



# Thousand Island Voyageurs



A Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc

## General Meeting, Massena, NY Rally – September 11, 2011

**NOTE: Today is the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center**

### Executive Board members Present:

President  Past President  VP CDA  VP USA  VP Memb  VP Media  Secretary  Treasurer   
Nat Dir  Alt Nat Dir

### Active Family Unit Members Present: Is this a Quorum? Yes (15 Required)

F400853	Armstrong, Bill & Dianne	F348695	Durham, Jim & Larock, Patti
F345889	Bazinet, Dan & Sharon	F214059	Foy, Alice & John
F209264	Penney, Matt & Elizabeth	F82378	Scott, Peter & Sandra
F400924	Peterson, John & Jackie	F226548	Senner, Mel
F295821	Slack, Austin & Cheryl	F228817	Houle, Margo & Les
F211381	Williams, Stan & Pierrette	F223136	Young, Donald & Lyla
F318495	Breen, Gerald & Eileen	F236738	Fayette, Martin & Jacqueline
F187220	Haig, Barb & Kermit	F419251	Bergsma, Alex & Gloria
F230946	Gordon, Lyn & Charney, Christina		
F 37670	Belmont, Carol		

- 1) The Meeting was convened at 0940 a.m. by the President, Austin Slack.
- 2) The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.
- 3) The singing of the National Anthems was lead by Sharon Bazinet.
- 4) A moment of silence was observed in memory of the 9/11 victims.
- 5) The President welcomed all those present. A note of thanks goes to today's Rally Hosts Barb and Kermit Haig and to John and Alice Foy for their help.
- 6) The President noted that we have a supply of recruiting flyers and asked all Members take some and to give them to any non-member coaches in their home neighborhoods. Copies are available from the Secretary.
- 7) The President reminded all members that the Minutes of TIV meetings are posted on the TIV web site and the Secretary always has a printed copy available at every rally, for review. The VP Membership sends printed copies of all materials to those who have let us know they do not have internet/email access. Copies are here for review.
- 8) The President requested any corrections to the Minutes of August 14, 2011. No corrections were offered.
- 9) Sharon Bazinet brought a motion, seconded by Bill Armstrong, to waive reading the Minutes of the August 14, 2011 meeting and accept them, as written. CARRIED unanimously.

### 10) REPORTS

- I) **THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT – CANADA**, (Pierrette Williams) no report.
- II) **THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT – USA**, (Jim Durham) no report.
- III) **THE VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP**, reported
  - a) at present TIV has 63 coaches for a total of 124 people (two solo coaches) registered.
  - b) dues for the 2012 rally season year are due as of today. Cost is still the same \$10/coach/year ... no change there. If you haven't paid up yet please make sure you do before leaving today.
  - c) 17 family members receive material by postal mail.
- IV) **THE SECRETARY** reported that:
  - a) correspondence has been received from:

- i) A report on the Madison Rally from the National Director.
- b) and sent to:
  - i) Thank you letters have been sent to all the businesses who sponsored or contributed to the Gananoque Pig Out rally last month.

V) **THE TREASURER**, reported that:

- a) The profit or loss for this (September 2011) rally will be included with the Minutes of this meeting.
- b) the current consolidated Bank balance statement as of September 07, 2011, not including amounts already committed, not including funds from this rally and, not including dues owing/received at this rally is \$4,773.86 (Canadian Currency) { 4766.33 US \$ equivalent}.
- c) The TIV books for this fiscal year will be closed on September 31, 2011 and will be reviewed by the Audit Committee at that time. The Audit Committee's report will be posted when complete.

VI) **THE VICE PRESIDENT, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**: Absent - No report

VII) **THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR**, reported on the FMCA Board of Governors meetings, August 10 – 13, 2011 in Madison, WI which she and Lyn Gordon attended and that:

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Submitted by Christine Charney, VP National Director*

On Wednesday, August 10, 2011, I attended the long all-day FMCA Governing Board Meeting at the Madison, Wisconsin, Family Affair (Convention). Here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

Needless to say, FMCA is faced with a number of obstacles to hurdle - especially financial. The Budget Report revealed that the Perry, Georgia, convention made some profit while the current Madison, Wisconsin, convention had failed to be profitable. In addition the conventions in Albuquerque & Redmond each lost \$200 000. In light of the parent body FMCA's difficulties with breaking even for their conventions and although we would prefer it to be otherwise, it should come as no surprise that our local Thousand island Voyageurs' chapter has encountered similar problems.

A motion to cancel the 2012 Pomona, California, Convention passed. The motion to hold a 2013 Pomona, California, Convention was defeated. This means that the \$100 000 non-refundable deposit will be forfeited but eliminates the probability of losing further funds owing to the \$300 000 to \$400 000 costs that would have been incurred on top of the \$100 000 deposit. In the budget that was approved \$275 000 will be removed from the interest earned by investments to cover the present operating loss & balance the budget.

The FMCA employees have not had a raise in pay for several years so a wage review is warranted and compensation will be required. This compensation will be provided through the attrition & retirement of current staff. They will be replaced by part-time workers which will eliminate the necessity to pay benefits. The AD&D insurance has skyrocketed from 36 cents to 82 cents a person. The Executive Director is actively searching for a replacement insurance company that would provide the same coverage at a lower amount.

Part of the reduction in funds is due to the dwindling membership. FMCA gains 600-800 members a month, however, loses 1100 members per month. Hence the total FMCA membership has declined from 120 000 to 100 000 to 89 000 over the last three years. Of 1.2 million motor home owners in America only 89 000 have been attracted to join FMCA. Programs to endeavour to recruit new members will be continued & are imperative especially to appeal to younger potential members.

One effort to reduce expenditures & balance the budget consisted of passing motions to eliminate or reduce most of the stipends and travel allowances for all volunteers at this convention and any future conventions. An annual savings of \$175 000 will be implemented by changing over from the \$16 lexan member plates to vinyl ones that cost two for \$1.79.

One new expense that was approved will be to modernize & update the information technology equipment in the main office as it has been added onto piecemeal over the years. Thus programs are incompatible & the staff spend one-third of every day troubleshooting. With the new equipment the utilization of the information technology department will be far more efficient.

A motion to investigate having towables become part of the FMCA organization in the future was defeated.

The Governing Board Executive elections results were as follows:- President - Charlie Schrenkel; Vice President - Allen Rein; Secretary - Vicky Ferrari & Treasurer - Wil Young.

To end on a positive note the theme chosen for the FMCA 50th Anniversary is Mile Marker 50. The proposed location for the 50th anniversary convention in 2013 is Hutchinson, Kansas. FMCA is encouraging the chapters to create a mascot for the 50th birthday. Preferably it would be some sort of a stuffed mascot able to go around to all the areas. Perhaps the innovative & creative members of our chapter could rise to the fore in this regard and meet this challenge!

These are the main points that I gleaned from the Governing Board Meeting.

VIII) **THE ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR** no report

11) OLD BUSINESS: None

12) MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None

13) NEW BUSINESS:

I) COMMITTEES:

a) **Parking:**

Robert Vanier needs some help with this for next year. The job involves arriving at the rally site a day in advance (usually on the Thursday) and making sure that the site is clear and the spots are arranged and then directing the coaches as they arrive. TIV pays any extra parking fees for the committee members' early arrival.

Committee Chair: Robert Vanier

Volunteers to the Committee for 2012: Gerald Breen and Kermit Haig.

b) **Nominating:**

There are no members sitting on the Nominating Committee. Consequently the Election of TIV Officers will be by nominations from the floor.

II) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Normally, each year the current President becomes the Past President for the following year and passes the gavel to the Senior National VP who comes the new President. The Junior National VP then becomes the Senior National VP for the new year and the Members elect a new Junior National VP. All remaining Officer positions are open for election. This year is a bit different as both National VPs retired earlier in the season. At the August (Gananoque) rally Pierrette Williams and Jim Durham agreed to be the acting VPs pending these elections.

The problem today is that there is no substantive VP ready to step into the Presidency.

The TIV By-Laws have a provision that will take care of this. Traditionally the term of office is one year. However, the By-Laws state that a term of office shall be either one or two years.

The progression through the VP and President positions is as much a training and learning thing for the people involved so that we always have excellent support for our rallies each year.

Austin Slack agreed to continue as President for a second year in order to re-establish the rotation order of Past president, President, VP USA and VP Canada if that is acceptable to the membership. If not, TIV will need to elect a new President today as well as the VPs.

The President asked John Foy to take the Chair and conduct the Election of Officers.

At 10:00 a.m, September 11, 2012 John Foy took over the Chair of the meeting:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Elected (Y/N)</u>
Past President	In order to maintain continuity and to help show the new National VPs the ropes, as allowed in the By-Laws, Alice Foy has agreed to continue as Past President for a second year term in office. <b>Accepted unanimously</b>			
President	In order to maintain continuity and to help show the new National VPs the ropes, as allowed in the By-Laws, Austin Slack has agreed to continue as President for a second year term in office. <b>Accepted unanimously</b>			
(Sr) VP USA	Jim Durham			<b>Acclaimed</b>
(Jr) VP CDA	Pierrette Williams			<b>Acclaimed</b>
VP Membership	Dan Bazinet			<b>Acclaimed</b>
VP Media	Gary Grant			<b>Acclaimed</b>
Secretary	Jackie Peterson			<b>Acclaimed</b>
Treasurer	John Peterson			<b>Acclaimed</b>
Nat'l Director	Chris Charney			<b>Acclaimed</b>
Alt Nat'l Dir	John Foy			<b>Acclaimed</b>

At 10:10 a.m. John Foy declared the elections closed.

14) The President thanked all the members for an excellent rally season and reminded everyone that the first rally of the 2012 season will be held at the Odessa, ON fairgrounds from May 31 to June 03, 2012. There should be a 15 amp power point for every rig and hopefully, a new dump station on site. Saturday supper will again be provided by the Emmanuel United Church.

15) Motion to adjourn by Margo Houle, seconded by Eilenn Breen. CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:13 a.m, September 11, 2011

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**Profit & Loss Statement**

**Revenue (Rally Fees)** \$292.36

**Currency and Banking fees** -\$2.64

**Expenses (NET)** -\$224.50

**Profit** \$65.22

Full Statement showing line  
item details is available from  
TIV Treasurer