

MONACO INTERNATIONAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 11, 2008

WILLMAR, MN

President Wade Myers called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self introductions were made by the officers at the head table: President Wade Myers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Don Wyatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jack Brewster, VP of Membership Kaye Martin, Secretary Peggy Rahkola, Treasurer Wilburn Ply, National Director Nancy Wolfe, and Alt National Director Terry Walters. The President introduced the Regional Directors Dean Moretti (Region 1), Larry Johnson (Region 2), David Piper and Jerry Jenkins (Region 3), Wilt Greenwood (Region 4), Carol Williams (Region 5), Jim Kussy and Cari Mitchell (Region 6), and Director at Large and immediate Past President Bob Larson. Wade introduced Past Presidents Les Alexander, and Wilma Jean Alexander. Also present were Charter Members Gary & Kathy White, FMCA Past President R.G. Wilson and his wife Jeri. Guests present were Page Robertson and Sara Spicer from Monaco Coach and Parliamentarians were Sue & Bob Haught.

**Ellen Johnson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Lancaster, CA rally. Motion was seconded and carried.**

Secretary Peggy Rahkola read a summary of the Board Meeting held on July 8, 2008 in Willmar, MN.

1st Vice President Don Wyatt reported that we would be going to Springfield, Ohio, July 14-17, 2009. He introduced Riley & Carol Williams who will serve as Rally Masters. Carol told everyone we would be celebrating Monaco International's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the rally.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jack Brewster reported that in the summer of 2010 FMCA will hold their rally in Redmond, OR. Jack is currently looking for a site in the area, and reported that Bob & Dorothy Larson will be the rally masters.

VP of Membership Kaye Martin gave her report. As of June 30, 2008 the membership of Monaco International was 4395 coach members. In May the 2008 Monaco Directory was mailed to all current members as of March 1, 2008. Regional Directors are contacting all new members and any corrections to their data is checked and corrected as necessary. There are 45 first timer coaches at the Northern Reflections Rally. Kaye thanked all the mentors for helping at this rally, and encouraged the first timers to be mentors at a future rally.

Treasurer Wilburn Ply reported that as of 5-31-2008 total assets were \$450,161.94, outstanding liabilities were \$24,471.20 and the fund balance was \$425,690.74. Wilburn encouraged anyone wishing to see the complete report for the first five months to please see him after the meeting.

National Director Nancy Wolfe reported that the 80<sup>th</sup> FMCA International Convention will be held July 14-17 in St. Paul, MN. A dues increase will be discussed to offset a budget deficit. This proposal would increase FMCA dues from \$35 to \$49 annually to enable us to continue enjoying the current benefits. Nancy stated membership in FMCA continues to decline and as members of FMCA urged us to put forth a concerted effort to recruit members. Nancy also reported on the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual INTO Rally which was held in Oshkosh, WI.

Jack Brewster reported there were 425 member coaches in attendance at the Lancaster Rally and 42 new coaches on display. There were members from 33 states plus Canada. There were 6 dealers, 4 sponsors and 30 vendors and the rally was huge success.

Cari Mitchell reported that there were 312 coaches at the Willmar Rally. She reported they had a great group volunteers that have helped to make the rally a success.

Wilma Jean Alexander reported there were 65 coaches in attendance at the Branson rally which was held the first week in May 2008. They had full hook ups and saw 12 shows. Wilma Jean thanked their sponsors, Monaco Coach Corp., Paul Evert RV, and Hearthside RV Resort in Michigan.

Jim Martin gave a report on the MI Balloon Fiesta. The 2007 rally was the first week of October and they had a full house with over 700 balloons flying most days. The 2008 rally will be October 8-12 and is already full. Jim stated they have a waiting list, but encouraged anyone wanting to attend to send in an application.

Bill and Jeanann Miller, rally masters for the Moultrie, GA rally, March 9-13, 2009, invited everyone to come to their rally.

Dan Van Alstine reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the 2008 records for the Monaco International, Lancaster Pre Rally and the Branson, MO Rally. No items came to the Committee's attention that needed further documentation than what the Rally Treasurers furnished.

**Wilburn Ply made a motion to change Standing 14 d to read:**

**Total Travel mileage, as determined by paragraph e. below, shall be reimbursed by the greater of one of the following methods:**

- 1. Mileage shall be paid at the standard IRS rate without the necessity of submitting receipts (currently \$0.585 per mile in 2008 and adjusted periodically).**
- 2. Based on submission of an expense report indicating the dates, destination and purpose of the trip along with fuel receipts, shall be reimbursed based on the paid receipts for fuel up to a maximum fuel consumption rate of 6 miles per gallon. The price per gallon to be used will be the average of the fuel receipts submitted.**

**The motion was seconded and passed.**

**Wilburn Ply made a motion to change Standing Rule 14, k to read “All claims for reimbursement must be approved by the President. If the President is the member seeking reimbursement an Immediate Past President (either of the two currently serving as Directors-at-Large) shall approve reimbursements in excess of \$500.”**

**The motion was seconded and passed.**

**Wilburn Ply made a motion to change Standing Rule 15 to read “The amount of extra ordinary expenses that the President can approve is limited to \$500.”**

**The motion was seconded and passed.**

Dick Wolfe reported that the Nominating Committee had met earlier in the week and they have nominated one person for every office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Rahkola, Secretary

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