

Northwest Motor Home Area Association – FMCA
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Washington Land Yacht Harbor
Lacey, WA
April 07, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:45p.m. President Andy Balogh presiding and Kathie Balogh, Secretary, were both present. Executive Board Members Arvin Spofford, Bud Fouts, Frank Ward, Chuck Souter, and Gwen Wright were in attendance. The meeting began with an invocation by JoAnn Main, Pledge of Allegiance led by Arvin Spofford and O Canada led by Barbara Harkness.

The roll call was taken and chapter delegates identified for voting purposes. Voting delegates were asked to sit in an assigned area. A quorum was established.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived as the minutes were previously distributed to Executive Board Members and Chapter officers and were also posted on the Northwest Area website. Barbara Harkness moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded.

Reports

Gwen Wright, Treasurer, reported the balance on hand as of September 1, 2009 was \$59,245.27. The balance on hand as of March 31, 2010 is \$51,854.48. At the end of the Treasurer's report, the schedule of future deposits for Puyallup is shown. The report was accepted and will be filed with the minutes.

Audit Committee Report

Pat Spofford gave the Audit Committee report. The Audit Committee reported that the books were in very good shape and had no errors.

Nominating Committee Report

Beth Harrington, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates.
Vice President (1st and 2nd positions): Incumbent Frank Ward, Kent Pratt, and Neil Radford.
Treasurer: Incumbent Gwen Wright, Beth Harrington, and Karen Pratt.

Andy Balogh thanked the Nominating Committee for their time and effort.

There was discussion on the process of acceptance of nominees. President Andy Balogh explained that the process was done in accordance with the Northwest Motorhome Area Association By Laws. The Nominating Committee's deliberations are considered confidential. He reminded everyone that according to the By Laws, nominations can be accepted from the floor.

Election of Executive Board Officers and Nominating Committee

President Andy Balogh explained the voting process. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to give their qualifications and why they want to be elected. Andy appointed Arvin Spofford, Martie Martin and Kathy McBride as ballot tellers.

There are three candidates for the offices of Vice President (1st and 2nd positions): Incumbent Frank Ward, Kent Pratt, and Neil Radford. Andy Balogh asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Marje Fouts nominated Barbara Harkness. Jeanette Block seconded. Barbara Harkness, President, KM International Chapter, made the following statement: "My name is Barb Harkness, President & National Director for KM International. I have over 25 members to my credit. I have been in the Telecommunications Industry for over 33 years. Fifteen years as a shop steward. I am a card holder for the Conservative Party of Canada. I have scruineered in both Provincial and Federal elections. I've been a political action coordinator for the TWU. I could go on & on but I won't. I'd like to thank the Ladies who have nominated me and seconded. However at this time, I wish to "step down". Thank you." President Andy Balogh clarified the wording with Barb Harkness.

Barb Harkness declined the nomination. Hearing no more nominations from the floor after the third call, Barbara Harkness moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and **carried**.

Each of the candidates for Vice President (1st and 2nd positions) spoke for two minutes on their qualifications for the position. President Andy Balogh explained that each voting delegate should vote for two candidates for the positions of Vice President (1st and 2nd positions) and the top two would be elected.

We took a brief recess while the ballots for Vice President were counted.

The results of the Vice President (1st and 2nd position) elections are: Kent Pratt and Neil Radford were elected for the 2010-2012 term.

There are three candidates for the office of Treasurer: Incumbent Gwen Wright, Beth Harrington, and Karen Pratt. Hearing no nominations from the floor after the third call, Barbara Harkness moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and **carried**.

Each of the candidates for Treasurer spoke for 2 minutes on their qualifications for the position. President Andy Balogh explained that each delegate should vote for one candidate for the position of Treasurer.

We had a brief recess while the ballots for the position of Treasurer were counted.

The results of the Treasurer election is: Karen Pratt was elected for the 2010-2012 term.

There were no candidates for the 2011 Nominating Committee submitted by the 2010 Nominating Committee. Andy Balogh asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Ed Block nominated Bill Leahy. Bill Boice nominated Bobbi Radford. Dennis Martin nominated Frank Ward. Bill Leahy nominated Beth Harrington. Marje Fouts nominated Barbara Harkness. All nominations were seconded.

Neil Radford moved to close the nominations from the floor, it was seconded and **carried**.

Hearing no further nominations from the floor after the third call, the Nominations Committee positions were declared closed. Russ Pease moved to elect all 5 candidates by acclamation. The motion was seconded and **carried**.

The newly elected nominating committee was announced as: Beth Harrington, Barbara Harkness, Bill Leahy, Bobbi Radford, and Frank Ward.

Bud Fouts moved to destroy all ballots. The motion was seconded and **carried**.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Albuquerque Convention Wrap up Meeting - There were approximately 1600 Family Member coaches in attendance. The convention will have a loss because of the low attendance. General consensus of the attendees was they enjoyed themselves and it was a success.

Discussion on MEDEX, Member Benefits, Retention and Recruitment of Members – Andy Balogh reported that the MEDEX Program is ending on December 31, 2010 and will be replaced by a new program. This will be voted on in Redmond by the Governing Board. FMCA has many tools to offer for the retention and recruitment of members, i.e. the Dozen Does IT Program, the 5 Free Memberships that every Chapter President receives, the coupon in the FMC Magazine and the Gray Booklet. We need to take advantage of these tools. It was also mentioned that communication between the chapter officers needs to be improved; i.e. the National Director should keep the Alternate National Director informed, just as the President should keep the Vice President informed. This would be advantageous in case they need to represent the National Director or the President in their absence.

Newsletters on the Northwest Area Website – It was suggested that we send an email to the Chapter Presidents offering the service of having their newsletters posted on the Northwest Area website, www.fmcanw.org . This would enable members of all Northwest Area Chapters to see the happenings in other Chapters and also, help new FMCA members locate a Chapter that they think might be right for them.

Officer's Puyallup Tour Recommendations - Andy Balogh brought a proposal from Linn County Expo Center to the Executive Board. While Andy stopped in Albany to pick up materials for the meeting, he was approached with a proposal for us to return to Linn County Expo Center in 2011. Randy Porter, Linn County Expo Manager, suggested that the facility might be willing to deduct the cost of our Puyallup deposit (\$6500) from their charges, if we return in 2011. Andy said he would bring the proposal forward at our meetings. Andy Balogh asked the Executive Board to tell us their individual impressions of the tour of the Puyallup Site. With many costs not specified in the contract, cost is the main concern. Authorization of extras will have to be tightly controlled. The Puyallup area has many types of entertainment that could cut down on our Entertainment costs. The catering costs are very high and perhaps, we need to cutback and provide fewer meals. Security and the fact that we do not have exclusive use of the grounds were also an issue that was discussed. Vendors may be easier to get in the Puyallup Area. The email that Judy Keppler, Immediate Past President, had received from Puyallup was discussed at great length. After the pros and cons were discussed, Bud Fouts made a motion to table this discussion until tomorrow morning, giving all delegates a chance to think about the positives and negatives of going to Puyallup or to Albany. It was seconded and **carried**.

Rally Master Process for 2011 - tabled until decision is made on site for Northwest Area Rally for 2011. Anyone interested in the 2011 position, please email Andy Balogh. Email address is kabalogh@telus.net

Future Northwest Area Rally Sites – Linn County, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Cowlitz County - We have some RFP (Request for Proposals), i.e. Linn County, Pendleton, Cowlitz County, and Moses Lake. Frank said he would check out and give a report on the Walla Walla site, noting that they have added to their facilities. Ron Grinnell said that Clark County had done some improvements with parking and had a new large building. Arvin Spofford mentioned that he had visited the Pendleton site and it is a very nice place but ample parking might be questionable. Suggestion was made that we look into Pendleton for our Northwest Area Rally in 2012.

Announcements:

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

10 Year Anniversary (Letter and Certificate)

Blue Mountain (5/6/10)

JUNE

5 Year Anniversary (Letter and Certificate)

British Columbia Coaches for Christ (6/6/10)

Oregon - Washington Coaches for Christ (6/6/10)

Pacnats (6/25/10)

JULY

35 Year Anniversary (Letter, Certificate, and \$200 Check)

Oregon Trail Drivers (7/11/10)

Snake River Valley (7/11/10)

Future Business and Planning Meeting Dates and Locations –

September 27 – 30, 2010, Washington Land Yacht Harbor, Lacey, WA

April 04 - 08, 2011, Location to be announced

Cincinnati Meetings – Dates April 28 – May 07, 2010

Andy Balogh will be attending the National Executive Board Meeting in Cincinnati from April 27, 2010 until May 8, 2010. He encouraged anyone who has anything they would like brought up at those meetings, to contact him.

Washington State Department of Transportation Meetings – Neil Radford was contacted by the Washington State Department of Transportation and asked to attend a meeting on April 22, 2010 in Tumwater, WA. This meeting will address the issues of Rest Areas, Dump Stations and other RV related topics. Neil and Bobbi

Radford will be attending but anyone interested may also attend. Please contact Andy Balogh, if you are interested in attending.

Chapter Fairs - The Chapter Fair in Albuquerque was discussed and the table displayed in the hall is what we set up in Albuquerque. The Chapter Fair to be held in Redmond was discussed and Chapters are encouraged to participate.

The meeting recessed at 4:08p.m.

The Annual General Meeting was reconvened by President Andy Balogh at 9:33a.m. on April 08, 2010.

Dennis Martin, President and National Director of the Pacers Northwest Chapter, made the motion "that we return to Albany for the 2011 Northwest Area Rally". The motion was seconded by Mike Gamble, National Director of the Northwest Alpine Coach Association.

Fred Royce discussed the positives and the negatives of the Puyallup site, Western Washington Fairgrounds. After further discussion on costs, parking and caterers in Puyallup, Andy Balogh explained that we need to make sure that Albany goes through with the deal before we make a final decision on the location for 2011. The dates would remain the same, June 02-05, 2011. Randy Porter of Linn County Expo Center will go to the Albany Mayor and present his proposal, if that is our decision.

Fred Royce, Delegate, Northwest Alpine Coach Association made an amendment to the motion; The amendment stated " the Executive Board negotiate with Linn County Expo Center to achieve a contract, if that is not feasible, then the Executive Board is authorized to go to Puyallup to work on an arrangement".

Barbara Harkness called for the vote on the amendment to the motion: "that the Executive Board negotiate with Linn County Expo Center to achieve a contract, if that is not feasible, then the Executive Board is authorized to go to Puyallup to work on an arrangement". The amendment to the motion was seconded by Karen Pratt and **carried**. Vote was all in favor except 5 nay votes.

After further discussion, Barbara Harkness, President and National Director of KM International called for a vote on the original motion: "that we return to Albany for the 2011 Northwest Area Rally and the Executive Board negotiate with Linn County Expo Center to achieve a contract, if that is not feasible, then the Executive Board is authorized to go to Puyallup to work on an arrangement". The motion was seconded by Mike Gamble and **carried**. Vote was all in favor except 1 nay vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Lehenbauer announced that Great American RV Club Chapter will be having a rally here at the Land Yacht Harbor RV Park from April 22 – 25, 2010 and the entertainment will be Bernie & Red. Rally Fee \$115 and all are invited to attend.

Bobbi Radford explained the Chapter Fair table and the boards that were prepared for Albuquerque. She will help any Chapters that want to make the boards for the Area VP to take to International Conventions for future Chapter Fair tables. The boards are 10 x 15 in size. Please contact Bobbi for more information. Her email address is bjrad4d@yahoo.com

We took a short recess and reconvened at 10:26a.m.

Barbara Harkness made a motion to welcome the new Executive Board and to all work together. The motion was seconded by Beth Harrington and **carried**.

The meeting recessed at 10:28a.m. for the beginning of the Redmond Planning Meeting.

Call to order

President Andy Balogh reconvened the meeting to order at 1:17p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum established for voting purposes.

Karen Pratt made "the motion to close the account at the Bank of America in Oregon and open a new bank account at the Wells Fargo in Washington". Donzella Leahy seconded.

Andy Balogh explained the reason for moving the bank account is that Bank of America Oregon and Bank of America Washington & Idaho do not communicate. Gwen Wright informed the Executive Board that there have always been problems when changing officers and obtaining new signature cards. The Bank of America wants us to come to the bank in Oregon to change signature cards or it has to be done by mail and takes considerable time. The change to Wells Fargo, with branches nearly everywhere, would alleviate this problem.

A vote was unanimous. Motion **carried**.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27p.m.

Kathie Balogh, Secretary