

August 2007 Governing Board Meeting of FMCA

Another Governing board meeting has been successfully completed and as usual, it was a very long day. We all reported to the meeting area at 7:00AM to register and get our morning coffee. There were 402 Governing board members present. This is 79% of the 508 total members. 401 came back after lunch to finish the long day.

After the normal introductions, standing rules etc. the first item to come before us was the National Treasurers report. His report included several cuts in all areas. Anyone interested in reading the report let me know and I will send you a copy. Next was the proposed budget. Most people thought most of the day would be spent going over it. Actually we got through it in just over an hour. Some high points include doing away with the lists of members in the January issue. That one issue costs \$200,000 to print. Several people were upset over some of the perks the staff at FMCA headquarters has. Such as a \$7000 a year coffee service and a \$10,000 a year fund for parties. Eventually we voted and approved the 2008 budget.

We then approved 5 policy and procedure amendments with little or no discussion. Much discussion about the Convention committee report followed. People were trying to make all kinds of changes to the report until the Parliamentarian, (hired by FMCA) finally stood up and told the group you can't change a report. You can only put them on file. Several more committee reports were read and put on file.

Next came FMCA actions. There were 57 actions listed from several different Executive board and Board of Director meetings. 11 of the actions came up for discussion. The other 46 were approved without discussion. Most of the others just needed minor explanations. 2 of the actions took up the better part of the next 2 hours. Most people look forward to receiving the pins at the conventions. It was suggested to do away with the pins at all future rallies because of the cost. After a great deal of time (more than we spent on the budget) it was determined that we will receive pins at future rallies and those who want them from Redmond will still have to pay \$2.00 each for them. A small number of pins were ordered for Redmond and they sold out before Sunday afternoon. The other hotly discussed item concerned the volunteer's dinner and \$10.00 vouchers. It was recommended to do away with the dinner. That won't happen either. We did have a one sided debate about the way our money was being invested. The gentleman did have some good points. But the Executive board was very set in there ways.

Finally the elections for new national officers took place. I will list the candidates and the votes they received.

National President, Connie Pool 241, Ginger Painter 158
National Vice Pres., Nelson K. Stubbs 204, George Schipper 195
National Secretary, Joanne Durbin 215, Duane Pindell 181
National Treasurer, Doug Key 305, Robb Steinheider 88

All elections took only one ballot. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM. The goose egg will be put back on the cover of the FMCA magazine and 24 photos from the first FMCA rally and meeting in Maine were presented to the Executive board by the daughter of F43. We also had a good box lunch and an hour break before the afternoon session.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Buker, Constitution Cruisers National Director