

FMCA NORTHWEST AREA
BUSINESS MEETING
Albany, Oregon
September 19, 2023

The Business Meeting was called to order by President, Dennis Martin, at 1:00pm. Those present were Senior Vice President, Linda deBord; Vice Presidents George Doersch, Roxanne Parish, and Jerry Lehenbauer; and Secretary, Cindy Haynes. Barbara Holmes, Treasurer and Past President, Don Schleuse were unable to attend.

Roll Call/Quorum: Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. There were 16 chapters represented.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived, as they were posted on the website and distributed to all chapters by email. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Holmes was unable to attend the meeting. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were passed out. As of August 31, 2023, there was a balance on hand in the checking account of \$69,418.27 and a balance in savings of \$67,485.66. Total balance as of August 31, 2023 was \$136,903.93. The Treasurer's Report was submitted for file.

There has been some question on the EIN number of the NWA account with the IRS with some numbers transposed on an earlier reporting. This is being resolved at this time. This matter is to be resolved by October 12, 2023.

National Convention: Proposals 1 through 4 were passed by the Governing Board, which will go to the membership for vote. The changes were in regard to "Doing Business As", the mission statement was shortened, and the outdated proposal statement was also shortened. Proposal 4, regarding the goose egg with the number and the GMC on it, will all go to a committee to pass. Al Zimmerman explained how this will all work, if these pass.

There will be a new category of membership. It will be called the Pathfinders membership. That means you won't have to own an RV to join, and you would not

have any voting rights. This membership would be for five years. You would not get an “F” number, but a “P” number. This did pass.

New FMCA officers have been elected:

President: Gary Milner
SR Vice President: Paul Mitchell
Secretary: Pam Richard
Treasurer: Barbara Smith

Voting ballots for Constitution and Bylaws and P&P regarding the National election will be coming out, and they will need to be returned by January 1st.

Old Business:

Albany Rally Report: The rally was successful. There were few complaints that were handled. The food caterer had a few problems. This was the second time the NWA used food carts. There were a few problems discussed with the carts, but, overall, things went well. The cost of catered meals compared to food carts is significant, with food carts being less expensive.

Northwest Area website: More chapters need to use the website to post your chapter rallies, newsletters, etc. Chapters that have their own website can link their website with the NWA website. All chapters should submit things for the website through the NWA secretary.

The website was displayed for everyone to see how the website can be accessed and what information chapters can share about their chapter.

Chapters should update their officers with the NWA Secretary also to keep records up to date.

New Business:

Long Range Planning Committee engaged Marketing General, Inc. – MGI – to do a research study of prospective people that we want to become members. This is the first research study to examine needs and wants of prospective members that own an RV but have not joined FMCA.

Al Zimmerman presented a complete explanation of the study that MGI completed. The most important factors presented for choosing an organization like FMCA: cost of membership, available discounts, and benefits that are offered. The study also showed the many things that people are NOT looking for when joining an organization.

At the Gillette convention, there was a discussion of possibly doing away with two of the national conventions due to high costs. The numbers at the Gillette convention was 788, Lincoln was approximately 580. It is projected that Redmond will be lower in numbers, possibly 550.

Possible future sites:

2025	Linn County Fairgrounds	Albany, Oregon
2026	Mill Casino or Salem	Coos Bay, Oregon

The question was raised about Roseburg as a site. Roseburg had been considered in the past, and it was determined not to be the best location for NWA needs.

Business regarding the Redmond convention will be discussed Wednesday, September 20th at the Planning Meeting.

Dennis has been approached by the Tacoma Dome about doing a booth at their RV show. The dates are September 28 to October 1, times are 10:00am-7:00pm. Volunteers are needed. This is an effort to increase membership in FMCA. Contact Dennis Martin to volunteer.

The Northwest Area would like someone to volunteer to do a newsletter.

Chapter Anniversaries: GMC Cascaders, 40 years this December

Important Dates to remember:

January 10-14, 2024	Western Area Rally	Indio, CA
March 20-23, 2024	FMCA International Convention	Tucson, AZ
April 23-25, 2024	NWA Planning Meeting	Albany, OR
August 14-17, 2024	FMCA International Convention	Redmond, OR

Elections:

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: George Doersch, Andy Balogh, Mike Parish, and Jim deBord.

Elections for the new nominating committee:

Mike Parish
Martie Martin
Ed Stutz

A motion was made and seconded that the above three members of the committee be elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Executive Board:

Secretary – Roxanne Parish

Nominations from the floor were called for. There were no nominations from the floor. Roxanne Parish was elected NWA Secretary by acclamation.

Vice President – George Doersch

Nomination from the floor were called for. There were no nominations from the floor. George Doersch was elected Vice President by acclamation.

President Dennis Martin exercised the privilege as President of appointing someone to fill the one-year vacant term left open by Roxanne Parish as she is elected to the position of Secretary. President Martin appointed Cindy Haynes to fill the one-year term. No vote required.

President Martin asked if there was anything to be brought forward for the good of the order. There was nothing brought forward from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Prepared by: Cindy Haynes