

A Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Penn Coachmen was held on May 29, 2010 with the following officers in attendance:

Bob Moss, President
Ellis Brown, Senior Vice President
Louise Birett, Recording Secretary

Bob Birett, Area Vice President
Don Lassen, Area Vice President
Jim Lexa, Area Vice President
Kathy Rollins, Area Vice President

INVOCATION:

Jake Kessler offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bob Moss called the meeting to order, and asked everyone to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM CERTIFICATION:

Bob Moss certified that there were more than 15 family units represented at the meeting. Thus, a quorum was achieved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Approval of Minutes of Semi-Annual Meeting in October 2009:

The Minutes of October 2009 were posted on the bulletin board for viewing by the membership. Therefore, it was motioned and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 2009 without reading.

VOTE ON MOTION

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Moss reported the following information supplied by Al Brandis, Treasurer:

- Cash balance as of April 30, 2010 was \$4,256.04.
- The cost to print and mail the 2010 directories was \$3,095.20.
- There is money in the treasury that is constantly "moving," i.e., assets for rallies to take place in the future.
- Each rally master has been charged to "break even."

As last year's treasurer, Bob Birett was asked to summarize the 2009 activity and rally season:

- The cash balance at the beginning of 2009 was \$8,360.00 in checking with a \$5,000 CD that increased to approximately \$6,000.
- The total cash balance at the beginning of 2009 was therefore \$14,354.00.
- By the end of 2009, the balance was \$2,400.
- The total losses were \$8,800.
- The biggest event in 2009 was the 40th Anniversary Celebration with costs exceeding income by \$8,100.
- Office products and rally pins accounted for \$400.00.
- Costs associated with the trailer insurance, licenses and registration were \$830.00.
- \$100.00 was added to the treasury per rally last year.
- The treasurer's books were audited in April 2010.
- Appropriate tax returns were filed for the year 2009.
- Rally summaries for 2008 and 2009 are available for viewing by the membership.
- Members were asked to submit separate checks to register for each rally to make recordkeeping easier for the Treasurer and Audit Committee.

Report of the President:

Bob Moss urged all members to sign up as rally masters and rally hosts.

Report of the Vice President:

Ellis Brown reported as follows:

- Rallies in 2010 include:
 - 4/16-4/18—Schnecksville, PA
 - 5/28-5/31—Centre Hall, PA
 - 6/11-6/13—Gilbert, PA
 - 7/16-7/18—Liverpool, PA
 - 8/20-8/22—Bloomsburg, PA
 - 9/10-9/12—Lebanon, PA
 - 10/16-10/18—Pre-Rally Mt. Airy, NC
 - 10/19-10/24—GEAR Rally, Winston-Salem, NC.
 - 11/12-11/14—Bethel, PA

- Aside from the usual locations, rallies are being planned at Cherry Hill Campground, MD; and Drummer Boy Campground in Gettysburg in 2011.
- Rally locations for 2012 are being researched. Ellis Brown is particularly interested in holding a rally at Watkins Glen, NY.
- In preparation for the rally at Bloomsburg, special 15 and 30 amp plugs were investigated by Ellis Brown and Bob Birett. Bob Birett has contacted a dealer in Ohio who is willing to supply a 30 and 15 amp plug for \$20.00 including shipping and handling. Anyone interested is asked to contact Bob Birett at BirettCPA@yahoo.com or 215-450-2321.

Bob Moss reminded those who will be attending the pre-rally in Mt. Airy, NC to contact the Mayberry Campground and register as soon as possible.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Report of the FMCA National Director:

John Breisch reported as follows:

- If no one from Penn Coachmen will attend FMCA's 84th International Convention in Redmond, OR in August, he can recommend an alternate to cast Penn Coachmen votes at the Executive Meeting.
- Anyone wishing to join FMCA for the first time will pay \$50.00 (a \$10 discount) between April and September 30, 2010.
- Effective January 1, 2010, anyone recruiting a new FMCA member will receive a \$10.00 certificate which can be used for various purposes including offsetting FMCA dues.
- Any chapter who recruits 12 new members for FMCA will be awarded a prize package full of give-away items for their membership.
- New Penn Coachmen Brochures have been printed up and are available for use by members who recruit prospective members. See John Breisch if interested.
- Membership Tool Kits and FMCA magazines for recruiting purposes can be obtained from John Breisch.
- Penn Coachmen have 9 free FMCA memberships to giveaway to new recruits.
- Penn Coachmen have been assigned to handle security at the GEAR Rally in Winston-Salem, NC in October. They will be assisted by volunteers from other chapters.

GEAR Community Donations Project:

Jake and Betty Kessler are the chairpersons for this project. GEAR has chosen the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina to be recipients of cases of nonperishable food items which everyone attending the

rally will be asked to donate. Contributions from anyone in Penn Coachmen will be welcome even if they do not intend to travel to the GEAR rally. Bob Moss and Jake Kessler will make sure the groceries are delivered to NC.

Membership Committee:

Nancy Breisch commented as follows:

- Current membership is 195 “F” units.
- Although 248 “F” units are listed in the 2010 Yearbook, according to FMCA rules, our records were purged and Penn Coachmen lost 56 members.
- Dues for 2011 are now payable - \$15 per year, or 3 years for \$40. Bob Moss intends to send out a personal communication to those who have not paid their 2009 dues.
- Volunteers to man the FMCA Booth during the Hershey RV Show in September 2010 are needed. It was noted that the volunteers last year signed up 59 new members for FMCA.
- Nancy has done monthly mailing to all new people recruited at the Hershey RV Show who have signed up to join FMCA inviting them to join Penn Coachmen..
- Since October of 2009, Nancy has sent out e-mails and letters (to those without e-mail) to a total of 170 prospective members for Penn Coachmen.
- A Chapter Fair will be held at the GEAR Rally in hopes of further recruitment.

Newsletter Editor:

Louise Birett asked everyone to continue sending her information and articles for the monthly newsletters.

Nominating Committee:

Betty Moyer announced that she is looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Recording Secretary and Trailer Captain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motor Racing Outreach:

Penn Coachmen member John Hobrle is a chaplain for NASCAR drivers and their families representing a non-denominational motor racing outreach program. He described the work this organization does and brought along free literature and information about the race drivers.

Recognition:

John and Nancy Breisch were recognized for their hard work on behalf of the Penn Coachmen during John’s tenure as President and for Nancy’s fine work as head of the Membership Committee. John was the recipient of a plaque and Nancy received a bouquet of roses.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise S. Birett, Recording Secretary

Attest:

Bob Moss, President