

**Country Coach Texans General Business Meeting Minutes
Catherine's Landing RV Resort
Hot Springs, AR
April 27, 2017**

- Call to Order and Establish Quorum: David Twilley called the meeting to order at 9am; a quorum of attending members was verified.
- Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag: David led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome – David thanked our Rally Hosts Jim and Ginny Passe and Jim and Brenda Payne for all the work they have done to put this spring rally together. Their work has been extraordinary. He asked our First Timer members David Schnautz, Diane Moyer, Ric & Cindy Rodney to stand to be recognized. Ric and Cindy are also our newest club members. At this rally we have four coaches (seven people) as guests: Gary & Brenda Belvin, Harold Hill & Debra Carter, Randy Patrick, and Fred & Lassie Salitore. David invited them all to stand to be recognized.

- Introduction of Officers – The following officers were present and introduced:

Vice President- Sue Houle
Secretary- Pat Turpin
Treasurer- Laura Osiecki
President- David Twilley

Our webmaster and newsletter editor Keven and Sheila Ford were also recognized for their excellent services to the club.

National Director- Rod Reames was unable to attend this meeting

David asked all past club officers to stand to be recognized and thanked them for their services to the club. Past officers present were Elinor Entz, Jim Payne, Cherie Rang, Lonny Stevens, and RD Vanderslice.

- David thanked our Rally Sponsors:
Dave Miller- Texas Custom Coach
Louie Courtemanche - Premier RV Services of Oregon
Ginny Konrad - Norwex
Robert Hubbard – Trane A/C

Companies that provide support to underwrite costs of rallies are very much appreciated. The Rally Hosts have provided a “Sponsorship” sign that is posted in the Pavilion. In addition, sponsors’ company names are presented in the Rally Agenda. We are so grateful to all of them. The sponsors’ contact information will be available on the CCT website for members’ convenience.

- Secretary Report and approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: The Minutes for the October 6, 2016 General Membership Meeting were posted to the CCT Website previously. No additions or corrections were voiced and the minutes were approved by acclamation. Pat reported that she completed the revisions for the Member Directory and provided copies and welcome packets to all new members: Blaine and Lisa Fortin; David Schnautz and Diane Moyer; Steve and Sharon Johnson; Nancy Rieger; and Ric and Cindy Rodney. Updated directory pages were sent to all members. At the October meeting the Board elected Nancy Carnes as a Lifetime Honorary Member; Pat sent her a certificate for that distinction.
- Treasurer's Report – Laura provided copies of financial statements to the Board of Officers', which is available upon request. She reported that at the end of expenditures for this rally, the club is expected to have close to \$7,000 in the bank account.
- Vice President's Report – Sue reported that rallies have been planned through fall of 2018:
 Fall 2017: Buckhorn Lake RV Resort, Kerrville, TX: Pat Turpin, Jurhee Ivy, & Jerry Clary Rally Hosts
 Spring 2018: Cajun Palms RV Resort, Breaux Bridge, LA: Pat Turpin, Terrie & Bobby Howard Rally Hosts
 Fall 2018: Bandera, TX (exact location TBA): Geneva & Jerry Keeton Rally Hosts
 She thanked all volunteers for their efforts to keep our rally schedules on track and ahead of time.
- National Director's Report- David reported for Rod, who was unable to be here. The Executive Board of FMCA sent a letter to members of the Governing Board and Chapter Presidents, presenting the current status of FMCA and a major change in International By-Laws that will be presented at Convention in July 2017 in Indianapolis, IN. David read from the letter pointing out the continued decline in membership for the organization and the missed opportunity for a growing segment of the RV marketplace. The proposed change for FMCA will be to open membership to owners of towable RV vehicles. Marketing experts recommended this open inclusion versus setting up a separate "sub-organization" and the Executive Board agreed with this recommendation. The organization will maintain its current name; however, will highlight "FMC" and not "Family Motor Coach."

David pointed out that the change in FMCA's By-Laws to allow towables would not affect the Country Coach Texans club's ability to maintain our current membership eligibility rules. David will be presenting further information later in the meeting regarding proposed changes.

David emphasized the benefits of maintaining membership in FMCA: the FMCA Assist Program is a major benefit for all members; liability insurance for chapter club rallies is another major consideration. For the chapter to obtain legal support for

rallies, costs would be prohibitive. And, of course, the information provided on the organization's website and magazine are valuable.

- Newsletter- Sheila Ford reported that all photos from rallies are posted on the Website (www.cctexans.com) and encouraged members to look at those to remember the good times we've had. The club Newsletter is also available on the website. David praised Sheila for the excellent work she has done to maintain quality information to members and thanked her for her continued, excellent service to the club.
- Webmaster- Kevin Ford reported that the website has been updated; encouraged everyone to explore it. He also reported on the new venue members have to set up "mini-rallies" through the closed Facebook page. Even if members don't like the idea of social media, setting up a Facebook account to only link to the CCT Facebook Page, could be beneficial and fun. Contact Kevin if you are interested to join the Facebook page. David praised Kevin for his excellent work on the website, citing it as "the best" of any club chapter in FMCA.
- Old Business – There was no old business brought forward
- New Business –
 - Bylaws & Standing Rules: David introduced the need to change/amend CCT Bylaws and Standing rules. The first major change in the club Bylaws will be to propose that membership be open to people with Class A, B, or C Diesel Motorhomes. Current Bylaws extend membership to all Class A brands; however, Class B or C Diesels are restricted to current or former CCT members who have transitioned to those coaches. This change will be beneficial to maintain membership with similar coaches and recognize the increased market share of Class B and Class C Diesel coaches. There was some discussion regarding maintaining our club name "Country Coach Texans," when we have members from states other than Texas, and Class A coaches other than Country Coach brand. Members were encouraged to refer to our club as CC Texans, emphasizing to potential new members that there is a long history with this club (we have been a recognized chapter of FMCA for 15 years) and changing the name would not be meaningful or benefit the club. A second change will be to reformat the Bylaws to be consistent with the FMCA template for club Bylaws.

The Standing Rules need to be adjusted to change the year-end deadline for dues payments to December 31 of the current year. Currently, the Standing Rules state that dues are payable in October, with final deadline being January 31. Putting the deadline in the current year will assist the Treasurer to maintain accurate membership records.

Recommended changes will be sent via email to all members at least 30 days prior to our Fall Rally. We will Vote at that Rally to accept/reject those proposals.

- Nominating Committee: A three-person Nominating Committee for our Fall election of Officers is needed. David asked for volunteers from the floor. Jurhee Ivy, Sue Houle, and Whit Byers volunteered to serve as this committee. They will be recruiting people to run for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Alternate National Director.
- Current vacancy in the office for Alternate National Director: In the October 2016 elections, Rod Reames vacated the position of Alternate National Director to accept the office of National Director. There was no one to fill the Alternate National Director at that time. David asked the members if anyone was planning to attend the FMCA Convention in Indianapolis this summer; would be willing to serve as CCT's representative there in the event that Rod Reames could not attend. LB Butts indicated that he was planning to attend the meeting and would be willing to represent CCT in that capacity. David asked for a motion and second to nominate LB to be named our Alternate National Director. There was a unanimous vote to elect LB Butts to that office. Pat Turpin will notify FMCA Headquarters of this addition.
- Announcements: Jim Passe announced that the vans to transport the men on their field trip would be leaving from the Pavilion at 10am. He wished everyone a fun day.
- Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.