

Alpine Coach Association - Membership Meeting

Miramar, San Diego, CA

October 13, 2012

Call to order and Welcome by President Paul Sullivan at 9:01 AM.
Invocation by Louie Burch , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to waive reading and approval of minutes of last Membership meeting at Quartzsite, AZ by Frank Halasz, second by Vic Egg; vote of all in favor.

Election Report – Louie Burch

- Ballots were emailed or mailed to all members, with 60 returned by August 1, 2012 that included 56 acceptable, 2 duplicates, and 1 blank. The ballots were opened and tabulated: President - Tom Cook 56; Treasurer - Debbie Bragg 56; National Director – Tris Swan 56; 1st Vice President - Carol Hinkley 56. The Ballots were turned over to the Secretary.
- Motion by Dessa Halasz, second by Sandy Johnson to accept the Election results.

Paul offered congratulations to Tom Cook, and handed over the ACA President placard for his coach window. He also thanked the membership for allowing him to be their President, and added special thanks to Fred Royce, Frank Halasz, LouieBurch, Debbie Bragg, and the Board members for their help over the past four years. Most of all, special thanks to Dale Sullivan, a willing spouse that made his job easier.

Tom Cook added special thanks to Paul and Dale Sullivan, Louie & Linda Burch for their past help, and to Carol Hinkley for volunteering to run for office. Also, thanks to Renee Perrault and Gary Arnold, and Vic and Willy Egg for volunteering to be Miramar Rally hosts.

There are Miramar surveys on the tables, please fill out and return to us. This information is very helpful to those running the Miramar Air Show for future improvements.

Membership Report – Debbie Bragg for Dale Wilson

- Dale agreed to stay on as Membership Chair to end of her term, ~~even though they are selling their coach~~. After this year we will need a new Membership Director.
- Currently we have 471 members.
- Dues are \$15 and are due in December; they can be paid now.
- Tom noted we were previously at 420 members, now up 50 new members.

Rallies and Rally Committee – Louie Burch

- The next scheduled Rally is January 17-22, 2013 at Quartzsite, AZ with Norm and Beth Cannon and Diane Schanander hosting. The projected fee will be \$125.
- Tom Cook is working on a pre-rally for Buffalo, WY, prior to the FMCA at Gillette, WY; projected date around June 15, 2013.
- The Heritage Rally for 2013 is scheduled for the end of October at New Braunfels, TX with Jan and Dean Sandmire as hosts.

- Paul Sullivan and Ray Schemansky are putting together a Spot Rally that will cover six weeks, starting at Mackinaw, MI and ending at New Braunfels, TX for the Heritage Rally. As a rolling rally people will be able to join or leave at any time. Paul has a sign-up sheet.
- The FMCA for 2014 is scheduled for Perry, GA in March; we will ask ACE to support that rally.
- There are brochures on the tables for the Motor Coach Resort at Lake Havasu for a spot rally after Desert Rat Rally at Quartzsite, AZ . We are looking for someone to spearhead this Spot Rally. It is especially enticing to golfers, and a beautiful new park. If interested, see Tom Cook; we will not pursue if there is no interest.

Treasurer's Report - Debbie Bragg

- Account Balances as of October 2, 2012: Rally Account \$32,849.21, Membership Account \$16,428.40, for a total in all accounts of \$49,097.61.
- Question raised regarding high balance in Rally Account. This is needed to pay deposits for future rallies. We have brought down the balance from past rallies. Louie Burch added that the Board voted to bring down the surplus, spread across several rallies to reduce fees over two years. Currently we are working to keep rallies on budget.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Paul Sullivan, second by Bill Hingles Hengles; vote of all in favor.

National Director to FMCA- Louie Burch

- Alternate National Director Appointment: Tom asked Frank Halasz to fill in as Alternate for the balance of the now open term. Thanks to Frank for assuming this position.
- The FMCA budget, which runs in the millions, balanced with \$61,000 surplus after a period of large deficits in their treasury. (I thought FMCA was still recording a deficit. We should check with Louie)
- At the FMCA Board of Governors meeting there were two Bylaws changes approved and one defeated:
 - Only one business meeting per year is now required, and the membership meeting can be conducted electronically. Our Bylaws requires two business meetings annually.
 - FMCA members may hold an office in two chapters, but may not hold the position of National Director in two chapters.
 - Proposal to allow 5th wheels and trailers to be FMCA members was again rejected.
- FMCA current Insurance Carrier chose to discontinue coverage; 16 quotes were sent out for a new carrier. On average, 18 members use the service annually at a cost of \$400,000 to FMCA. The Board elected to utilize member-funded options at a cost of \$85 per member or \$105 per year per family. This information is detailed in the current FMCA Magazine on page 14. FMCA will assist with arrangements, but you pay for service. The \$105 covers emergency medical transport & reunion, return of remains, dependents, vehicle, and pets. Tom asked members to review the policy and make their own decision; last year we had one person use the service.

ACA Helpline and Technical Library – Tom Cook

- Chris Cratch has been manning the Helpline. Since calls average only one a month, at a cost of approximately \$18/per month for the phone line, the Board has decided to discontinue the phone line, effective November 1, 2012. Instead, Tom asked for volunteers in ACA who would be willing to be on a list to call in an emergency. Contact Tom Cook to sign-up.
- On her own initiative, our Webmaster Linda Cains has made some changes to our Online Technical Library; it will have a slightly different look to find information easier. Mike Fleming will also be adding information.

Newsletter Editor – Tom Cook

- Thank you to Renee Perrault for serving as our Newsletter Editor for the last 5 years. We are looking for a volunteer to serve as our Newsletter Editor; please contact Tom for more information regarding this position.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Amendment to the Alpine Coach Association Bylaws – Paul Sullivan

- A Motion was tabled at our last meeting to create two classes of membership in ACA. Motion to bring the tabled motion back on the floor was moved by Frank Halasz, second by Duncan Bellinger, majority in favor.
- Under discussion, Paul explained that our membership numbers fluctuate up and down. In the past it took a special approval by the Board to bring someone into the membership.
- Paul read the proposed Amendment to the ACA Bylaws:
3.1 There shall be two classes of membership. One class shall be any member who now owns, or has in the past owned an Alpine Coach, and who is a qualified member of FMCA. The other class will be a coach owner, regardless of coach owned, who also qualifies and is a dues-paying member of FMCA who has been nominated for membership by a member in good standing. There shall be a limit of 5% of the total membership annually allowed to apply each year. Each member may continue to be a member so long as they remain in good standing with ACA and FMCA.
- Motion by Duncan Bellinger, second by Louie Burch to accept the proposed Amendment; majority in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Cook thanked his wife Janice for her help and support.
- Louie Burch thanked his wife Linda for her help, and membership for allowing him to serve ACA.
- Tour tickets can be picked up after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Paul Sullivan and second by Vic Egg at 9:38 AM.

Submitted by,
Wilma Egg, Secretary