

**MONACO INTERNATIONAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
SPRINGFIELD, OH – JULY 17, 2009**

President Don Wyatt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Don Wyatt led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self introductions were made by the officers at the head table: President Don Wyatt, 1st Vice President Jack Brewster, 2nd Vice President Jerry Jenkins, VP of Membership Kaye Martin, Secretary Peggy Rahkola, Treasurer Linda Schreiber, National Director Nancy Wolfe, and Alternate National Director Maxine Schremp. The President introduced the Regional Directors David Piper (Region 3), Jeanann Miller (Region 4), Carol Williams and Dan Van Alstine (Region 5), Carl Mitchell and Jim Kussy (Region 6) and Director at Large Bob Larson. Don introduced Past Presidents Wilma Jean Alexander, Les Alexander, Art Brighton and Bob Larson. Guests were charter members Gary & Kathy White and Page Robertson. Parliamentarian was Sue Haught.

President Don Wyatt recognized all the first timers in attendance.

Don asked Rally Master Carol Williams to give a report on the contributions to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Springfield. Carol reported they had collected \$1,733 in cash and the three barrels provided had been filled with food stuffs in addition to three large plastic bags. Carol thanked the members for their generosity. *(Note: Final cash total was \$2000)*

Tressa Williams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Moultrie, GA, rally and to approve the minutes as posted on the web site. Motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary Peggy Rahkola read a summary of the Board Meeting held July 14, 2009, in Springfield, OH.

President Don Wyatt gave an update on the March 2010 rally which will be held in Tucson, AZ, at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Date is March 15-18, and John & Susanne Verretto are Rally Masters. Theme for the rally is "*Rendezvous in the Desert*".

1st Vice President Jack Brewster reported that the MI summer pre-rally in 2010 will be held in Salem, Oregon the first week in August. Bob & Dorothy Larson are the Rally Masters and the theme is "Back to the 50's". Bob Larson invited all participants at this rally to come to Oregon. Jack also reported the FMCA Winter rally in 2011 is scheduled to be in Perry, GA. When the FMCA location is confirmed, he will start to look for sites for the MI pre-rally.

2nd Vice President Jerry Jenkins gave a status report on the results of the e-mail blasts that the club has been using to communicate with our members. Jerry, Maxine Schremp and Nancy Wolfe were asked to resolve invalid email addresses in our database. Jerry and Kaye Martin will be working with the Regional Directors to help update the e-mail database to ensure we reach as many members as possible. Jerry emphasized the importance of members verifying their data with the club.

Don Wyatt asked how many attendees had received the e-mail blasts, and how many had opened and read them. He stressed the importance of members reading the e-mails, as using the e-mail blasts to communicate with club members in the most timely and cost effective manner.

VP of Membership Kaye Martin reported as of June 30, 2009, the membership of Monaco International was 3,142 coach members. She has signed up three new members at this rally, bringing our membership total to 3,145. The membership status of all attendees at the Silver Celebration rally here in Springfield has been checked, and all are current with both FMCA and MI. The Regional Directors contact all new members monthly and their data is checked and corrected as necessary. There are 13 first timer coaches at the Springfield rally. Kaye asked the members to contact her with any changes in their contact information, as we want to keep our e-mail database current.

Treasurer Linda Schreiber reported that as of June 30, 2009, total assets were \$451,056.40, outstanding liabilities were \$13,188.97 and the fund balance was \$437,867.43. Linda also reported she is in the process of opening additional bank accounts to keep the MI accounts in one bank under the FDIC limit. This is in compliance with the motion passed in Moultrie to ensure all MI funds have FDIC coverage at all times.

National Director Nancy Wolfe reported the 82nd Annual FMCA Convention will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio, July 20-23, 2009. The Governing Board of FMCA will convene Monday, July 20th. They will be approving the budget for 2010. They will also be voting on changes to the By-Laws and Policy & Procedure changes, and electing new national officers. Approved upcoming convention locations are: 83rd Albuquerque, NM – March 22-25, 2010, and 84th Redmond, OR – August 11-14, 2010. Location for future conventions will be voted on by the Governing Board – Winter 2011, Perry, GA, Summer 2011, Loveland, CO, Winter 2012, Pomona, CA, Summer 2012, Indianapolis, IN. The next INTO rally will be held in Quartzsite, AZ, January 20-24, 2010.

Jeanann Miller gave a report on the “Swingin’ Into Spring” Rally held in Moultrie, GA, March 9-13, 2009. There were 290 coaches in attendance, with 130 volunteers. Even though their rally came at a time when Monaco Coach was going into bankruptcy and we had no techs for the rally, it was a very successful rally and all in attendance had a great time.

Sally Richmond reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the records for the “Swingin’ Into Spring” Rally held in Moultrie, GA, March 9-13, 2009, and no items came to their attention that required further documentation than what the Rally Treasurer furnished. Richard Wolfe was the second member of the committee.

Ellen Brighton, Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate of nominees for 2010. They are, President, Jack Brewster, 1st VP – Jerry Jenkins, 2nd VP – Wilt Greenwood, VP Membership – Kaye Martin, Secretary – Peggy Rahkola, Treasurer – Linda Schreiber, National Director – Nancy Wolfe, Alt. National Director – Maxine Schremp. Regional Directors – Region 1 – Dorothy Larson, Phyllis Beebe; Region 2 – Ellen Johnson, Pat Quilla; Region 3 – Don Rider, Kay Piper, Connie Monk; Region 4 – Andrea Sponenburg, Jackie Smith, Susan Hale, Jeanann Miller; Region 5 – Ginny Perrone, Rich Greiga, Dan Van Alstine; Region 6 – Cari Mitchell, Dick Strzyzewski. Ellen invited anyone else who is interested in being considered for office to contact her. Committee members were Wilburn Ply, Don Walker, Joe Monk and Carol Riley.

Nancy Wolfe reported on the Communication/Networking Committee and their recommendation to publish a newsletter. Plans are to publish the newsletter at least twice each year. It will be posted on the web site, and sent via snail mail to members who do not have e-mail. Nancy gave an overview of the type of articles that will be included, and said if anyone had information to contribute it should be “copy ready” and submitted via e-mail to Maxine Schremp, Alternate National Director, who will be compiling the newsletter for publishing.

Don Wyatt reported a committee headed by Jack Brewster, was appointed in Moultrie to review recommendations made by the Audit Committee. Committee members were Jerry Jenkins, Sue Haught, and Wilburn Ply. This review resulted in several changes to the Standing Rules. These changes were approved by the Board at their July 14, 2009 meeting, and require approval of the general membership. These changes to the Standing Rules were read by Jack Brewster. (See attached document for changes.)

Jack Brewster moved the changes to the Standing Rules be approved as read. Motion was seconded. Ellen Brighton amended the motion to have a vote on each change individually. The amended motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Kussy moved to approve the change to Rule #1. Motion was seconded and passed.

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John Rahkola moved to approve the change to Rule #6. Motion was seconded and passed.

John Rahkola moved to approve the change to Rule #9. Motion was seconded and passed.

John Rahkola moved to approve the change to Rule #10. Motion was seconded and passed.

Sue Haught moved to approve the change to Rule #11. Motion was seconded and passed.

Rich Schmory moved to approve the change to Rule #13. Motion was seconded and passed.

Sally Richmond moved to approve the change to Rule #14-b. Motion was seconded and passed.

Sue Haught moved to approve the change to Rule #14-d-1. Motion was seconded and passed.

John Rahkola moved to approve the change to Rule 14-j. Motion was seconded and passed.

Lee Mitchell moved the members commend the Rally Masters for the great rally they put on here in Springfield. Motion was seconded and passed.

Barbara Mitchell had a request from a vendor, they would like MI allow them to purchase dinner and entertainment for only one evening at a rally instead of having to purchase for all nights.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Rahkola, Secretary

Approved _____

STANDING RULES OF MONACO INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

1. ~~Limit membership~~Membership is limited to owners of ~~Monaco motorized brand~~ models manufactured by or acquired by Monaco RV LLC, Monaco Coach Corporation, Royale Coach, and coaches manufactured by Executive Industries and all Monaco coaches manufactured prior to 1992. (~~March 2005~~July 2009)
 2. Deleted (March 2006)
 3. Annual election of Officers and Regional Directors shall be at the Winter/Spring Rally and will be effective immediately following the meeting at which the election took place. (Aug 1995)
 4. The annual dues for membership in the Chapter shall be \$15.00. The initiation fee for new members shall be \$25. A dues notice will be sent by October 31st stating that as of January 1st dues are due. After January 31st membership will be archived. (~~August 2007~~July 2009)
 5. Deleted (July 1997)
 6. The ~~Wagon Rally~~ Master should make his rally self-supporting, if possible. (~~Aug 1995~~July 2009)
 7. Deleted (August 2001)
 8. Guests who do not own a coach that qualifies for membership in Monaco International, or is not a member of Monaco International, shall be able to attend a rally at the discretion of the Rally Master. Guests will require a sponsor and will pay a guest fee of \$50.00 in addition to the rally fee. (March 2004)
 9. Rally fees, early parking and all electrical fees will be paid by the Rally Treasurer for the two rallies prior to the FMCA National Conventions for the following positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, Rally Master, Rally Treasurer, Rally Registrar, and Site/Parking Coordinator. The chapter or Rally shall not pay any other rally fees. (July 2009)
 10. For the two rallies prior to the FMCA National Conventions, early parking fees and all electrical fees, if applicable, will be paid by the ~~Chapter Rally Treasurer~~ for ~~the following positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director, Regional Directors, Directors at Large, Rally Master, Rally Registrar, Rally Treasurer, Committee Heads, Site/Parking Coordinator~~ plus four parking lay out committee members. (July 2009)
- For the two rallies prior to the FMCA National Conventions all electrical fees, if applicable, will be paid by the Rally Treasurer for the Regional Directors.
- THE FEES ABOVE WILL BE PAID NO MORE THAN ~~10-7~~ DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE RALLY. Due to site variances and volunteer position the actual day of arrival for the above listed positions will be determined by the Rally Master and the President ~~within the 10 days.~~
- The Rally Master may request and approve others that are not listed above to arrive early to assist in early parking or other projects deemed necessary by the Rally Master. Individuals in this group shall have early electric and early parking fees, (if applicable) paid by the Rally Treasurer for A MAXIMUM OF TWO DAYS PRIOR TO EARLY PARKING AND THE DAYS OF EARLY PARKING ONLY.
- ALL VOLUNTEERS, ~~other than those listed in the first paragraph~~ will pay their own electric and related fees commencing on the first day of the rally. (~~August 2006~~July 2009)
10. ~~Rally fees will be paid by the Chapter for the two rallies prior to the FMCA National Conventions for the following positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer,~~

~~National Director, Alternate National Director, Rally Master, Rally Treasurer, Rally Registrar, and Site/Parking Coordinator. The chapter or Rally shall not pay any other rally fees. (August 2006)~~

11. The ~~Wagon Rally~~ Master may, with good cause and for the general good, recommend the suspension or expulsion of any member of this chapter who willfully and unreasonably disobeys a proper request from the ~~Wagon Rally~~ Master in matters involving the health, welfare, or safety of the assembled group or the public at large. Such recommendation for suspension or expulsion shall be made in writing to the Chapter President. The Chapter President shall then promptly convene a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors plus not less than four additional chapter members, not a party to the proceedings, to hear the charges and defense. The participants of this Special Meeting shall, after due deliberation and upon a two-thirds vote, take such action as it deems appropriate to the situation. (~~Aug 1995~~ July 2009)

12. A charter member of the Chapter who no longer owns a qualifying coach may, if desired, retain membership as a Chapter Associate member. A Chapter Associate member will be required to pay dues and may attend rallies. He/She will not be eligible to hold any chapter office or vote in chapter elections but is entitled to all other chapter membership rights. Although Associate Membership is not described in the Monaco International By-laws, it is recognized in the FMCA By-Laws. (August 2006)

13. If it is necessary for a member to use their personal cell phone for Monaco International business, with prior approval of the Chapter President, any billed usage exceeding their contracted period will be paid by the chapter. (~~March 2004~~ July 2009)

14. The Reimbursement Policy is as follows:

- a. Reimbursement is for Monaco International chapter business only and includes expenses as described below for the surveying, locating and negotiating for a pre-rally site, or for subsequent follow-up visit(s) to the rally site if necessary.
- b. There shall be no reimbursement for travel or expenses to or from ~~Monaco International rallies, chapter rallies, Monaco Coach Corporation Come Home rallies or FMCA conventions.~~ (July 2009)
- c. The President shall determine and identify which member(s) of the chapter shall travel for chapter business, which trips shall be reimbursed, and which mode of travel (coach, automobile, or air) shall be selected. Once a pre-rally site has been selected and contracts have been signed, the President and Rally Master shall identify which member(s) shall be reimbursed.
- d. Total Travel mileage, as determined by paragraph e below, shall be reimbursed by the greater of one of the following methods:
 1. Travel mileage shall be reimbursed at the ~~standard current IRS published business~~ rate without the necessity of submitting receipts. (~~Currently \$0.585 per mile in 2008 and adjusted periodically.~~) (July 2009)
 2. Based on submission of an expense report indicating the dates, destination and purpose of the trip along with fuel receipts, mileage 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. (July 2008)
- e. Mileage is calculated from departure point direct to the destination point(s) and return to the original departure point. When travel for chapter business is combined with the individual's personal schedule, only the numbers of additional miles traveled are reimbursable. A computer based program will be used to calculate mileages if most direct or practical route is not taken.
- f. When travel is by coach, camping fees and highway tolls shall be reimbursed. There is no reimbursement for meals for either the member or traveling spouse/companion.
- g. When travel is by automobile, highway tolls, lodging expenses, and a per diem rate of \$36.00 (per day) to cover the costs of meals shall be reimbursed. A per diem rate does not apply for the traveling spouse/companion. The minimum distance for coach or automobile travel to qualify for one full day per diem is 300 miles per day, traffic and weather conditions permitting.
- h. If air transportation is deemed necessary and approved by the President, the chapter member(s) will be reimbursed for round trip coach class air fare, ground transportation expenses to/from the airport (taxi, shuttle, or parking fees), car rental, lodging expenses and a per diem rate of \$36.00 (per day) to cover the costs of meals. No expenses are reimbursed for the spouse/companion.
- j. Reimbursement claims prior to site selection are to be submitted to the Chapter Treasurer with a copy to the President for payment from Monaco International as a Chapter Expense. Reimbursement claims after the site is

selected are to be submitted to the Rally Treasurer with a copy to the President [for payment as a Rally expense](#). Receipts for individual expenses that exceed \$25.00 must be submitted with the reimbursement claim. [\(July 2009\)](#)

- k. 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. (July 2008)

15. The amount of extra ordinary expenses that the President can approve is limited to \$500. (July 2008)

16. Regional Directors are considered area representatives, and not officers. Thus, Regional Directors may be officers in another FMCA Chapter. (August 2006)

17. The dues for Charter Members will be waived from 2007 forward as long as they are in compliance with Monaco International and FMCA rules & regulations. (August 2006)

18. The Vice President of Membership shall be allowed to place reserved name cards for first timers and their mentors on dining tables prior to general membership on the first night of the rally. The placement will be evenly throughout the dining area. (August 2007)

19. No more than one Immediate Family Member or members holding the same FMCA number can hold a position on the Monaco International Board of Directors at the same time. Immediate Family is defined as: Husband, Wife, Mother, Father, Son, Daughter, Brother, or Sister. (February 2008)

