

General Meeting Minutes
Cowlitz County Event Center
Kelso, WA
September 24, 2019

Call to Order at 1:03pm by President Don Schleuse. Those present were Sr. Vice President Dennis Martin, Vice Presidents Jim McBride, Hal Shorr, and Walt Haynes; Secretary Bobbi Radford; Treasurer Kathie McBride, immediate Past President Kathie Balogh and NWA Chapter delegates.

Invocation was given by Dennis Hill /Pledge of Allegiance lead by Dennis Martin

Roll Call/Quorum: Roll call was taken and a Quorum was established, there were 22 chapters represented.

Minutes of Previous Meeting The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived, as they were posted on line and distributed to all chapter via email.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy McBride presented the Treasurer's report. Balance on hand in Checking on 9/23/19 was \$10,074.09; Balance on hand Savings \$117,334.48. Interest income \$35.20. Total cash on hand 9/23/19 \$127,443.77

The Treasurers report was accepted for file. There were no questions.

Nominating Committee: Andy Balogh announced the list of candidates for the elections that will take place at the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

Don discussed the Albany Rally. Jim McBride (vendor captain) reported we had 35 vendor that used 50 booths. Don commended Walt Haynes (show RV captain) on the good job he did as a first time Captain of that committee.

Someone asked about Guaranty RV, why didn't they come. It was explained that Guaranty wanted an exclusive presence at this rally. Don explained why we don't give an exclusive. It drives the other dealers away and would be hard to get them to come back.

The Entertainment at the “Bridging the Gap” rally was good.

New Business:

Roseburg Rally

Don announced the title for Roseburg: “Wine & Roses in Roseburg”

The Douglas County Fairgrounds is a new venue for the Northwest Area. The Facility has more electric, it is 50amp. It was suggested that if you purchase electric at the Roseburg rally to bring an extension cord,

On the map of the fairgrounds the outlets are marked. They are scattered around the Fairgrounds. The RV Park has 49 sites. The Seminars will be in the Community Conference Hall. This is where the Main Office is located. Douglas Hall will be the Dining and Entertainment Area for this rally. Exhibit Hall will be for vendors. The show RV's will be staged behind the Grandstands so they will be visible from the road. They have a large Lighted Marque that is available for uses. The parking area to the North will be the holding area as well as the secondary parking area. There is only one exit for this venue traveling North or South, it is Exit 123.

Hal Shorr suggested “SPONSOR OF THE DAY”. For a price a vendor could be the “Sponsor of the Day” and would get exclusive advertising for that day. On signs around the park, and possibly on the Lighted Marque that can be seen from the freeway.

Don asked if there were any questions about FMCAssist. Don explained how the dues raise came about. The Governing Board did not want to take the money out of investments to fund FMCAssist. Because the contract with Seven Corners was to terminate in October 2019 there wasn't time to research and find another carrier, therefore the Board voted to raise the dues. Don took a poll as to how many in the room were upset with the dues raise. No one raised their hand. 181 people, organization wide, actually used FMCAssist last year.

It was explained that Ned Boston of the Risk Management Committee started looking for a new carrier immediately.

A new Computer System: The Governing Board opted to spend \$280,000 for a new computer system. The current system is out of date and does not work the way it

should. FMCA will replace the Elan system with Protech. This will be a capital expense. FMCA will take out a loan to pay for the new system amortized for a 5 year period.

Don asked for possible rally sites. There was a discussion about future rallies. This is an ongoing problem. Don explained that we need to work 2 years out to find satisfactory venues. If we wait too long we get beat out by others, such as dog show. Facilities are looking for organizations that can give a 5 year commitment. There is a list of requirements that a possible venue must have. If you want a copy Don has that list.

Ron Grinnell asked if it was reasonable for a chapter to stay in FMCA. Don explained that in the Risk Management Manual what is covered by insurance from FMCA. If you become a non-chapter you cannot get insurance for your chapter meetings, you will not have representation on the Governing Board. As a member of FMCA you still have FMCAassist, and other FMCA benefits.

Bobbi explained the Temporary Delegates and how the chapters requested them

Election of Officers:

Tellers were appointed for the purpose of counting the ballots. The tellers were Roxanne Parish, Linda deBord and Giles Rosamond.

Sr. Vice President Dennis Martin
 Al Zimmerman

Each Candidate gave a short speech as to why they would like to be Sr. Vice President and what they would bring to the office. Don asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none.

Dennis Martin was elected to the position of Sr. Vice President.

Jim McBride spoke to the delegates. Don asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none Jim deBord moved that Jim Mc Bride be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Kathie Balogh. Jim McBride was elected to the office of Vice President.

For the office of Secretary the nominee was Cindy Haynes. Cindy spoke to the delegates. Don asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none

Linda deBord made a motion to elect by acclamation, the motion was seconded and passed. Cindy Haynes was elected as Secretary.

Bobbi Radford made a motion to have the ballots destroyed. It was seconded and passed.

Don thanked the outgoing Secretary for her service.

New Nominating Committee 2020:

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Rachel Shlepp	april90428@aol.com	541-840-3558
Ed Stutz	EDSTUTZ@yahoo.com	541-501-0471

The meeting was closed at 3:35pm

Dates:

Jan 8-12, 2020	Western Area Rally Indio, CA
Jan 18-26,2020	Quartzsite, AZ
Mar 26-29, 2020	FMCA 101 st International Tucson, AZ
April 13-16, 2020	Planning Meeting Roseburg, OR
Jun 24-27, 2020	Northwest Area Rally Roseburg, OR
Sept 13-17, 2020	Planning Meeting Kelso, WA
TBA, 2020	FMCA 102 nd Syracuse, NY
Jan 6-10- 2021	Western Area Rally Indio, CA
Jan 16-24, 2021	Quartzsite, AZ
Apr. 11-15,2021	Planning Meeting , Kelso WA
June 24-27, 2021	NWA Rally in Cowlitz Co. Event Center Kelso, WA

2020 Chapter Anniversaries

45 Years:

Oregon Trail Drivers
Snake River Valley

15 Years:

Pacnats
OR/WA Coaches for Christ

Bobbi Radford

Immediately Past NWA Secretary

10/3/19