500 coaches. One third of that was first-timers.

Food is very expensive. The Area needs to decide whether to continue the tradition of serving meals, and if so, how many.

Demographics of the recreational vehicles market is changing. More trailers are being purchased.

FMCA National Officers attending the Northwest Area and conducting seminars:

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| Rett Porter | the State of FMCA |
| Gary Milner | FMCA Assist and another on FMCA Benefits |
| Barbara Smith | Treasurer's roundtable |
| Kathie Balogh | Secretaries roundtable |

There was discussion of ways to get more publicity out regarding FMCA, it's benefits, and increasing interest in FMCA membership. Chapter officers should be encouraged to continue to inform members about the importance of benefits they have through FMCA.

The Northwest area gets 3 e-blasts advertising the Area rally through FMCA. The third e-blast will be coming out soon. Bobbi Radford always does a good job.

Jack Crans suggested the Northwest Area should hold a roundtable discussion at the rally as a seminar.

New FMCA Benefits:

Soft Start, for air conditioner units
Mid Jet, provides air medical support
Harvest Host

Announcements –

Dates:

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| June 22-26, 2022 | Northwest Area | Coos Bay, OR |
| August 24-27, 2022 | FMCA's 105 th Int'l Convention | Lincoln, NE |
| September, 2022 | Northwest Area Planning Meeting | TBD |
| October 26-29, 2022 | Rocky Mountain | Tucson, AZ |
| January 11-15, 2023 | Quartzsite RV Show | Arizona |
| March 15-18, 2023 | FMCA 106 th Int'l Convention | Perry, GA |
| May 28-June 3, 2023 | Northwest Area | Albany, OR |
| August 23-26, 2023 | FMCA 107 th Int'l Convention | Gillette, WY |

ANNIVERSARIES:

15 Years

Bernie & Red
Northwest Country Coachers

April 7, 2023
September 29, 2023

20 Years

Panhandle Gems
Vancouver Islanders
Southern Alberta Drifters

May 19, 2023
July 7, 2023
August 17, 2023

30 Years

Arctic Travelers

August 15, 2023

55 Years

Northwestern

July 6, 2023

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