

General Meeting Minutes
Linn County Fairgrounds Expo Center
Albany, Oregon
September 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm by President Don Schleuse. Those present were Sr. Vice President Dennis Martin; Vice Presidents Jim McBride, Walt Haynes, and Roxanne Parrish; Secretary Cindy Haynes and Treasurer Kathy McBride; and NWA Chapter delegates. Immediate past Area President Kathie Balogh was unable to attend

Invocation was given by Mark Fredricksen. Dennis Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Quorum: Roll call was taken and a Quorum was established. There were 18 chapters represented.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kathy McBride presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance on hand in Checking on 9/15/2021 was \$8,482.81, other income \$585, expenses of \$387.60 for a balance of \$8,680.21. Balance in our savings account was \$117,404.33. Total balance on hand as of 9/15/2021 of \$126,084.54. One question regarding payment for the storage unit in Albany was if it was by the month. Kathy explained that it was a onetime payment for the year. The Treasurer's report was accepted for file.

Nominating Committee: Committee chair, Andy Balogh was unable to attend. Jack Crans reported: because of the Covid pandemic, the current nominating committee has been in effect for two years. The only people submitting resumes to run for an office were: Dennis Martin for Sr. Vice President, George Doersch for Vice President and Cindy Haynes for Secretary.

Audit Report: Debbie Bamer reported that Mark Fredricksen and her had audited the books and they found the books in good shape. They felt Kathy McBride has done an excellent job.

Old Business:

Don explained that FMCA National charges the Area 3% to handle registration on credit cards. There is not really any accounting of what the Area will be charged for National's services. Don is going to ask for a breakdown from National on what we are going to be charged. If someone pays by check the Area receives the full amount. They have found a new provider that charges a lower rate for processing credit cards.

National also charges approximately \$35 per hour for artwork for registrations and usually takes 8-10 hours. Bobbi has developed all of the artwork for the upcoming rally so there won't be any problem with copyright issues.

Don thanked all of the NW Area members that attended the Gillette convention as delegates at the Governing Board meeting.

The Governing Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 7th, 2021. Most of the issues brought before the GB were to make minor changes to Bylaws and Policy & Procedures. The most significant actions:

- Annual dues were set at \$50 per year and members may renew for up to three years instead of the previous five.
- Dues of commercial members (vendors, manufacturers, campgrounds) were also set to \$50 per year.
- One proposal was to discourage Executive Board members from having discussions among themselves to discuss issues coming before the board. This was roundly defeated as it was felt that board members should be able to discuss issues prior to formal meetings.
- A proposal was made that would allow an Executive Board member to be "sanctioned" for improper behavior. Not a lot of information on that the behavior would be but if deemed necessary, the CEO would then forward the complaint to the Review Council. This proposal was soundly defeated.
- A proposal was made to limit the Area Vice Presidents travel expenses by removing reimbursement for site visits and area business/planning meetings. This proposal was defeated.
- Two proposals came from the Membership Engagement Committee regarding marketing and revamping the governing structure of FMCA. These proposals were highly disliked by the majority present. Al Zimmerman (Northwest Area Trek Fun Club) proposed a replacement that called for marketing research on prospective membership groups and that study may have implications for modification of the governing structure. His amendment passed unanimously.

National Officer Elections were held with the following results:

National President - Rett Porter

National Senior Vice President – Gary Milner

National Secretary – Kathie Balogh

National Treasurer – Barbara Smith

New Business:

The president would like to update the area website and would like suggestions for a new webmaster. It was suggested that Gene Kinney be contacted as a possible candidate. Jack Crans suggested that we might possibly look to a younger generation even for a webmaster.

Election of Officers:

Don thanked Jim McBride for serving as Vice President for the NWA for the past four years.

Dennis Martin is a candidate for Sr. Vice President. He can serve for another two years. Cindy Haynes is a candidate for Secretary to serve a second term.

George Doersch is a candidate for Vice President, filling the vacancy left by Jim McBride.

Each candidate spoke briefly to express why they wish to serve as an officer of the Northwest Area.

Dennis Martin spoke about the great job Don has done as President and thanked him. Everyone agreed. Dennis mentioned that we all need to work to do what we can to keep chapters active. Northwestern chapter just voted to drop their charter last week. Panhandle Gems is having a difficult time acquiring new members and keeping the members they currently have. The Martins, Holmes and Bobbi agreed to join Panhandle Gems.

A motion was made that the slate of candidates be voted in by acclamation. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Election of 2022 Nominating Committee:

A motion was made that the following candidates be elected. Motion was seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jack Crans	idaowl@yahoo.com	208-859-8095
Kathy McBride	jrklmc@aol.com	208-818-3018
Mike Parrish	roxane1017@gmail.com	360-777-5848

Don informed everyone that he requested April 13-16, 2022 for the 2022 Planning at Mill Casino, but has not received confirmation back from the Mill.

The reason that the NWA May 29-June 2, 2023 rally in Albany is so early is because we need to be squeezed in between two graduations and the only dates available. Otherwise we would have to hold it in July or August.

Announcements:

Rocky Mountain Area	October 20-23, 2021	Tucson AZ
Western Area	January 12-16, 2022	Indio CA - CANCELLED
Big Tent	January 22-30, 2022	Quartzsite AZ
Southeast Area	February 9-12, 2022	Lakeland FL
FMCA 104 TH International	March 23-26, 2022	Tucson, AZ
FMCA International Area	May23-28, 2022	Lebanon, TN
Northwest Area Planning	April TBD	Coos Bay,OR
Great Lakes Area	June 8-11, 2022	Goshen, IN
Northwest Area	June 22-26, 2022	Coos Bay, OR
FMCA 105 th International	August 24-27, 2022	Lincoln, NE
Northwest Area Planning	September 20-22, 2022	Albany, OR
Northwest Area Planning	April 24-26, 2023	Albany,OR
Northwest Area	May 29-June 2, 2023	Albany,OR

Chapter Anniversary Dates –

40 Years

Northwestern Bus Nuts

35 Years

Olympic Peninsula Ramblers

Lewis & Clark TT

Monaco Northwest

25 Years

Columbia Basic Cruisers

20 Years

Reigning Rex

Klondikers

15 Years

CAN-AM

Great American RV Club

Don mentioned that he has a personal, unlimited ZOOM account and if anyone would like to have a ZOOM meeting with their officers they were welcome to use it, just let him know.

Ron Grinnell commented how the conventions were getting very high priced. Don explained that the Executive Board does not set the prices, and has nothing to do with setting prices. Costs of rallies everywhere is getting higher. Dennis added that with

the National rallies, there are people from the National office that get paid to attend a rally, where Area rallies are ran by volunteers. Debbie Bamer informed everyone that where their chapter has had rallies for many years have informed them that they don't take groups anymore. The RV parks can fill their sites without allowing groups. Power has become the big item that everyone wants, and that makes the rally more expensive. Entertainment is another item that adds to the cost.

Judie Lehenbauer inquired if there was any new recruitment information through National. Don feels that more may be available in the future. More needs to be done to attract younger people.

Don feels chapters will get more cooperation from Cincinnati in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

Cindy Haynes, Secretary