
**Penn Coachmen
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting
Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA
May 27, 2023**

- Executive Board present:
 - Sue Cipa, President
 - Mary Ellen Seifert, Secretary
 - Pat Sweetman, Area Vice President
- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with a quorum of 17 “F” members attending.
- Pledge of Allegiance was said.

- **Old Business:**

- Secretary report: Membership meeting minutes from the Pocono Raceway in October 2022 were read and approved by Hal Amos and second by Gary Cipa.
- The treasurer’s report was read by Sue Cipa. The balance of our accounts, before Centre Hall Expenses, is \$17,132.96. Wayne Dilliplaine opened a new checking account for Penn Coachmen at Wells Fargo Bank. Sue Cipa was added to the signing card. There are more branches of this bank than our previous bank. This will be easier for all to make deposits at.
- Rallies for upcoming season:
 - June: Don Laine, Palmerton, PA
 - July: Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, PA
 - August: cancelled.
 - September: Roxbury Holiness Campground, Orrstown, PA
 - October: GEAR, Lewisburg, WV Fairgrounds
 - December 6: Shadymaple Christmas Luncheon

At the September rally, we will be holding 2024 Elections. The slate of officers will be emailed out to the members at least 30 days prior to this meeting.

- Area VP Reports: Pat Sweetman had nothing to report on.
- The AED Committee has reported on some information they collected. The subject was tabled until all the members got their reports in.
(Eileen Darden, Mary Ravert, and Steve Raye are on this committee)

- **New Business:**

- Eric Britz inquired about a stipend for the National Director for travel expenses. A discussion occurred on the amount to be given. Motion was made by Hal Amos and Second by Terri Shannon on some type of stipend will be given. Sue tabled the discussion on the amount for future meeting so more discussion can be had.
- Rallies for 2024:
 - April: Looking for location.
 - May: Dogwood Acres Campground, Newville, PA
- The next FMCA Convention will be in Gillette, WY. Our National Director will be attending the Governing Board meeting. Election of officers will be held.
 - President: Gary Milner/Curtis Coleman
 - Sr. V. P.: Kathy Balogh/Paul Mitchell
 - Secretary: Pamela Richard/Don Schleuse
 - Treasurer: Barb Smith/Ken Carpenter

We discussed the candidates. It was suggested that everyone reads their bios in the FMCA magazine (May & June issues). Sue said she will put out an email to all members asking their opinions on the nominees. We are to let her know our thoughts. Any questions can be directed to Phyllis Britz or Sue Cipa.

- The 2023 Penn Coachmen audit will be conducted at the Don Laine Rally by Joan Park & Mary Ellen Seifert.
- 2024 Yearbook

Sue talked about the upcoming membership yearbook for next year. Lynda and Bob Bucklew have been working on a new app. They have obtained a 30-day free trial and have enjoyed "playing around" with it. They both felt it would be easier for our members to find info on any member with our cell phones. It is a private account, and we will each have a password to get on. It will hold up to 600 members (people). The cost to print and mail last year's yearbook was over \$700. This program has a yearly cost of around \$210. Big savings! It was voted to go ahead with this new program.
- We discussed our current dues: Leaving them at \$15.00 /yr. or 3 yrs. \$40.00 was agreed upon.
- Trailer Hauling Fee: \$50.00 one way. It was agreed upon leaving this as is.

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- Donation to GEAR: It was suggested we donate \$500.00 again this year to be used as Phyllis Britz see fit.
Motion was made to approve by Gary Cipa, and second by George Darden.
 - Next year we will have a few positions opening on our board. (Sr Vice President, One Area Vice President. (Not necessary to fill it, but we can). Sue wanted us to think about helping in these positions. If you have any questions, please contact the current officer or the nominating committee: Terri Shannon, Bob Crossett, or Gil Raye.
 - GEAR October 4-7: Lewisburg, WV Fairgrounds. Sue suggested you sign up sooner than later. If you volunteer to help with something, you usually get to go in early. Any questions can be directed to Sue Cipa or Phyllis Britz.
 - 2024 GEAR will be going to Ashville, NC
 - Penn Coachmen will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary next year. How/when would you like to celebrate it?? Looking to form a committee to start thinking about this:
 - Sue Cipa
 - Pat Sweetman
 - Terri Shannon
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 - Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM. Motion to adjourn by Gary Cipa and second by Tom Shannon.