

BEAVER AMBASSADOR CLUB – Board of Directors Meeting
Tucson, Arizona
April 3, 2017

“ALL ITEMS MARKED BY AN ** REQUIRE ACTION”

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Beaver Ambassador Club was called to order at 9:00 AM (PST) by President Mike Humble.

<u>*Roll Call:</u>	* President	Mike Humble
	* Past President	Gerald Farris
	* National Director	Rett Porter
	* Alt. Nat'l Dir.	Garland Land
	* Secretary	Pam Blair
	* Treasurer	Roy Warren
	* Region 1 (NW) VP	Jerry Carr
	* Region 2 (SW) VP	John Shurtz
	* Region 3 (NC) VP	Lonna Connell
	* Region 4 (SC) VP	Glenda Farris
	* Region 5 (EC) VP	Joanne Fadale

* = voting members

It was established that a quorum (6) was present.

****Additions to and Adoption of Agenda:** President Humble made the correction that John Shurtz was Vice President of Region 2, not Lonna Connell as stated in the Agenda. He requested the Audit Committee Report be moved prior to the Treasurer Report. Garland Land moved to approve the April 3, 2017, BOD Meeting agenda as amended; seconded by Jerry Carr. **Motion Approved** by a unanimous vote.

Introduction of Guests: Mike welcomed the board and introduced the following guests who were present immediately after the roll call:

Dean Johnson	Region 1 Director
Alan Scott	Region 2 Director
Roy Boles	Region 3 Director
Kathy Pylar	Region 4 Director
Mike Rump	Assistant Treasurer
George Morlan	Former BAC Treasurer and P & R Chair
Diana Bentley	Beaver Tales Editor
Tim Bentley	Webmaster
Steve Huber	Forum Administrator
Donna Humble	First Lady
Vicki Warren	Sunshine/Rain
Mandy Canales	Former BAC President
Carol Scott	

Claire Porter	Former Secretary
Patsy Boles	Former Region 3 Vice President
Wally Schmidt	
Iris Schmidt	Former Membership Director
Lamar Keck	Former BAC President
Rich Pylar	
Sandy Brown	
Gerald Donaldson	
Judy Donaldson	
Kathi Shurtz	
Randy Connell	

****Minutes of September 12, 2016, BOD Meeting, Canyonville:** Roy Warren moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016, Canyonville BOD Meeting, as submitted; seconded by Joanne Fadale; **unanimously approved.**

****Minutes of September 23, 2016, BOD Special Meeting, Grass Valley:** Rett requested the minutes be amended to include his motion died. Gerald Farris moved to approve the September 23, 2016, Special Meeting of the BOD in Grass Valley, CA, as amended; seconded by Rett Porter; **unanimously approved.**

****Minutes of October 21, 2016, BOD Special Meeting, E-Mail:** Roy Warren moved to approve the September 23, 2016, Special E-Mail Meeting of the BOD; seconded by Jerry Carr; **unanimously approved.**

****Audit Committee Report:** Sandy Brown was present to answer questions; no discussion. Gerald Farris moved to accept the Audit Committee Report; seconded by Rett Porter; **unanimously approved.**

****Treasurer's Report and Budget Committee Report:** Roy Warren presented the Treasurer's Report and recapped the Budget Committee Meeting held April 2, 2017.

A brief discussion followed with regard to the increase of Amazon Portal income.

Joanne Fadale moved to approve the Treasurer's Operations Report and Balance Sheet, Gerald Farris seconded the motion; **unanimously approved.**

Treasurer Warren reviewed the finances of the Sit N Bull IV Rally and the BAC(k) to the Woods II Rally.

Gerald Farris moved to accept the two rally financial reports as submitted, writing off the discrepancies; seconded by Rett Porter; **unanimously approved.**

Jerry Carr moved to increase the financial support for BAC International Rallies to \$7,500; seconded by Garland Land.

Gerald Farris recommended increasing the financial support to \$10,000.

In response to a question by Joanne Fadale regarding the effective date of the increase, a brief discussion followed.

Gerald Farris moved to amend the motion increasing the financial support for BAC International Rallies to \$10,000, effective as of the current rally; seconded by Rett Porter.

Jerry Carr requested a review of the Shuffling Off to Buffalo International Rally before increasing the financial support. A discussion followed.

The previous motion was amended to reflect an effective date in conjunction with the Shuffling Off to Buffalo International Rally. All parties participating in the original motion and subsequent amendment agreed to the second amended motion.

In response to a question by John Shurtz with regard to how the increase of monies would be used, Gerald Farris said it could reduce the rally fees and increase the quality of rallies. Glenda Farris addressed prior financial support, and rally fees not exceeding \$300. Joanne Fadale said between \$300 and \$350 would be a comfortable rally fee. Wally Schmidt echoed the reduction of rally fees for BAC International Rallies; he added the dynamic of the club had changed and lower fees would attract attendance. George Morlan said attendees should receive value for the money spent.

The discussion continued regarding BAC International Rallies, including schedule in conjunction with FMCA, the factor of more quality than cost, Rally SPOT team addressing one International rally annually in central U.S., the impact of fuel costs on attendance, and the importance of listing events, making it an adventure to warrant the cost.

President Mike Humble called for vote on the second amended motion as follows: To increase the financial support for BAC International Rallies to \$10,000, effective in conjunction with the Shuffling Off to Buffalo International Rally. The vote was recorded as follows: Aye: Mike Humble, Roy Warren, Pam Blair, Gerald Farris, Rett Porter, Garland Land, Jerry Carr, John Shurtz, Lonna Connell, and Glenda Farris. Nay: Joanne Fadale. **The motion was approved.**

Roy Warren requested postponing the remaining two recommendations from the Budget Committee until after the SPOT reports.

****Nominating Committee:** Donna Humble presented a written report of the Nominating Committee. Pam Blair moved to approve the report; seconded by Roy Warren; **unanimously approved.**

BREAK: President Mike Humble called for a recess at 9:58 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

P & R Committee:

George Morlan, P & R Chair, was not present, the item was tabled until his return.

Rally Committee:

President Mike Humble reviewed the recommendations of the Rally Committee as follows: 1) Keep the Rally Coordinator position; 2) Change the current policies about non-Beaver qualifying coaches attending rallies. Eliminate the mandate that such a coach may only attend one rally. Recommend can attend as often as desired, on a space available basis, with an additional payment of \$20-\$90 per rally. Additional monies go to rally expenses. Suggest all rally ads in BT add wording: non-member guests of a rally attendee, additional \$xxxx; and 3) If a BAC member acquires a new spouse/significant other, the charge for new bolo and dress badge is \$20.

A brief discussion followed.

Rett Porter moved to approve #2 as recommended, including non-qualifying coaches, without setting a fee, exceptions would be the Quartzite Rally and security rallies, seconded by Gerald Farris.

A discussion followed regarding the proposed motion; liability and coverage.

Rett Porter restated the motion as follows: all BAC rallies are open to owners of RV's, subject to existing rules, with clarification they are either members or non-members of BAC and non-members will pay an additional fee per rally, with the exception of Quartzite and security rallies, i.e., Indio, effective with new rallies not having a published rally fee as of April 3, 2017; seconded by Gerald Farris.

President Mike Humble called for the vote; **unanimously approved.**

Gerald Farris moved to establish the additional fee for non-members attending BAC rallies at the cost of the BAC first year membership fee; seconded by Lonna Connell.

A brief discussion followed.

President Mike Humble called for the vote; **unanimously approved.**

Jerry Carr moved to charge a BAC member acquiring a new spouse/significant other a fee of \$20 for a new bolo and dress badge. The motion was seconded by John Shurtz; **unanimously approved.**

Procedures & Regulations (P&R) Committee (cont)

Mike Humble addressed the recommendations by Joanne Fadale and Rett Porter, with P & R Committee comments, as follows:

1. Require that a change to the location and schedule of a Board meeting be posted to the membership as well as to Board members. The proposal does not suggest how this posting would be accomplished. Would a Forum posting be sufficient even though not all members are on the Forum (but all have access to

it)? Would an email blast be sufficient (leaving out only the 30 or so members without email)? The proposal does not state why this is needed.

A discussion followed regarding knowledge of and publishing of Board Meetings. No action was taken.

2. Require that notice sent by electronic means to Board members be confirmed by the Board members, rather than presumed delivered after 24 hours. The reasonable point is made that a Board member may be in a location where he or she does not have electronic communication. But the proposal as stated would permit a single Board member to hold up action simply by not confirming receipt. The Board might want to consider requiring confirmation by a majority of the Board members.

A discussion regarding due diligence in communicating electronically. No action was taken.

3. Restructure the Manual to follow the sections of the By-Laws. This could be done, but there would be sections with no By-Laws counterpart. It's not clear what the change would accomplish.

Joanne Fadale said this recommendation had not been to address content, just the layout.

After a brief discussion, the recommendation was made to create an index. Joanne Fadale offered to work on an index or a table of contents.

4. Move all the rally section into the Rally Master Handbook. This would run counter to the effort to keep the Rally Master Handbook as simple as possible, partly by not including material that is not relevant to most rallies.

A discussion regarding items in the P & R's not included in Rally Master Handbook. It was determined the matter would be deferred to the Rally SPOT Team.

5. Allow a regional rally to be sponsored by more than one region, to cover the case where a rally master and co-rally master are from two different regions. This has occurred in the past; for example the most recent Albuquerque rallies were sponsored by Region 4 (where the rally was located) with a rally master from Region 5 and one co-rally master from Region 2.) The 2016 rallies leading into Rayne were sponsored by Regions 4 and 1, but each individual rally was sponsored by only one region. Multiple sponsorships would create some confusion for placement of the rally ad in Beaver Tales and would require the rally master to deal with multiple vice presidents.

A brief discussion followed with regard to the start of the rally, and the Vice President of that region approving the budget. No action was taken.

6. Change the decision for whether to reimburse a Board member who cannot attend the meeting but incurs expenses that would normally be reimbursed from

the President, Past President and Treasurer to the President, appropriate regional Vice President, and Treasurer. No reason is given for the proposal, and if adopted it would result in the Vice President being involved in a decision about his or her own reimbursement if he or she were the officer involved. (A number of Joanne's comments showed skepticism about the role of the Past President.)

The recommendation was reviewed with explanation of history; no discussion; no action.

7. Establish a firm number as to what is "significant" when determining whether to rebate portions of the rally fee to participants. There is no statement as to why eliminating rally master flexibility is a good idea.

A brief discussion followed. It was agreed it should be the Rally Master's determination regarding refunds.

8. Deal with the seeming inconsistency between letting non-qualifying coaches attend as many rallies as they wish, while restricting qualifying coaches to a single rally as an FOB, and requiring VP approval for one but not the other. This could probably best be considered in the context of a complete review of the policy for attendance by non-qualifying coaches, which is administratively burdensome and differs from the practice of nearly every other club.

This recommendation had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

9. Require the President to appoint at least one member from each region to the Budget Committee, by changing "may" to "shall". No reason is given for denying flexibility to the President.

President Mike Humble stated his objection in making changes in this regard.

A discussion followed with regard to each region being represented. No action taken.

10. Specify the international rally expenses for which the BAC grant is intended. Since money is fundable it is not clear what this would accomplish.

A discussion followed regarding reimbursement if the International Rally not attended. The matter would be referred to the Leadership SPOT Team.

John Shurtz addressed International Rally grant monies and recommendations from the Board on the use of funds.

A discussion followed regarding Rally Master's discretion on how to spend available funds, acknowledgement of the company/person donating funds, input from past International Rally Masters, hosting a first class International Rally while keeping the costs down, and placing ads with scheduled events in Beaver Tales.

The P & R proposal with regard to a "rally within a rally" discussion ensued.

John Shurtz provided the example of a low cost BAC Security Rally with the higher fee charged by FMCA for its event.

Rett Porter moved to approve a reimbursement to the President and Regional Vice President up to \$300 toward a “rally within a rally,” FMCA and BAC rallies held concurrently; seconded by Garland Land.

A brief discussion followed regarding reimbursement to the Rally Master holding a BAC Rally within a FMCA Rally and tax ramifications, if any.

President Mike Humble called for the vote; recorded as follows: Yea: Mike Humble, Rett Porter, Garland Land, Pam Blair, Roy Warren, Jerry Carr, John Shurtz, Lonna Connell, Glenda Farris, and Joanne Fadale. Nay: Gerald Farris. **The motion passed.**

George Morlan provided an overview of the “sober reflection” matter, as follows: In 2007, the Board adopted a policy where the P & R Manual is to be updated to reflect Board action ASAP after the meeting, but those changes are provisional until the next Board meeting, at which the P & R Committee is charged with informing the Board whether it recommends that after “sober reflection” it might want to reconsider the action. No action was taken.

The BOD broke for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

LUNCH

The BOD reconvened at 1:00 PM.

REPORTS:

A. National Director:

Rett Porter offered a PowerPoint presentation addressing FMCA matters. He noted FMCA membership had stabilized, and he said a combined total of 2,627 family and commercial coaches had attended the Chandler Rally.

He addressed concerns with regard to changing FMCA membership to include all types of recreational vehicles, i.e., towable units.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility FMCA could require BAC to comply with its open membership policy.

In response to a question by Mike Humble, Rett Porter provided the definition of a recreational vehicle – a self-contained unit. He noted it would not include ATV's, etc.

A FMCA handout was provided to attendees at the meeting; and Rett Porter provided an overview of FMCA Assist.

Rett Porter called for straw vote on FMCA allowing towable units. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

Determination of Location for Fall 2018 International Rally

President Mike Humble said Farmington appeared to be a leading candidate based on cost, location and available dates.

A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of holding the International Rally in Farmington.

Vicki Warren volunteered to be Rally Master with Boles and Lands as Co-Rally Masters. She stated the proposed dates for the International Rally dates would be August 29 – September 4, 2018.

A brief discussion followed with regard to holding a rally over Labor Day.

Garland Land reviewed the Totah Indian Event being held at the same time as the International Rally.

Roy Warren moved to hold the BAC International Rally August 29 – September 4, 2018, in Farmington, seconded by Pam Blair. President Mike Humble called for the vote; recorded as follows: Yea: Mike Humble, Gerald Farris, Rett Porter, Garland Land, Pam Blair, Roy Warren, Jerry Carr, Lonna Connell, Glenda Farris, and Joanne Fadale. Nay: John Shurtz. **The motion was approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Strategic Planning Objective Team Reports

Team 1 – Rallies: Kathy Pylar provided an overview of the Rally Team progress and said the team would be meeting April 4, 2017.

President Mike Humble opened the meeting for discussion on holding one International Rally per year.

Jerry Carr stated his support of an annual BAC International Rally in lieu of two per year.

Garland Land recommended maintaining two rallies a year.

Claire Porter stated her concern with holding all International Rallies in central U.S. and the burden on Regions 3 & 4.

Further discussion ensued regarding International Meetings. No action was taken.

Team 2 – Membership: Cheri Carver was not present.

Team 3 – Leadership: Joanne Fadale stated the Leadership Team had no recommendations for the Board at this time.

Team 4 – Forum: Steve Huber presented the report as provided in the Agenda Packet.

Team 5 – Finance: Mike Rump provided an overview of the recommendations under each objective.

Steve Huber stated his concern with depleting the reserve so drastically in one year.

George Morlan reviewed his understanding of the reserve status.

Gerald Farris said creating entitlement programs could be difficult to downsize in the future.

A discussion ensued regarding “Treasurer’s Ideas for Reducing Reserves: 1) Develop sliding scale for payment to rallies to reduce the cost of rallies: i.e., \$100 for 5-10 coaches, \$200 for 11-20 coaches, \$300 for 21-30 coaches, etc.; 2) Increase International Rally help from current \$5,000 to \$7,500 (addressed earlier in the meeting); and 3) Pay Rally Master fee for all rallies up to \$500. Would watch how worded because some rallies exceed these costs. Remove from current rally book; rally can pay for up to one rally fee.

Roy Warren addressed the reimbursement of Regional Directors and the Secretary and Treasurer for attending regional rallies. He stated his support of Regional Director reimbursement, but not the Secretary or Treasurer reimbursement.

No motion on #4 of Budget Committee recommendation, as follows: Reimburse Regional Directors \$100 per regional rally attended for up to 5 regional rallies and reimburse the Secretary and Treasurer \$300 per regional rally attended up to 5 rallies.

John Shurtz moved to pay the Rally Master’s rally fee up to a maximum of \$500. Delete the paragraph 1.2.2.3 “Rally Masters and Co-Rally Masters: One and only one rally fee may be paid by the rally. It may be divided among the rally master, co-rally master and volunteers at the discretion of the rally master.” from the P & R Manual; seconded by Gerald Farris.

A discussion followed regarding possible abuse of the reimbursement of Rally Master’s rally fees.

A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to encouraging new Rally Masters to volunteer, either by additional training or by financial incentive.

President Mike Humble started to call for the vote. John Shurtz withdrew his motion and Gerald Farris withdrew his second. No vote.

Team 6—Communications: Lonna Connell provided an overview of her report.

President Mike Humble called for a ten-minute recess at 3:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. **International Rally Locations for 2019:

President Mike Humble opened the matter up for suggestions.

Rett Porter stated FMCA rallies would be held in Chandler or Tucson and St. Paul or Minneapolis. He said, should he be elected Senior Vice President, he would ensure long-term planning for FMCA rallies.

Lamar Keck offered to be the Rally Master for the BAC Fall International Rally to be held in Branson, Missouri in September, 2019. He said the Co-rally masters would be Co-Rally Masters would be Roy and Carol Mueller, Garland and Dorothy Land, and Tom and Joanne Fadale, the same as pervious Branson International Rallies.

Gerald Farris moved to hold the 2019 BAC International Rally in Branson; seconded by Pam Blair; **unanimously approved.**

A discussion followed with regard to holding the Spring International Rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds or Distant Drums. Kathy Pylar volunteered to research areas.

Jerry Carr stated his concern with overlooking Region 1 for 2019.

Joanne Fadale said an International Rally had not been held in Region 3 in numerous years.

B. **Open Discussion for Future Agenda Items:

Lamar Keck announced a February, 2018, cruise with the Presley's from Branson. He stated there was a problem with liability insurance to call it a rally and questioned whether it could be advertised in Beaver Tales.

REPORTS:

A. National Director: moved to earlier on the agenda.

B. Membership Director: Patsy Boles encouraged all members to sign up new members.

C. Membership Records: Mike reviewed the historical look at BAC membership totals. George Morlan stated he would be sending out an email regarding birthdates and VIN coach numbers.

D. Regional Vice Presidents:

- Region 1:** Jerry Carr – no additions
- Region 2:** John Shurtz – no additions
- Region 3:** Lonna Connell – no additions
- Region 4:** Glenda Farris – no additions
- Region 5:** Joanne Fadale – no additions

E. International Rally Reports:

- 1. Shuffling Off to Buffalo, September 27 – October 2, 2017:** Joanne Fadale said registration had been low to date.
- 2. Florida’s Old Canopy Roads, April 6 – 11, 2018:** Joanne Fadale said she would implement guest fees in the Beaver Tales ad.

F. Sunshine/Rain Report: Vicki Warren presented an update on the number of Get Well, Thinking of You, and RAIN (passing of a spouse) cards sent. She asked that she be notified of events to be shared with the membership.

G. Beaver Tales Editor: Diana Bentley – no additions to written report.

H. Webmaster: Tim Bentley said he and Mandy Canales had implemented a new site called, “Beaver Favorite Places.” He noted forms had been handed out to members and more would be available during the current rally. He requested everyone fill them out. Mandy Canales encouraged clicking on Favorite Places in the upper corner of the BAC website and checking it out.

I. BAC Forum Administrator: Steve Huber said the BAC Forum now had 709 members now, an increase of 19.

****Call for Adjournment:** Roy Warren moved to adjourn the April 3, 2017, BOD meeting; seconded by Rett Porter. The **motion passed** unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:32 p.m. (PST) in Tucson, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Blair, BAC Secretary