

A semi-annual membership meeting of the Penn Coachmen Chapter of FMCA was held on Friday, November 6, 2015, at Camp Swatara in Bethel, Pennsylvania. The following officers were in attendance:

Ron Becker, President Phyllis Britz, Vice-President Bill Freed, Treasurer
Carol Becker, Area VP Wayne Dilliplane, Area VP Larry Troutman, Area VP
Jim Lexa, Area VP John Breisch, National Director Joe Thurston, Alt. Natl. Director
Barbara Arcati, Secretary

Ron Becker opened the meeting at 7:20 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and an invocation was given prior to the dinner just before this meeting. One first timer was introduced, Gerald and Tru Ann Berger. Ron certified that we had a quorum with 38F members in attendance.

Secretary's Report Ron Becker stated that the minutes of the May, 2015, meeting are on the Penn Coachmen web page. A motion was made by Bob Birett, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report Bill Freed stated that the balance in the treasury now is \$8692.40.

Old Business Ron Lee stated that the 2015 yearbook has been distributed and there are still some available to members who did not get one. Please contact Ron Becker if you need a yearbook. Ron asked if anyone has rally pictures and/or corrections to send them to Karl Deardorff.

Membership. Nancy Breisch stated that dues are needed before November 30 in order to be included in the 2016 yearbook. A person must be a member of FMCA to be a member in Penn Coachmen. If a member's status changes they may still maintain their FMCA membership and be eligible for the benefits.

National Director Report John Breisch and Joe Thurston both attended the Governing Board meeting in Madison, Wisconsin in July, 2015. Elections were held. Three incumbent positions were approved and a new National Secretary was elected.

Executive Board report Ron Becker reported that the Executive Board decided that the profit from the sale of 50/50 raffle goes toward helping finance the 50th Anniversary of Penn

Coachmen. The board also discussed the condition of the trailer. Members Gary Cipa and Eric Britz will check out the trailer to see if it is repairable. They will have an initial budget of \$1500.

Bob Birett discussed the FMCA Finance Committee and how much is involved in FMCA. Next summer there will be a reunion in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The decrease in membership is not good but FMCA is fiscally good.

Ron Becker stated that the Audit of the 2014 Penn Coachmen books was conducted by Wayne Dilliplane and Larry Troutman and found to be satisfactory and in good order.

Ron Becker stated that Penn Coachmen won the white ribbon for 3rd place in the Chapter Fair at the GEAR rally and took 2nd place in the Bean Bag Baseball game.

New Business Ron Becker stated that the Rallies for next year are set but there is still a vacancy for Rally Master for Centre Hall. If no one steps up to be Rally Master then the Area VP assigned to that rally must take the rally. At the Centre Hall rally our chapter alternates obtaining the entertainment with the State Coachmen club for Saturday night.

Diane Freed stated that at the GEAR rally she attended a program on Fire Safety. She suggested we try to set up a similar program for one of our rallies. She stated that a demonstration was given on evacuating a motorhome out of a window.

Ron Becker stated that a discussion was held at the Executive Board meeting about getting a new trailer. Bob Birett is going back to the person who gave him an estimate last year to see how much the price may have changed.

Phyllis Britz discussed doing a survey regarding what people want to have at a rally. We will distribute the survey here and have it posted in a newsletter.

Ron Becker stated that during the Executive Board meeting it was decided to add a \$5 charge per coach to each rally fee to help defray the cost of repair or a new trailer.

Election of Officers The Election Committee of Linda Deardorff, Jackie Shaak and Bob Birett, chair, has polled the current officers who are willing to serve another term. There being no nominations from the floor for any of the positions, Ron Lee made a motion, seconded and approved that the current board continue in their posts.

There will be meeting of hosts for some of next year's rallies tomorrow. There will be a tour of a Deer Farm and people need to meet at 9:45 Am if they are going.

There was a question from the audience regarding the audit. Do we need an outside auditor to take over this job? The question was answered by treasurer, Bill Freed, CPA who stated that in

Pennsylvania, a non-profit organization needs to make over a specified amount of money to be required to hire an outside auditor. We do not make that kind of money.

Jim Lexa stated that the "country store" will be open for business tomorrow morning. He does not have any more decals and is looking into where he can get them.

Ron Becker adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Arcati

Secretary