

Sept 30, 2019

To: President & Officers of Country Coach Texans  
Cc: Members of CCT  
Subject: Informal minutes of FMCA Governing Board August 14, 2019

FMCA Governing Board meeting held Aug 14, 2019 in Minot, North Dakota as documented by LB Butts, National Director for Country Coach Texans, South Central Area.

Officer elections were held with the following results:

President: Jon Walker (incumbent and uncontested)  
Senior Vice President: Rett Porter  
Treasurer: John Reynolds (incumbent and uncontested)  
Secretary: Kathie Balogh

Area VP's will be required to submit a copy of all area tax fillings, amendments and IRS finding to FMCA Executive Board.

FMCA logo may NOT be used on any officer's elections, advertisements, or communications which may be interpreted as an endorsement by FMCA. Only personal email addresses can be used for sending or receiving campaign materials.

Requirements for establishment of Chapter's and Associate Chapter's has been modified from a group of 20 to 15 folks and a check of \$35.00 to be paid for proposed chapter registration are to be submitted to FMCA.

Volunteer and Members Handbook will be renamed to its original name of "Policy and Procedures"

Member Services:

New members will be issued 1(one) FMCA plate and 1 (one) window cling. Effective Oct 1, 2019.

ToGo an RV mobile app was approved as a partnership. This app can be downloaded from Google or Google Play. Data can be added to the app to monitor service requirements, check off lists for arrival and departure and more. Check it out.

RV PetSafety/Nimble Wireless was not renewed.

Partnership with TCS Fuel, a fuel discount program provider was approved. This allows FMCA members to receive discount diesel (only) fuel at in-network locations using an FMCA-branded prepaid credit card. You will be able to check for sites that are in-network and the discount offered. The payment would be only from the 'prepaid specific card'. Keep checking FMCA web site for new icon to request service. Discounts were reported to be \$.05 to \$.70 per gal.

Other items:

Clip-on mirrors will be used on service golf carts at FMCA Conventions and Area Rallies. This was a safety issue.

Arkansas Travelers chapter member Jeannie Carey F402194 received the Robt L Richter Award.

Presented

By Jon Walker for best newsletter for 2019.

Partnerships with Briter Products, a lithium-ion battery manufacturer and Proteng Distribution, a self-contained fire suppression device have been approved. Each will offer FMCA member exclusive pricing, discounts and services.

Youth Program at Minot Convention was suspended. The Youth Activities Co-ordinated resigned prior to Minot. It was stated there has not been significant interest in the program. (ed note: more than likely will not be replaced)

Executive Director will now be known as Chief Executive Officer.

A new association management software was approved by the Governing Board. There is a design cost of \$285,000 with a monthly license fee and maintenance fee of \$6,000. This will replace the existing software Elan which has proven to be more costly and less responsive to resolve trouble tickets and/or improvements. Association lawyers will review contract prior to final agreement.

FMCAssist will be continued through 2020. Request for insurance bids to replacement FMCAssist services are ready to be sent to companies other than Seven Corners. (Hopefully services will be similar but at a more stable price.) Note: Seven Corners grossly underestimated the cost of coverage per FMCA member for a number of years thus increasing withdrawals from the investment accounts.

Long discussions took place regarding dues and funding of the 2020 Seven Corners contract. The good news, see above item, the bad news see next item.

In order to retain membership and provide the insurance which has become an important attraction for FMCA members the contract with Seven Corners will continue. Firm price for the year 2020 are a bit over \$ 1 million dollars. FMCA had a moderate excess in the budget so between that amount and an increase in dues it will cover the insurance and begin to replace expenditures in the investment reserve fund. FMCA had also had let a few agreements/contract that were funded by the investment reserve fund which should be replaced. It was decided that annual dues must be raised by \$25.00 per year. Dues paid over multiple years will increase also as they become due for renewal.

Future Conventions:

2020 Winter convention will be held March 26-29 in Tucson AZ, Pima County Fairgrounds.

2020 Summer convention will be held July 29-August 2 in Syracuse, NY.

Specific dates will be announced for the conventions listed below:

Winter Summer

2021 Perry GA Gillette, WY

2022 Tucson, AZ Lincoln, NE or Sedalia, MO

2023 Perry, GA Sedalia, MO

2024 Gillette, WYTBD

2027 Gillette, WY

Locations for years 2025 and 2026 have not been determined.

The meeting was troublesome for many of the representatives. Topics and discussions were often lengthy and although fists were not flying it did become heated. Please believe representatives did the best we could for the interests of the members and the longevity of the association to which we belong.

Subject: South Central Area Rally (6-State) Sept 18-21, 2019 - Informal minutes

Meeting was held Saturday 21st of Sept.

Election of officers took place with results as follows.

President Joe Wright  
Senior VP. Herman Mullins  
Northern VP. LB Butts  
Southern VP. Herman Allsup  
Secretary. Dianna Huff  
Treasurer. Connie Pool

Main topic/discussion was location for future 6-State rallies and a volunteer program to operate the rallies.

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