

A Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Penn Coachmen Chapter of FMCA was held on Friday, September 23, 2011, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with the following officers in attendance:

Bob Moss, President	Jim Lexa, Area Vice-President
Ellis Brown, Sr. Vice-President	Jim Lowthert, Area Vice-President
Bob Moyer, Alternate National Director	Barbara Arcati, Secretary

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Moss called the meeting to order at 6 PM and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### SALE OF 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Bob Moss expressed appreciation to all who bought 50/50 tickets. The proceeds are to go to a local Pennsylvania food bank. There has been much devastation in the area due to the recent hurricane and tropical storm. There are still places in Middletown without electricity.

#### QUORUM CERTIFICATION

Bob Moss certified that there were more than 15 family units represented at the meeting thus a quorum was achieved.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

##### Secretary Report

Minutes of Semi-Annual meeting in May, 2011 were posted in the June newsletter. It was motioned and seconded to waive the reading of those minutes.

VOTE ON MOTION      ALL YES      MOTION CARRIED

##### Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer, Bill Freed is traveling with his wife, Diane in the Northwest so Bob Moss read the report:

- Balance at beginning of year = \$5618.22. Received \$17656.35. Disbursed \$19043.00. Current balance = \$4231.26.
- After the first of the year we had to pay for the yearbooks.
- When we add the monies to be collected for membership and dues we should be at or close to our goal of \$5000 by the end of this year.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

VOTE ON MOTION      ALL YES      MOTION CARRIED

##### Executive Vice-President's Report

The rallies for next year, 2012, are all set up and the lists are posted on the bulletin board. Schnecksville for April, Centre Hall for May, Turning Stone Resort, NY for June, Lebanon for July, Bloomsburg for August, Gettysburg for September, Gear for Oct (location to be determined), White Oak in Strasburg for Nov to be Monday through

Thursday instead of the weekend. Turning Stone is a Thursday, Friday, Saturday rally as an extra day is needed for the distance. We still need rally masters for Schnecksville.

We have a policy of adding 2 new places each year. In order to add 2 new ones we may need to drop 2 traditional sites.

### NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Breisch submitted a report that was read by Bob Moss.

The international rally was held in Madison, Wisconsin, in August, 2011.

- There were 487 potential board members (chapters like us). Of that number there were 373 present.
- The member services committee has added several new benefits.
  1. A partnership with Fantasy RV tours
  2. A \$10 gift card with the renewal of SAM'S CLUB membership
  3. Special rates for UPS
  4. A discount program with Michelin Tires
- The board rejected a provision that would have permitted tow able RV's from joining FMCA
- There will be no winter convention in 2012.
- The summer convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2012.
- The summer convention will be in Hutchinson, Kansas in 2013.
- The summer convention will be in Perry, Georgia in 2014.
- Any time there was to be a convention where there will be elections that convention will be held west of the Allegheny Mountains and east of the Rockies.
- Elections: Charlie Schrenkel won for National President by 13 votes. Allen Rein = Senior Vice President, Vicky Ferrari = Secretary, Will Young = Treasurer.
- FMCA has a current membership of 89,000.

The report will be posted on the bulletin board so members may read it.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Hal Amos reported on the recently held Hershey RV show. Hal ran the FMCA recruiting booth at the show. 73 new members were recruited for FMCA. Quite a few of those new members were also interested in the Penn Coachmen chapter. He has some give a ways from FMCA such as FMCA Assist cards, Road Atlas's for \$10 or free if you can recruit a new FMCA member, and FMCA pill boxes. Hal received a round of applause for a great job.

### Report of the membership chairperson

Nancy Breisch's report was read by Bob Moss:

- Membership as of September, 2011, is 200 + one honorary member = 201.
- 90 emails were sent out and 36 letters since January 1 to those who have joined FMCA and reside in Pennsylvania.
- The majority of those enquiring want information via email and are interested in the web site.

- Reminder, dues for 2012 are due and payable. \$15 a year or \$40 for 3 years. Betty Moyer will be happy to take your money and see that Nancy gets it.
- In order to have your name in the new yearbook your dues need to be paid. Any changes to your address please let Nancy know. If you have your winter mail forwarded it will not get to you as the yearbooks are sent out bulk mail. You need an actual winter address in the yearbook for you to receive it.

Report of the Sunshine Lady

Mary Amos would appreciate it if you let her know of anyone who needs a card.

Report of the Webmaster

Hal Amos reported on the email list and on the web site. No mail is sent out except by email. Please advise him of any changes in your email address. If you don't have email please give us the email of a neighbor, friend, son or daughter. It costs \$45 a quarter for the email program that Hal uses.

The web site is down now. The web host is currently down and they are not responding to any phone calls. We needed to find a new web host and after reviewing 3 web hosts Hal decided on One & One as our new web host. We will have to pay for it – about \$5/month. He wants to get a 3 year subscription. Hoping it will be up in a week.

When the web site is up and the rally information is listed you can sign up to attend a rally on the internet. No money or credit card information is needed. You can fill out the form on the site and click “submit” and the rally master will know that you plan to come to the rally and will expect your check to come in the mail.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Barbara Thum, Dan Zydorczyk and Ron Lee reported. They have no candidates for the office of President and Executive Vice-President.

Nominees for these offices are:	Secretary	Barbara Arcati
	Treasurer	Bill Freed
	Area VP	Jim Lexa
	Area VP	Jim Lowthert
	Area VP	Larry Troutman
	Area VP	Ron Becker
	National Director	Bob Moss
	Alt. Nat'l Director	Karl Deardorff

It was motioned and seconded to accept the report of the nominating committee.

VOTE ON MOTION            ALL YES            MOTION CARRIED

It was motioned and seconded to close nominations for the listed offices.

VOTE ON NOMINATIONS            ALL YES            NOMINATIONS APPROVED

Bob Moss asked for nominations from the floor for the offices of President and Executive Vice-President.

Bob Moss adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM for 10 minutes and he will reopen the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM.

Bob Moss wanted to add that there are many qualified ladies in this audience.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the position of President of Penn Coachmen? Are there any volunteers from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor for the position of Executive Vice President?

Much discussion ensued.

A question for the president in his own words what is involved with the office.

What is involved with the office of Executive Vice President?

Harold Henning nominated Fred Thum for office of President and it was seconded. Fred said that he thinks someone else more qualified. He declined.

Jim Lexa nominated Harold Henning and it was seconded. Harold said he really can't do it as he already has a job. He declined.

Norma Moss nominated Ron Buckley for office of President and it was seconded. After much discussion, Ron accepted the nomination.

VOTE ON MOTION            ALL YES            MOTION CARRIED

Ron Buckley nominated Fred Thum for office of Executive Vice-President and it was seconded. Fred accepted the nomination.

VOTE ON MOTION            ALL YES            MOTION CARRIED

#### Report on ambassadors

Carol Becker called people on her page in the yearbook and asked them why they have not come to a rally. She was favorably impressed and the people were happy that someone took time to call them and they promised to try to come to a rally next year.

#### Report on GEAR

John Hall will be running the ladder golf game at GEAR and he is asking if anyone has the game to bring it with them.

#### Report on rally at Centre Hall

Fred Thum advised that it is not too early to register to go to Centre Hall for next year and he promises a great rally.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION      ALL YES      MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Arcati, Secretary