# MINUTES of the

# **Executive Committee**

# WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. OASIS LAS VEGAS RV RESORT, LAS VEGAS, NV JANUARY 23, 2020

Without ceremony, the Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Welcome was given by President Mona Heath.

Secretary, Vickie Courtney called the roll.

International President Mona Heath present International 1st Vice President Andrew Selking present International 2nd Vice President Tye Mott present International 3rd Vice President Eric McHenry present International Recording Secretary Vickie Courtney present International Treasurer James Polk present Immediate Past President Barry Bell present Corporate Manager (non-voting) Lori Plummer present Parliamentarian (non-voting) Joanne Miller present Trustee (non-voting) Lenny Razo absent

There was a quorum.

**Minutes** of the July 27, 2019 Executive Committee and the actions taken between September 23, 2019 and December 11, 2019 were approved.

**Report of Officers** – all were deferred to IBT meeting.

**Correspondence** – the following correspondence was read by the secretary:

December 10, 2019 WBCCI Caravan Committee 803 Pike Street P. O. Box 612 Jackson Center, OH 45334

# Dear Committee Members:

Over our many years of participating in WBCCI rallies and caravans, we have begun to notice subtle friction pertaining to the subject of prayer before meals or gatherings. This past year, we witnessed one airstream participant express his desire to discontinue the practice of prayer before group meals, to be replaced by a moment of silence, whereby those who wished to pray before meals might do so silently. His argument in favor of his suggestion was that he and several others on that particular caravan were non-religious and did not wish to be subjected to religious practices of others.

Given the fact that WBCCI caravans should be nonsectarian in every respect, we salute the bravery of this Airstreamer who spoke up about this to the entire caravan. Unfortunately, we witnessed a distinct coolness toward him and his spouse for the remaining duration of this particular caravan and several future attempts by others in this caravan to re-insert prayer in group activities.

We believe that WBCCI should remedy this situation by discontinuing the practice of prayer at any group meals or activities as being inappropriate to the mission of a caravan. Recent research online has produced statistics which I found surprising. Of the world's 5 largest religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism), 2.1 billion are Christians, however 1.1 billion are non-religious. For people who do not believe in religion, it is offensive to be subjected to the prayers of others while on a recreational activity for which they have paid money.

Please give this request for development of a definite policy eliminating religious activities of any denomination as part of any WBCCI Caravan/Tally activity your consideration. It is a problem that is increasingly driving a wedge between folks on caravans who wish only to have a good time. Thank you.

Due to the possibility of possible recriminations towards us on future WBCCI activities, I will not divulge my identity. Please understand.

#### A Concerned Airstreamer

President Heath then shared the WBCCI Code of Ethics: *To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on other of our diverse membership so as to avoid disharmony & ill feelings among club members of differing ethnicities, religious beliefs or orientation.*- WBCCI Code of Ethics (6/22/18)

President Heath has established a new special committee **WBCCI Guiding Principles**.

# SPECIAL COMMITTEE WBCCI GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### OBJECTIVE:

To develop an inclusion & diversity policy which is dedicated to continuously demonstrate compassion, acceptance and good will of all members regardless of ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation or lifestyle.

CHAIR: Tom Smithson

MEMBERS: Eric McHenry, Terri Warren, Joanne Miller

Additionally, members of this Special Committee should consist of a minimum of five (5) members and may need to expand that number as needed to ensure that Committee Members encompass the Objectives of this Special Committee. I encourage you to invite Club members who have not been nor are currently serving in a leadership role to ensure all perspectives are represented and heard.

#### **DELIVERABLES:**

A comprehensive WBCCI Guiding Principles policy submitted for consideration at the June 24, 2020 International Board of Trustees Seminar & Meeting.

# Treasurer's Report was deferred to the IBT meeting

# **No Unfinished Business**

New Business – ratified actions taken since the Executive Committee meeting held on July 27, 2019.

The following action items were taken by WBCCI Executive Committee between September 23, 2019 and December 11, 2019:

- 1. Upgrade to Headquarters Security System.
- 2. Restart Antelope National Event Rally.
- 3. Dissolution of Free Wheelers Intra-Club.
- 4. Approved request to allow the Historical Committee to loan physical artifacts of nominal value to Airstream Heritage Center.
- 5. New Logo: Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club 059.
  - FL Treasure Coast Airstream Club.
- 6. New Flag: Fl Treasure Coast Airstream Club.

# 7. Name Changes:

Change name from Piedmont of North Carolina Unit 161 to

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club.

Change name from Wisconsin Unit #116 to Wisc-Up Airstream Club.

Change name from Miami Valley Ohio #084 to Miami Valley Ohio Airstream Club.

Change name from Penn-Lehigh Unit #093 to Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club #093.

Change name from DelMarVa Unit #026 to DelMarVa Airstream Club #026.

Change name from San Diego California Unit #015 to San Diego Airstream Club #015.

Change name from New York Finger Lakes Unit #002 to

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club Unit #002.

Change name from Mid-Atlantic Unit #053 to Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club #053

These actions taken by the WBCCI Executive Committee from July 27, 2019 to December 11, 2019 were ratified.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Vickie Courtney
WBCCI International Recording Secretary
January 23, 2020

These Minutes were approved by President Mona Heath on January 28, 2020.