

**BEAVER AMBASSADOR CLUB**  
**Membership/Corporate Meeting**

*Beavers BAC(k) to the Woods, Canyonville OR – September 16, 2016*

**“ALL ITEMS MARKED BY AN \*\* REQUIRE ACTION”**

The Membership/Corporate Meeting of the Beaver Ambassador Club was called to order at 9:00 AM (PDT) by President Mike Humble.

**It was established that a quorum of 15 coaches was present.**

**\*\*Additions to and Adoption of Agenda:** Pam Blair moved to approve the September 16, 2016, Beaver Ambassador Club (BAC) Membership/Corporate Meeting agenda as distributed; seconded by Keith Cooper. **Motion Approved** by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*Minutes of BAC Membership/Corporate Meeting, Rayne:** Violet Canales moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016, Rayne Membership/Corporate Meeting, as submitted; seconded by Laura Dedrick; **unanimously approved.**

Ty Kelly, Beaver Coach Sales Owner, thanked the members of BAC for making Beaver Coach Sales successful. He stated his goal to under promise and over deliver, with Beaver quality in mind.

He gave a brief overview of his background in the RV industry and introduced the staff from Beaver Coach Sales. He stated he and his wife, Jodie, owned the Beaver trademark; not Beaver Coach Sales. He shared thoughts about the future of Beaver Coaches, and he said he had been approached by manufactures to participate in building new Beaver Coaches. He stressed currently there were no coaches and would not be for a while. He noted a Rental Division, Happy Campers, had been implemented.

He said Beaver Coach Sales had been nominated for top dealer in the nation, and he told about a recent visit from Bob Tiffin.

He concluded by stating the plan would be to grow slow and methodically, noting there would be a new website and a Beaver Museum eventually.

A brief question and answer period followed.

**\*\*Treasurer’s Report and Budget Committee Report:** Roy Warren presented the 2016/2017 Treasurer’s Report.

Sandy Brown moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report (as attached to these minutes); seconded by Dan Murphy. The **motion was unanimously approved.**

**Membership Director Report:** Iris Schmidt thanked George Morlan for handling her duties while she was unavailable. She provided an overview of membership

fluctuations, stating there were currently 939 BAC members. She stated FMCA membership was a requirement for BAC membership. She thanked Beaver Coach Sales for its support and its encouragement of new Beaver Coach Owners to join BAC. She concluded by stating she would be retiring at the end of the year.

President Humble stated two new membership recruitment items were available: a brochure identifying what BAC was about and a hang tag to leave on Beaver Coaches seen by members traveling. He encouraged members to take the items they would use.

**National Director Report:** Assistant Director Garland Land said National Director Rett Porter was running for First Vice President with FMCA. He noted eventually there would be a new Director he would assist. He addressed BAC providing security volunteers for FMCA Rallies. He said BAC would be there for the FMCA Chandler Rally, with Mandy Canales in charge of BAC security volunteers.

He provided an overview on FMCA convention matters and stated Rett Porter had voted yes on the following: 1) the renewal of the FMCA medical assist program; 2) the 2019 convention in Chandler (Tucson); 3) the summer convention in St. Paul 2019; 4) the winter 2019 in Perry GA; and 5) the 2020 convention in Redding.

Garland Land said FMCA dues would be increasing \$10 per year, effective October 1, 2016; and he encouraged BAC members to renew prior to that date. He said the rumor to bring towable RV's (5<sup>th</sup> wheels and trailers) into FMCA was not true.

He said FMCA would not provide coaches more than 10 years old with drivers in case of emergency; owners must find drivers and FMCA would reimburse costs up to \$5,000. There was a possibility of drafting a list of BAC members willing to drive coaches in emergency situations. He added FMCA was attempting to change the condition of a coach in lieu of age in the future.

**Forum Administrator's Report:** Steve Huber encouraged members to join the BAC Forum. He said the BAC Forum had increased participation the past year and the technical portion was the most used. He said parts of the Forum were viewable by the public and other sections by private members only. He noted new features had been added in the last year, including: a video library on coach projects; a supplier list for each State; and wiring diagrams. He encouraged members to e-mail him if questions or problems.

Vicki Warren explained the Sunshine/Rain portion of the forum.

**Beaver Tales Editor Report:** Diana Bentley said everything had been going well with no problems. She stated backup for her duties were needed and a sign-up sheet for those interested in learning InDesign would be available after the meeting.

**Webmasters Report:** Tim Bentley said there was a website administration team consisting of Glenda Farris, Rich Pylar, and Steve Huber. He stated an Amazon Portal on the website and through the forum was available and could be made a favorite/bookmark on members' computers. He added it was great income for BAC. He

said there was also a portal for Overland Insurance, and he encouraged members to be sure to compare apples to apples when considering insurance for their coaches.

**Results of Election:** Mike Humble provided results of the BAC recent election, as follows: The By-Laws were changed to conform to the FMCA By-Laws, Mike Humble had been elected President; Rett Porter had been elected National Director to FMCA; Garland Land had been elected Alternate National Director to FMCA; Pam Blair had been elected Secretary; Roy Warren had been elected Treasurer; Lonna Connell had been elected VP for Region 3; and Joanne Fadale had been elected VP for Region 5.

**Summary of Board of Directors Meeting:** President Humble summarized the BOD meeting as follows: Six objectives of the Strategic Plan were approved; the Treasurer's Report and proposed budget were approved; the Beaver Tales rally cost of \$10 per coach would be suspended, effective October 1, 2016; dress badges would be awarded at the conclusion of the first rally attended, effective October 1, 2016; the current BAC Membership Rule would be maintained; the BAC Spring 2018 International Rally would be held at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee, Florida from April 6 – 11, 2018; BAC would provide support for FMCA Security in Chandler and not Indianapolis; to accept the P & R recommendation as follows: "A regular member who no longer owns a qualifying motor coach but remains as a Non Coach Owner associate member of FMCA may continue BAC membership."; and a Pre-International Rally Committee would be established to coordinate with the International Rally Master to be responsible for BOD Meeting setup and to direct the President to appoint the committee in conjunction with the Rally Masters.

He added the Membership Director duties had been divided as follows: Eileen Cooper would handle rally bar account tracking and ordering; George Morlan would maintain the membership directory; Patsy Boles would process new members and would verify FMCA membership; Chris Murphy would handle follow-up phone calls to new members; and Roy Warren would collect dues.

President Humble announced a Strategic Plan Membership meeting would be held Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in the clubhouse.

**Introduction of New Officers:** President Humble had previously introduced new officers after announcing results of the election.

**Acknowledgement of Outgoing Officers:** President Humble recognized Keith Cooper, outgoing VP of Region 5; and Patsy Boles, outgoing VP of Region 3.

**Presentations:** Iris Schmidt presented special rally bars for life members, 100 rallies attended, and 50 rallies attended.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Future International Rallies:**

- a. Sunshine and Saguaros, Tucson AZ, April 4-9, 2017: Glenda Farris said the BAC International Rally would be held at KOA Lazy Days; and the cost of the rally would be \$500 - \$525. She provided examples of planned events.
- b. Shuffling Off to Buffalo, Hamburg NY; September 27 – October 2, 2017: President Humble noted this BAC International Rally would be held after the Maritime Rally. He said Joanne and Tom Fadale would be available later in the day and registration forms with deposits could be given to them at that time.

## 2. Regional Rally Reports by Regional VP's:

Region 1: Jerry Carr said there would be two rallies following Canyonville: Ale Trail and Sitting Bull. He added two upcoming would be planned in the future: September dates being considered for the Anacortes area and a possible gathering in the Port Townsend area.

Region 5: Keith Cooper said there would be three rallies in 2017 and shared a brief video on the rallies: Maritime; Shuffling Off to Buffalo; and Distillery Run.

Region 2: John Shurtz said upcoming rallies included: Relax on Klamath; Draft Horse; Wine Meets Gold; Fall on the Coast; and Ye Olde Time Christmas Rally. He added in 2018, there would be a Western Beach Rally in Indio. Mandy Canales promoted the Indio rally for FMCA security volunteers.

Region 3: Patsy Boles said there would be four rallies in Region 3: September 1 – 6, 2017, Madison County, Iowa; it had not yet been posted in Beaver Tales. Other future rallies include: Explore the Door; Christmas & Chicken; and Close to Cleveland.

Region 4: Glenda Farris provided an overview of upcoming 2017 rallies: Quartzite, January 17 – 21; the FMCA Convention in Chandler in March with BAC rallies immediately following including Cottonwood; Gathering in Globe; Making Tracks to Tucson; and the International Rally in Tucson.

An announcement was made that an outdoor concert at Seven Feathers would limit parking and shuttles would pick up members at 5:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.

A Raffle Drawing was held.

**\*\*Call for Adjournment:** Vicki Warren moved to adjourn the September 16, 2016, BAC Membership/Corporate meeting; seconded by Laura Dedrick. The **motion passed** unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:41 a.m. (PDT) in Canyonville, Oregon.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Blair, BAC Secretary