EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Family Motor Coach Association was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, via Zoom conference. The National President and Secretary were both present. National President Gary Milner called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Members present:

Gary Milner National President

Paul Mitchell National Senior Vice President

Pamela Richard National Secretary
Barbara Smith National Treasurer

Bill Dees National Vice President, Southeast Area
Dianna Huff National Vice President, South Central Area
Bob Golk National Vice President, Western Area
John Jacobs National Vice President, Midwest Area

Connie Jones National Vice President, Rocky Mountain Area Ken Lewis National Vice President, Great Lakes Area Dennis Martin National Vice President, Northwest Area Bill Newton National Vice President, Northeast Area Bob Weithofer National Vice President, International Area

Rett Porter Immediate Past National President (non-voting member)

Member not present:

Phyllis Britz National Vice President, Eastern Area

Staff present:

Chris Smith Chief Executive Officer (non-voting advisor)

Anne Baumgartner Director of Marketing

Penny Gortemiller Director of Chapters and Governance

Sherry Light Project Manager

Danielle Powell Chapter Services Coordinator

Doug Uhlenbrock Director of Events

President Milner called on the National Secretary for a roll call of members. A quorum was established, with only one member not in attendance.

National Secretary Pamela Richard reported that unless there were any objections, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings would be waived.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings held August 19, 2023, and August 26, 2023; the Governing Board meeting held on August 23, 2023; and the Annual Membership meeting held on August 26, 2023, were approved as distributed and are available online.

President Milner conducted an officer installation for Bob Weithofer, National Vice President, International Area, who was just elected to fill the vacancy.

Under new business, President Milner led discussion on area rally dates. The Rocky Mountain Area National Vice President asked for a waiver on the 10-day restriction in Policy and Procedure #3003, Setting Area Rally Dates, for their rally on October 23-27, 2024, in Farmington, New Mexico, and the Eastern Area rally in Asheville, North Carolina.

John Jacobs moved to recommend waiving the 10-day restriction in Policy and Procedure #3003 for the Rocky Mountain Area rally, October 23-27, 2024, in Farmington, New Mexico and the Eastern Area rally, October 23-27, 2024, in Asheville, North Carolina for 2024. The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Bill Dees voted yes.

Bob Golk voted yes.

Dianna Huff voted yes.

John Jacobs voted yes.

Connie Jones voted yes.

Ken Lewis voted yes.

Dennis Martin voted yes.

Paul Mitchell voted yes.

Bill Newton voted yes.

Pamela Richard voted yes.

Barbara Smith voted yes.

Bob Weithofer voted yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Dees mentioned that the Southeast Area will not have an area rally in 2025 as they will be the support for the Perry convention.

Bob Weithofer moved to set the Annual Membership meeting date for August 17, 2024, in Redmond Oregon. The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Bill Dees voted yes.

Bob Golk voted yes.

Dianna Huff voted yes.

John Jacobs voted yes.

Connie Jones voted yes.

Ken Lewis voted yes.

Dennis Martin voted yes.

Paul Mitchell voted yes.

Bill Newton voted yes.

Pamela Richard voted yes.

Barbara Smith voted yes.

Bob Weithofer voted yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Milner recommended having the Finance Committee and Executive Board meetings take place in Tucson, Arizona, in March at FMCA's International Convention instead of at FMCA's National Office in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May, for cost saving efforts.

A pro and con discussion followed. Staff members would be on Zoom conference. Board members would need to keep in mind this would need to be done early, as equipment is typically packed at the end of the convention.

Barbara Smith stated she is not in favor of having these meetings in Tucson. After giving more thought to the idea, she concluded the objective cannot be achieved during that time. Barbara explained there are too many processes that need to be done to get the budget finalized correctly. The schedule is compressed, and Doug Uhlenbrock will be in the middle of a convention, and as the Director of Events, Doug's input is important in preparing the budget. There is too much pressure on the remainder of the Board as they have been asked to take on more volunteer positions. Barbara proposed that she go to Cincinnati in May to work with the Finance Committee and the National Office staff.

It was mentioned that one additional day would not be enough time, and it doesn't seem feasible to have a meeting at the end of the convention.

President Milner stated the Executive Board should plan to have meetings by Zoom and not in-person meetings in May of 2024.

President Milner noted that there will be more research done on this topic now that the Executive Board has added their input.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Pamela Richard

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National Secretary

Gary Milner

National President

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