



**Beaver Ambassador Club  
Board of Directors Meeting**

*Branson One More Time – Branson, MO-September 5, 2019*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order -----John Shurtz

Meeting was called to order at 9:04

Determination of Quorum-----Nancy Strand

- \*President - John Shurtz
- \*Treasurer - Mike Rump
- \*Secretary - Nancy Strand
- \*National Director - Patsy Boles
- Alt Nat'l Director - Steve Huber/absent
- Past President - Mike Humble/absent
- \*Region 1 (NW) VP - Dean Johnson
- \*Region 2 (SW) VP - Alan Scott
- \*Region 3 (NC) VP - Roy Boles
- Region 4 (SC) VP - Kathy Pylar/absent
- \*Director Region 4 - JoAnne Francis
- \*Region 5 (EC) VP - Karl Welhart

\*= Voting Member

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

Directors present - Julie Jackson, Norm Greene, Allen Hughes, Bob Blair, Randy Connell

**Additions to and Adoption of Agenda**

Vice President, Karl Welhart requested the following items to be added to agenda at the request of Steve Huber, Alt. National Director and member of BOD who is not present:

- P & R Manual Update: the 2017 version of P&R manual on Bac web page still says Plurality is required for election (5.1.4). Bylaws (Article XI, Section 1, Paragraph 4) states majority.
- Current BAC practice of allowing BAC members who are no longer FMCA members to remain in the club until their BAC paid dues expire. Needs to be documented in Bylaws and P&R Manual. Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 1 of Bylaws. A recommendation of ByLaw change was submitted.

Vice President Karl Welhart requested the following items to be added to agenda at the request of BAC member Keith Cooper.

- Monitoring/administration of the BAC facebook page to ensure accuracy.
- Bylaw changes 7.1 (12 items) that Keith Cooper has requested for the BOD make recommendations.

Patsy Boles moved to approve the September 5, 2019, BOD Meeting agenda, as amended; Seconded Karl Welhart **Motion approved by unanimous vote.**

Introduction of Guests-----John Shurtz

Kathi Shurtz - First Lady

Carol Scott - Chair of Nominating Committee

Vicki Warren - WC First Timer

Roy Warren - Past Treasurer, Chairman of Rally Committee

Anita Johnson - Membership Director

Julie Lauderdale - Sunshine and Rain

Ty and Jodie Kelly - Corporate Members/Beaver Coach Sales

Chuck Jackson - Budget Committee

Rick Mayer - Nominating Committee

Tom Chase

Garland Land - Past National Director

Roy Mueller

Joe Van Loan

Claire Porter - Past Secretary

Rett Porter - Senior VP FMCA; Past National Director

Cynthia Green

Mandy Canales

Pam Blair - Past Secretary

Lonna Connell - Past VP

Joanne Fadale - Past VP

Doug Strand - Budget Committee

## Minutes

### **Farmington BOD—August 28, 2018**

Karl Welhart made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted: ISeconded by Mike Rump John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimously approved**

### **Farmington Special BOD - September 2, 2018**

Karl Welhart made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted: Seconded Roy Boles. John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimously approved**

## **Executive Meeting – October 10,2018**

JoAnn Francis made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Seconded Karl Welhart. John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimously approved.**

**\*\*Audit Committee Report-----Garland Land**  
The Audit Committee Report had been included in the BOD Agenda Packet as follows:  
Recommendations from the Audit Committee:

- Receipts from rally masters be included in report sent to Region VP and President as well as treasurer. This will give adequate information to VP's to reconcile report before it goes to treasurer. **This recommendation will be brought up under New Business as this would require a change to the current P & R 1.6.2**
- Audit committee must account for the advance of \$14,310.00 for 2018 Balloons Are Bac(k) rally report. Rally report was not received by the end of 2018. This will be completed and reported on in Kerrville

Motion to accept Audit Committee Report was made by Roy Boles, Seconded by JoAnn Francis. John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimously Approved.**

**\*\*Treasurer and Budget Committee Report-----Mike Rump**  
The Treasurer's report had been included in the BOD Agenda Packet as follows:  
Highlights of report:

- Budget with expenses and revenues was explained in detail to BOD
- Amazon - BAC has permanently lost the ability to purchase from Amazon through our website. This will have an impact on our revenue as we were seeing \$3,000,00 annual income from this source. Amazon states that BAC did not have a physical address and that we violated the rules. Also, Amazon states that our website was set up incorrectly, giving the appearance we were having family and friends ordering with a kick back. There is no further negotiations with Amazon as they stated, it is a permanent no for the BAC to continue their current practice.
- Simplify BAC Records by eliminating 5 accounts.
- Mike Rump requested a change to P & R 13.2 to read: If circumstances beyond a FMCA Directors control should prevent their attendance at a scheduled FMCA convention, the President, Past President and Treasurer, acting together, may authorize reimbursement for convention fees. Reimbursement can be for a maximum of \$300.00 and will be for funds paid to the FMCA that were non-refundable due to cancellation time constraints. This item was moved to New Business

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, to include the request to simplify the BAC Records eliminating 5 accounts, and to hold off approval of the 2019-2020 budget until discussed further under new business was made by:Karl Welhart, Seconded by Patsy Boles. John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimously approved. Budget will be voted on during New Business**

**Roy Warren stated that the year-end report for 2018-2019 has not been approved by the BOD.**

Rally Committee-----Roy Warren  
\*\*Handout.

Recommendation of committee to hold Fall international Rallies in Oregon for an indeterminate time frame. John Shurtz clarified that at this meeting, BOD would be making a decision on International Rallies for the years 2021 and 2022.

A spirited discussion followed this recommendation.

Claire Porter reported 1st week in September is ok but 2nd week will conflict with FMCA rally. Joann Fadale seeking clarifying recommendation of holding rallies in Oregon ongoing. John clarified that we would be voting on 2021 and 2022. Then it would be visited after that. Ty clarified that he did not seek this idea, it was brought to him by BAC. He would be open to host but if there is a better idea he is fine with that too. Concern over ability to have Lamar Keck run sound for all rallies in Oregon. Nancy Welhart does not think it is fair to always have things on the west coast. There is expenses to consider with travel. John Shurtz explained that there are not vendors showing up at International rallies because we move around. BAC needs to help people move to these International rallies. Rolling rallies help. 2nd rally each year will be anywhere. Roy Warren stated that recommendation was made by entire committee, including all VP's of all regions including VP's from the East. He stated that the recommendation of the committee was a unanimous decision.

**The vote on this will be handled under New Business.**

During the Rally Committee Meeting, the treasurer made several suggestions to clean up the Rally Handbook and the P & R Manual where differences are noted and/or a specific amount of money is mentioned. The committee made a motion to bring to the BOD to replace any monetary mention in the Rally Handbook with the phrase **Contact the Treasurer for approved amounts.** This will be done and passed to the committee for approval and then forwarded to the BOD for final approval.

Break at 10:25 AM

Resumed at 10:45 AM

Old Business: -----John Shurtz

Voting Work Committee Report-----Pam Blair

\*\* Recommendation from Voting Work Committee to the BOD of the BAC to take measures to amend the **P & R Manual, Section 5 to include a 5.1.5** to address procedures to be followed in case of a tie vote in an election. **Stated names will be submitted on a piece of paper and one paper will be drawn to determine the winner of said election. It is also the recommendation of the Committee that the President draw the name with a minimum of two witnesses present during the drawing.** Nancy Strand moved to accept the recommendation of the Voting Work Committee. Seconded by Alan Scott. John Shurtz called for the vote. **Unanimously approved. John Shurtz will follow up with P & R Committee.**

Karl Welhart presented a request from Steve Huber regarding update of P & R manual and By-Laws to reflect the change from Plurality to Majority which was voted on and approved in Farmington. **John Shurtz will advise our P & R committee.**

Karl Welhart presented a concern from BAC member Steve Huber regarding BAC handling of delinquent FMCA member and BAC membership. John Shurtz explained current process is: We write the member letter, our rally manager is notified of inactive members to insure no member is not allowed to attend a rally unless they bring their membership active with FMCA . When their membership lapses with BAC, they are dropped from club. Karl felt that this needs to be in the P & R Manual. After discussion, **the BOD decided to leave the current practice as is and if further discussion is necessary, it will be handled in Kerrville.**

New Business: -----John Shurtz

**Authorization of Subscription to Wild Apricot for consolidation of files and databases.**

John Shurtz gave an overview of the cumbersome tasks that our volunteers have with data entry. Anita Johnson, membership director hand enters all members into her program. Eileen Cooper hand enters into her program, all members attending rallies and attempts to track number of rallies attended, number of rally masters, co-rally masters etc. Our treasurer works within another program. We have multiple data bases including our website that do not talk to each other. A program call Wild Apricot

has been tested by Mike Rump and Anita Johnson. At this time Mike Rump presented a power point on Wild Apricot.

\*\* Attachment

Discussion followed with questions regarding security. Mike Rump gained clarification. Wild Apricot provides secure connections via HTTPS (w/certificate). **Non-members** could browse our "public" website w/limited access. **Members** could sign in to access web pages intended for members only (member details members-only news, BOD minutes etc.)

It was the recommendation to roll out membership first. The next area would be our financial piece, more specifically dues management. Rally management would be a big step that would include rally registration and payment but is not part of the initial roll out. Mike stated it would take 3-4 months while running parallel programs.

The estimated annual cost to BAC for the program would be \$1,728.00.

Recommendation for the BAC to absorb transaction fees for dues payment would add an additional cost estimate of \$1,000.00. Total estimated annual cost = \$3,000.00

Discussion regarding charging members for the ease of on-line payment. Mike and John expressed that they would like to offer ease of payment without penalty, have the club absorb the cost for a year and reevaluate next year for the overall budget impact.

A motion was made by Karl Welhart for BAC to subscribe to Wild Apricot (WA), for BAC to transfer current website to WA, Accept dues through credit card payments versus PayPal, and to sell Beaver merchandise online (Beaver Store) Seconded by Patsy Boles. John Shurtz called for vote and **vote was unanimous.**

**Allow Commercial members(Beaver Coach Sales) to sponsor new members.**

Commercial members can sponsor new members. Questions regarding who and what will come into our club? If we need to keep the BAC alive, we need to open our membership up to all Class A diesel motorcoaches. Lamar wants to sponsor a super C, Not allowed at this time per our current By-Laws. It must be a Class A. Would like to have brought up in Kerrville. Ty stated that when the Super C ruling took place, there were no Super C coaches.

Motion made by Patsy Boles to allow commercial members to sponsor qualifying Class A motorcoaches into the BAC. Alan Scott seconded. **Vote was unanimous. John Shurtz noted that the P & R manual will need to be updated to reflect this decision.**

Lunch adjournment noon.

Meeting Resumed at 1:05 PM

**Future International Rallies: 2021-2022**

\*\*Handout. Draft of Rally support and structure presented by John Shurtz

Discussion followed.

Spring International Rallies - Rally committee was tasked with coming up with potential sites by October 15th and then the rally committee will come up with their recommendation to the BOD in Kerrville.

Suggestion from BAC member Keith Cooper, who is not present, to bring Super Rallies back. Regions will be every other year. Concept was to target or entice members who don't normally attend rallies to come to a super rally. Support from BAC would be \$2,000. Encourage members from Region where rally is being held. What is the minimum coach participation? Discussion regarding participation and how someone might put on a 5 coach super rally. President and VP approval must happen before Super Rally can take place.

Came about in Buffalo. Have had one which was held in Las Vegas. Super Rallies

**Moved to Old Business in Kerrville. Requested Roy to incorporate into Rally Committee meeting in Kerrville.**

Rallies need our attention. President handed out a concept of Rallies. Explained the rationale behind each identified rally. Spring rally proposed support from BAC would be \$5,000 not the 10k for fall. When scheduled FMCA business meetings are held and if we want representation, we need to make sure our dates do not conflict. Mandy expressed concern with conflicting dates and that we need to make sure our National Director's are able to attend. John Shurtz stated this subject was covered in the Farmington BOD meeting and is in the current Rally Masters Handbook.

Karl Welhart made motion to have Fall International Rally 2021 and 2022 in Central Oregon where it can be supported by Beaver Coach Sales at a location agreeable by BAC and BCS during the 2nd or 3rd week in September. Seconded by Alan Scott . **6 aye 3 opposed (Patsy Boles, Roy Boles and Mike Rump)**

**Nominating Committee-----Carol Scott**

\*\*Hand Out - Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committees Recommendation for the nominating committee:

Dean Johnson VP Region 1 nominated Carol Moffett

Alan Scott VP Region 2 nominated Carol Scott for an additional 2 years

Kathy Pylar VP Region 4 nominated Tom Chase

Claire Porter has agreed to extend her term as member at large.

**Voting will take place at corporate meeting.**

Allen Huges, incoming VP for Region 1 has chosen Bill Dowden as his director.

Bob Blair, incoming VP for Region 2 has chosen Rick Stephens as his director.

JoAnn Francis, incoming VP for Region 4 has chosen Julie Jackson as her director.

**John Shurtz asked for BOD acceptance of incoming directors. Unanimous**

The nominating committee will begin receiving nominations here in Branson for board positions whose terms are expiring October 1, 2020. Those positions include President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director and Alternate National Director to FMCA, VP of Region 3 & 5 and nominating committee members representing regions 3 & 5. Deadline for receiving nominations will be December 15, 2019.

By-Law Change - Keith Cooper presented by VP Karl Welhart

7.1 Bylaws changes. Any member of BAC can make a recommendation to change By-Laws by bringing to BOD.

Keith has presented by-law changes that have not been acted upon for over 12 months. Karl is wanting to have explanation as to why P & R committee has not addressed this and brought recommendations to the BOD.

John gave explanation of why the P & R committee has been inactive. The two committee chairs resigned and as of this date, John Shurtz has been unable to recruit a replacement, thus the committee has virtually been inactive for 12 months.

**Moved to Old Business in Kerrville and letter will be sent to Keith by secretary**

Vote on Budget - Karl Welhart made a motion to accept the budget for 2019 - 2020 as submitted by Treasurer and including expenditures of Wild Apricot as submitted by Treasurer. Second by Alan Scott. John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimous**

Quartzite Rally - JoAnne Francis Roy Mueller was requested to bring idea to BOD. 13th year of Quartzsite rally. Rally has grown over the years. "Beaver Maintenance Rally" Beavers helping Beavers. Roy Mueller gave history of Quartzsite Rally. Quartzsite rally has returned at minimum of \$400.00 back to club. This will be the 13 year for this rally. Looking for a loan from BAC for \$1,500 to be paid back over 3 years to be used for Quartzite.

Patsy Boles made a motion that BAC purchase the trailer for \$1,500.00 Joann Francis seconded. After further discussion, Patsy Boles withdrew motion.



Patsy Boles made a new motion that the BAC loan the Quartzsite Rally \$1,500 to purchase a trailer for the rally to be paid back within 3 years. Seconded by Joann Francis. Motion was amended to change wording I “loan” to “advance” the Quartzsite Rally \$1,500. to purchase a trailer for supplies for the Quartzsite rally to be paid back within 3 years. Seconded by Joann Francis. **6 yeah 2 naye 1 abstained Past**

Break 2;30

Resumed 2:56

**The BOD was requested to reconsider the previous vote Unanimous**

Joann Francis made a motion for the BOD to reconsider the vote on a motion regarding that the BAC advance the Quartzsite Rally \$1,500 to purchase a trailer for supplies for the rally to be paid back within 3 years amend said motion that the repayment be due following 3 successful Quartzsite rallies or by January 31, 2022, with the minimum of \$500.00 or more per year. Seconded by Roy Boles

John Shurtz called for vote. **6 aye 2 naye 1 abstain Past**

P & R Change - FMCA Convention 13.1 Recommendation by Mike Rump. Handout.

Mike Rump made a motion to accept the recommendation, Seconded by Roy Boles

John Shurtz called for vote. **Unanimous**

P & R Change - 1.6.2 The rally master shall send the completed report with supporting receipts to the Treasurer and VP of the region and the President no later than 60 days after the end of the rally. This would add the VP and President to receive receipts.

**Motion by Joann Francis Second by Mike Rump Failed**

Facebook request from Steve Huber Are we comfortable with monitoring of this page. No one volunteered and it did not appear to be an issue. It was made known that Keith Cooper monitors this site. Might want to check to see if we are wanting to use as a marketing tool, it is not working. Discussion died on the floor.

Other Business:

None brought forward.

Reports:

\*\*All Handouts

National Director-----Patsy Boles

Membership Director-----Anita Johnson

Regional Vice Presidents:

Region 1-----Dean Johnson  
Region 2-----Alan Scott  
Region 3 -----Roy Boles  
Region 4-----Kathy Pylar  
Region 5-----Karl Welhart

International Rally Reports:

Branson Sept 2019-----Lamar Keck and Karen Rogers  
Kerrville April (Spring) 2020-----Natasha Nichols  
Redmond, Oregon (Fall) 2020-----Ty and Jodie Kelly

Sunshine/Rain-----Julie Lauderdale  
Beaver Tales Editor-----Diana Bentley  
Webmaster -----Wes & Evana Gendron  
BAC Forum Administrator-----Steve Huber  
First Timer West Coast Report(s)-----Vicki Warren  
Vicki Warren volunteered to fill in as East Coast First Timer contact until a  
volunteer from that region is found.

Mike Humble Past President Report

Lamar reported on Beaver Friends and Security. .25 members in group so far. \$10.00  
for dues. President is Carol Muellar.

John Shurtz asked if there was any other business to come before the BOD. There  
being none he called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion for Adjournment made by Patsy Boles, Seconded by alan Scott. John Shurtz  
called for vote. **Unanimous to adjourn BOD meeting at 4:02 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Strand

