

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Family Motor Coach Association was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. The National President and Secretary were both present. National President Rett Porter called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Members present:

Rett Porter	National President
Gary Milner	National Senior Vice President
Kathie Balogh	National Secretary
Barbara Smith	National Treasurer
Jamie Erickson	National Vice President, Rocky Mountain Area
Dennis Fox	National Vice President, Midwest Area
Bob Golk	National Vice President, Western Area
Ken Lewis	National Vice President, Great Lakes Area
Paul Mitchell	National Vice President, International Area
Herman Mullins	National Vice President, South Central Area
John Traphagen	National Vice President, Northeast Area
Don Schleuse	National Vice President, Northwest Area
Patricia Voyna	National Vice President, Southeast Area
Gaye Young	National Vice President, Eastern Area
Jon Walker	Immediate Past National President (non-voting member)

Guests present:

Linda Burdette	Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman
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Staff present:

Chris Smith	Chief Executive Officer (non-voting advisor)
Anne Baumgartner	Director of Marketing
Penny Gortemiller	Director of Chapters and Governance
Pamela Kay	Director of Communications
Sherry Light	Project Manager
Larry Pennington	IT Manager
Doug Uhlenbrock	Director of Events
Aaron White	Director of Membership

President Rett Porter announced the reason for the special meeting was to clarify the motion made in the October 29, 2021, meeting regarding the Canadian dues at par, and to have several updates.

Gary Milner moved to ratify the action taken on October 29, 2021, regarding the one-year trial period for a Canadian member dues campaign to keep the dues rate at par with \$50 US for renewals and new member joins. The motion was seconded.

Paul Mitchell moved to amend the motion to add \$60 for new member joins. The amendment was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment:

Ken Lewis voted yes.
Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.
Herman Mullins voted yes.
Barbara Smith voted yes.
Don Schleuse voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Gaye Young voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.
Bob Golk voted yes.
Dennis Fox voted yes.

The amendment carried with 13 votes “yes.”

President Porter clarified that the motion on the floor was for FMCA to approve a campaign for a one-year trial period for discounted Canadian member dues at par with \$50 US and new joins at par with \$60 US.

A roll call vote was taken:

Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.
Herman Mullins voted yes.
Barbara Smith voted yes.
Don Schleuse voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Gaye Young voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.
Bob Golk voted yes.
Dennis Fox voted yes.
Ken Lewis voted yes.

The motion carried with 13 votes “yes.”

President Porter announced that there were three bids on replacing the roof on the building located on Round Bottom Road. He informed the Board members that the bids were obtained in June of 2021. Because of the amount of time that had passed since, he requested an updated bid from the chosen company. The bid is now \$193,200, due to rising material costs, and the time frame for starting is 10 – 12 weeks once the bid is selected. He said he would like to schedule a start date as soon as possible. A

question was raised regarding the history of the selected company and whether they had any poor reviews. FMCA Project Manager Sherry Light informed the Board members that he had the most professional presentation, and they are a local company close to the property. Sherry announced that cranes will be needed to remove the HVAC units from the roof and then later to reinstall them, at a cost of between \$1,500 and \$3,000 for each unit. There are five units on the roof. President Porter estimated spending \$200,000 to \$210,000 for the project. He asked Treasurer Barbara Smith for comments.

Barbara Smith noted that the policy and procedure indicates that FMCA will have a capital account. Barbara stated that the funds would come out of the investments. The question is when to start the monetary stream for the project. A question was raised regarding the initial deposit required. Sherry stated she would find out.

A question was raised regarding the staff working in the building and about the campground operations during the project timeframe. CEO Chris Smith stated that the staff could be moved temporarily to the Clough Pike location, and the campground would need to close.

Once scheduled, it will take six weeks to complete. It was requested that the timeframe for beginning the project should be no later than March 1, 2022, in order to complete the project in time for the regular spring meetings in May of 2022.

Herman Mullins moved to accept the TruCraft Roofing bid for the Round Bottom Road building roof replacement project. The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.
Herman Mullins voted yes.
Barbara Smith voted yes.
Don Schleuse voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Gaye Young voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.
Bob Golk voted yes.
Dennis Fox voted yes.
Ken Lewis voted yes.

The motion carried with 13 votes “yes.”

Chris Smith provided an update on member benefits, noting that there are three new benefits that will be pushed live before the end of the year, those being Medjet, GFI Notify¹, and SoftStart. He also noted that the first item for the co-branding licensing partner had arrived. The packaging was sent so that FMCA could review it. We will also be adding this item to the FMCA store in December.

¹ The GFI Notify system benefit was later pulled from launching due to a software issue from the provider.

Chris provided an update on the Tech Connect program. He noted that FMCA's original contract was with Sprint. Sprint and T-Mobile merged into one company. Members on the plan need to receive new devices in order for them to work on the T-Mobile network. There are about 4,600 lines to convert, and the plan is to convert 200 lines a week until they are all complete. This involves calling the members to verify the shipping address. The plan is \$49.99 per month and there is no contract, and it is a network-managed 4G plan². Current devices rented by members that sign up only support 3G and 4G at a one-time cost of \$39.99. FMCA owns the device, and if the member cancels, they must return it. Members can purchase a 5-G compliant device from FMCA for \$200. They would not be renting the device but would actually own it. Since they are buying the device through FMCA, the device would be supported by Tech Connect customer service. The data plan pricing would still be \$49.99 per month.

Linda Burdette, Chairman of the Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee, provided an update on the Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) issue. She stated that the committee is in the process of collecting data on issues that the members are having. A survey was sent out to 23,000 FMCA members who own a motorhome with a year of 2008 and later. Comments are being collected from the responses, and the survey data will be reviewed once the survey is completed. She reported that there are several theories about why the issues are happening. Once the data is analyzed, committee members can reach out to Cummins with details on the issues and try to negotiate a fix for the issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Kathie Balogh
National Secretary



Rett Porter
National President

² After 50 GB, you still get unlimited LTE data but may at times notice reduced speeds in areas with network congestion.