



## General Business Meeting Agenda Mineola Civic Center

October 6, 2016

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Terry Ray at 10:10am

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Terry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

**President's Remarks & Welcome & Rally Update:** Members were welcomed and our newest members L.B. and Carol Butts (also First Timer rally attendees) were acknowledged. Terry reported that the Officers met yesterday and provided a general summary of that meeting. He reported that the Board Members elected Nancy Carnes to the status of Honorary Life Member of Country Coach Texans. He also discussed the issue of Pilot/Flying J not following through on credit card applications. He indicated that the Board will follow up with the corporate representatives, since many still have not received their cards.

Terry thanked the Executive Board members for their work during his term of office. He stated the club is in good financial shape and he was pleased that plans for rallies into the future had become a standard for the club's activities.

**Vice President's Report:** Sue Houle thanked Terry for making her job as VP so easy, in that he was always present for every meeting, so she never had to fill in for him. She reported that the Spring and Fall Rallies for 2017 have been planned.

**Secretary's Report:** Pat Turpin reported that since last report, Nancy Carnes, Janice Gould, and Joe & Beverly Smith have notified me that they will not be returning members. The Membership Roster includes them, as they have paid dues through 2016. Please let me know any changes in your club information (including those of you who have new coaches that should be listed in the formal club Directory). Copies of the latest Roster have been distributed in rally bags. The Birthday Calendar has been maintained and is also included in the rally bags. We are delighted that Pam McCaskill is well and is with us at this Rally.

Sheila & Kevin Ford and Lynn & RD Vanderslice worked with Pat to plan and organize the Fall Rally at the Mineola Civic Center. We hope everyone will enjoy the event as much as we enjoyed planning it!

Although the Membership Directory updates were to be completed prior to this meeting, that task has been put on hold. Our newest members still need their initial Directories. Revisions will be done and new books will be available early in 2017.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Turpin has continued as Interim Treasurer since Laura Osiecki, who was elected Treasurer to fulfil Pam McCaskill's unexpired term at the Spring rally, has not had the opportunity to connect to transfer records. Laura and Paul were unable to attend the Fall rally due to family commitments on the east coast, so Pat continued as Interim Treasurer.

The Spring rally at Winstar posted a deficit of \$1,934.41. The Board had approved to underwrite \$1,000 from the treasury prior to the rally. Our goal was to keep the registration fees within the \$250/coach goal set by the Board several years ago. The Fall 2015 Rally posted a profit of \$875.75, so the treasury was not severely affected following the Winstar Rally.

The Club remains in good financial condition. As of October 5, 2016, we have net income of \$3,049.73, with Total Current Assets of \$14,626.63. Rally expenses will impact the Current Assets; however, we expect assets to be close to \$9,000 after the Mineola rally expenses are paid.

**National Director's Report:** Jim Payne reported that at the FMCA Springfield, MA rally the Governing Board voted to present a change in the Articles of Incorporation that will broaden the purpose statement to avoid restrictive constraints on FMCA's mission. The ballot is presented in the October issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine on page 85. He urged us all to send in our ballots.

The Governing Board also voted to increase annual renewal dues for FMCA to \$50/year, effective October 1, 2016.

He pointed out that the new membership materials that are sent with dues renewals include comprehensive information about membership benefits. The information related to the returning benefit of FMCA Assist is printed on the back of the new membership cards. It is the intention of the Board to make contact with members at least three times during the year.

The RV Village is a new social media opportunity for members to stay connected online; he encouraged us to use it.

FMCA's 95<sup>th</sup> International Convention will be March 7-10, 2017 in Chandler, AZ. The next Six-State South Central Area Rally will be in Texarkana October 26-29, 2017.

### **Nominating Committee's Recommendation for Officers 2016-2018**

**President – David Twilley**

**Secretary – Pat Turpin**

**National Director – Rod Reames**

An Alternate National Director will be needed to fill one year of Rod's term, as he will now assume the role of National Director. Terry asked for volunteers from the membership to fill this position. Further discussion will be needed to resolve this vacancy.

Rod Reames presented the nominated candidates. Members were asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations or discussion regarding the slate of officers and all were elected by Acclamation.

**Rally Host's Announcements:** Pat Turpin reminded everyone that Round Table Discussions followed the meeting on topics of Personal Safety and Coach/RV Travel. Everyone was encouraged to wear black & white for our special event tonight.

**Rally Schedule for Spring 2017:**

**Catherine's Landing, Hot Springs, AR: April 26 – 30, 2017**

**Hosts: Jim and Ginny Passe & Jim and Brenda Payne** provided us with a very entertaining "pep rally" to introduce the agenda for the rally. There is a video of their skit, which we hope to have on the website very soon.

**Rally Schedule for Fall 2017**

**Buckhorn Lake RV Resort, Kerrville, TX: September 27 – October 1, 2017**

**Hosts: Pat Turpin with co-hosts Sue Houle, Jerry Clary, and Jurhee Ivy**

More information on that rally will be forthcoming.

**Club member report:** Stu Entz's followup report following his cancer treatment was excellent. We hope to see him in AR in April!

**Incoming President's Message:** David Twilley thanked the members of the Board for the work they have done and said he was looking forward to working with the new Board. He challenged members that recruitment of new members needs to be a club priority over the next two years. He also provided an update on Country Coach from his meeting in Coos Bay, OR with the Winnebago operating team. He explained that the Winnebago "Club" was not an affiliate of FMCA and operated directly from Winnebago. He was told that there will be a limited number of Winnebago Tour coaches manufactured in the CC Junction City facility and there was some discussion that a Country Coach might be manufactured toward the end of 2017. The news was generally not happy news for those of us hoping for a CC rebound.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m.