

NORTHWEST AREA MOTORHOME ASSOCIATION  
General Business Meeting Minutes  
Linn County Expo Center – Albany, Oregon  
April 11, 2023

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

**Roll Call/ Quorum:** Roll call was taken and a Quorum was established. There were 14 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.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Holmes presented the Treasurer's Report. As of April 5, 2023, there was a balance on hand in Checking of \$85,418.89 and balance in Savings of \$67,443.24. Total balance as of April 5, 2023 was \$152,862.13. The Treasurer's Report was submitted for file.

**Nominating Committee:** George Doersch, Chairman, reported that the offices that will need to be filled are Secretary and one Vice President. As of this meeting, there have not been any applications submitted by anyone to fill these offices. George Doersch will be running for his second term as Vice President, but no one has submitted an application for Secretary.

George stressed the importance of chapter involvement in keeping the Northwest Area active and serving as area officers is vital.

George also informed the group that the Northwest Area had two candidates running for a National Office. Don Schleuse is running for National Secretary and Kathie Balogh is running for National Senior Vice President. If a chapter needs a temporary delegate assigned to represent them at the National Convention, they should notify the Area Secretary and a temporary delegate can be assigned to vote for their chapter.

## **Old Business:**

Northwest Area website (fmcanw.org) – The website has been updated and chapters are encouraged put this website to use. Information to be submitted to the webmaster should be sent through the Northwest Area Secretary.

## **New Business:**

Perry Convention – There was approximately 1,900 in attendance. An emergency Executive Board was held to discuss having a convention in Redmond, Oregon on August 14-17, 2024. This was passed by the Executive Board and will go the Governing Board in Gillette for a vote. Attendance at the Governing Board meeting is projected to be approximately 1,000.

Al Zimmerman was asked to give a report on the six proposals presented by the Long Range Planning Committee. Briefly, there were six proposals from the Long Range Planning Committee and one from the Membership Committee. All seven were accepted by the National Executive Board, and all seven will be sent to the Governing Board for vote in Gillette.

Chapter Recruiter – Someone to coordinate people with similar interests, i.e. Veteran's chapter. If you start a chapter, it gives the Area more voting power. There is a need to encourage younger people to join. Dennis has a chapter packet for Veterans and one for Electric Bikes. A chapter needs 15 members to vote at the Governing Board.

Northwest Area Rally - Albany – Plans are continuing. This will be covered at the Planning Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2023.

Redmond International Convention – The Northwest Area will be the host chapter for this national rally, and there will not be a Northwest Area rally in 2024. There will be a need for a large number of volunteers. A Volunteer Coordinator will be responsible for assigning volunteers, and the Northwest Area will take the lead on acquiring volunteers.

National Convention – Gillette, 2023 – The Northwest Area needs delegates to attend so we have good representation. Al Zimmerman will be organizing a

caravan going into Gillette from Buffalo, Wyoming. We need 28 delegates to represent the 28 chapters that are eligible to vote.

National Election Candidates – President: Curtis Coleman  
Gary Milner  
Sr. Vice President Kathie Balogh  
Paul Mitchel  
Secretary Don Schleuse  
Pam Richards  
Treasurer Barbara Smith  
Ken Carpenter

**Announcements:**

**Future Sites – NWA Rally**

2024 - Host National Convention Redmond, Oregon  
2025 - Earliest Possibility Salem, Oregon

**DATES:**

June 7-11, 2023	NWA Rally	Albany OR
August 23-26, 2023	FMCA International Convention	Gillette, WY
September 18-21, 2023	NWA Planning Meeting	Albany, OR
March 20-23, 2024	International Convention	Tucson, AZ
April 22-25, 2024	NWA Planning Meeting	Albany, OR
August 14-17, 2024	FMCA International Convention	Redmond, OR

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

15 Years: **NW Alpine Coach Association** (May 10, 2023)  
35 Years: **Frustrated Maestros** (Sept 18, 2023) will be presented at Opening Ceremonies.  
40 years: **B C Bus Nuts** (Aug 10, 2023) will be presented at Opening Ceremonies.  
40 years: **GMC Cascaders** (Dec 15, 2023)

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Haynes, NWA Secretary