

ACA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Location: Quartzsite, AZ

Date: January 18, 2018

Call to order by President Dean Sandmire at 4:00 PM. Other officers in attendance: Vice President Tom Polk, V.P. Membership Steve Maurmann, and Secretary Lorraine Foster.

Announcements:

- Dean welcomed all attendees and acknowledged his wife Jan for her work hosting the 2017 ACA Heritage Rally in New Braunfels TX.
- Thanked all first-time attendees—great turn-out of new owners.
- Thanked our hosts: Steve & Gayle Picha and Tom & Nancy Polk.
- Rev. Tom Benedum will hold a Sunday Worship Service in the tent.

Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2017 meeting, New Braunfels TX.

- Motion by Tom Polk and second by Sue Rockett to accept the Secretary's Report; all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Dean Sandmire on behalf of Debbie Bragg

Rally Account as of November 30, 2017: \$32,327

Membership Account as of November 30, 2017: \$25,315

- Motion by Jim Haxby, second by John Foster to accept the Treasurer's Report; all in favor.
- Dean reminded all that the Membership Account is used for administrative and business expenses, and as a reserve to cover rally expenses, if needed. The Rally Account is to cover pre-pays for rally deposits and receive rally income to pay rally expenses. The Board's goal is to better serve and meet membership expectations, and to ensure total transparency of how your money is being spent for your benefit.

Membership Report: Steve Maurmann

- We currently have 293 members, which is up 6 members from last year. ACA has added 37 members, mostly due to referrals and lost 31 members.
- Steve also mentioned members may sponsor "some other brand" of coach owners to become members due to the percentage available for non-Alpine membership.
- 2018 dues need to be paid if not done so; please check the list to ensure you are current along with checking that all your contact information is correct.

Current Officers:

Dean Sandmire, President

Tom Polk, Vice President

Steve Maurmann, Vice President Membership

Debbie Bragg, Treasurer

Lorraine Foster, Secretary

Tris Swan, FMCA National Director

George Weiss, Alternate FMCA National Director

Rallies – Dean Sandmire

- A. **FMCA Southeast Area Rally**, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL, February 7 – 10, 2018
- B. **ACA Pre-Rally**, Pine Mountain, GA, March 9 – 14, 2018
- C. **Caravan to FMCA**, March 14, 2018, a day early
- D. **FMCA Southern Charm**, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agri-center, Perry, GA March 15 – 18, 2018
- E. **FMCA Gillette, WY**, looking for volunteers to do a pre-rally before the FMCA rally
- F. **ACA Fall Rally**, Looking for hosts and site for our Fall Rally

FMCA Report – Kay Watts

- Reference the recent vote to allow ‘tow-able’ owners to belong to FMCA, Kay gave the definition for what is considered a ‘tow-able,’ per FMCA: “anything that has sleeping, eating, and bathroom facilities within it.”
- Tom Polk clarified for ACA to accept ‘tow-ables,’ a By-law change must be made.
- Tris and Carolyn Swan will provide a recap of the FMCA Indio Rally for update on the ACA website.

New Business:

- Quartzsite management/planning oversight—the Flemings & Fosters will host Quartzsite 2019. Discussion followed on: rally cost control, rally fee structure and future attendance/popularity; tent cost increases vs no tent; number of meals, e.g., pay more to receive more; and ACA commitment to cover budget shortfalls (projected 2018 deficit between \$3,000 - \$4,500). Looking to members for input on planning future rallies.
- ACA Rally Director position: ACA Board is looking for a volunteer to fill the Rally Director position. Upon selection, new Director may consider forming a committee to assist with all future rallies for site selection, event planning & budgeting.
- ACA website (alpinecoachassociation.com): Our website’s content and navigation are currently undergoing significant update and revision. Dean stated our website’s main functions are to support the Tech Library—information on our coaches; and as a line of communication to our members on various items of interest. Dean asked for assistance from any members who might have experience with design and planning of communication strategies that would address varying forms of media to keep our membership informed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Foster, Secretary