

MINUTES
CHALLENGERS MEETING
May 13,2017
Seasons in the Sun
Mims, FL

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10 AM by President Carol Buck. There were thirty-three current members plus two new members (Wayne and Jill Poston) in attendance (eighteen coaches).

Dick Schauland offered the blessing which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Upon a motion offered by Nancy Ragland and seconded by Frank Pierce, the April minutes were approved as electronically distributed.

Vice-President Wayne Bittner welcomed Charles and Jan Alphonso back. It was also great to see Don Franklin and his shiny new rig.

Wayne also announced the summer birthdays and anniversaries.

Special prayers were offered for Carol and Russ Buck, Alan and Nancy Marsden, Paul and Norma Connors, and Martha and Leroy Barnes.

Carol Buck announced that Charlotte Corbin will be the Chapter's Outreach person. She will send cards and/or make phone calls to prospective members, inactive members, and former members. There will be a new special email account set up to contact Charlotte in this capacity.

Nancy Ragland announced that she has sent out personal cards to fourteen inactive and/or unpaid members. One has responded that will be renewing their membership.

Wagonmaster Report

Lori Pierce announced that this summer's informal get-togethers will be at International RV in Daytona. The cost has increased to \$25 per day. If the person on desk duty charges any attendees a different amount, PLEASE do not say anything. An adjustment will be made later through Sean. *NOTE:* We must have ten coaches in order to have the free dinner.

In 2018, Maury Hudson will be taking over as Wagonmaster. He passed out the 2018 rally locations and dates. All listed dates are Tuesday to Sunday (to accommodate early arrivals) even though rallies don't officially begin until Friday afternoon. Felicia Fitzgerald will be the contact person for signing-up to attend any rally.

Hosts are needed for the 2018 rallies. Carol Buck said she (tentatively) would host a rally at their ranch.

Charlie Ragland and Joel Kruse said they would host two rallies.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership requirements

Carol Buck led a discussion on proposed membership requirements. It was decided via secret ballot that the requirements would be:

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP: You must have a current membership in Family Motor Coach Association. Guests must attend one (1) rally before indicating their desire to become a member of the Challengers. As a first time attendee the chapter will assume the Rally Food Fee. If you indicate your desire to become a member of the Challengers you will be able to join at that meeting.

To retain membership in the Challengers members will pay the annual dues and attend at least two (2) meetings per year. Should there be extenuating circumstances that prevents a member from attending a review by the Executive Board will determine eligibility.

This wording will be added to the By-Laws of the Chapter.

SEA

Betty Duncan will be the new SEA President.

The 2018 SEA rally will be held once again at Lakeland on February 5-11. Other organizations may become involved which would be a financial advantage, perhaps even resulting in lower electricity costs.

The club banner will be displayed at this rally and all others.

Nancy Ragland suggested that all Challengers should purchase a club shirt with the same color for events like Lakeland.

Member recruitment

Dave Haney has put together a tri-fold brochure which could be handed out to prospective members. A committee will meet to reach a consensus on its final contents and format.

He also created a business card for the chapter.

Carol Buck will develop a new-member welcoming packet. All these items will be available to hand out at the Chapter Fair at the SEA rally.

Jill Poston thanked Dave Haney for the email invitation she and Wayne received, and said no other club had contacted them.

Towables

Russ Buck discussed the upcoming vote on adding towables to the FMCA membership. He said that until recently, the sentiment was overwhelmingly against including towables, but this

has recently been changing. There seems to be a feeling that more families would be a positive thing. The vote will be taken in September.

FMCA benefits

Russ also spoke about the considerable savings he had when he purchased six new Continental tires recently through the FMCA program, about \$185 per tire ! The savings on Michelin tires are comparable.

He also mentioned that RV insurance through FMCA is another good value.

Nominating committee (Mike Bounds, Maury Hudson, and Charlie Ragland)

The committee announced that all current officers have said they would be willing to retain their offices. Two additional members have said they wish to run for secretary: Felicia Fitzgerald and Nancy Ragland.

Website

Webmaster Scott Meyers needs pictures from the March and April rallies. Please send him some if you have them.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda McSweeney is selling their RV, a 2009 35' Safari with not a lot of mileage on it. She is asking \$55,000.

Ed Kelly won \$61 in the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM upon a motion by Joel Kruse, seconded by Frank Pierce.



David A. Haney
Secretary
May 15, 2017