

WBCCI MINNESOTA UNIT FALL INSTALLATION RALLY MEETING
Alexandria, Minnesota
September 16, 2017

Call to Order

The Fall Installation Rally Meeting of the WBCCI Minnesota Unit was called to order by President Cordell Woods at approximately 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cordell Woods.

Roll Call of Executive Board

President—Cordell Woods
1st Vice President—Kay Olsson
2nd Vice President—vacant
3rd Vice President—Chuck Dodd
Treasurer—Craig McHenry
Recording Secretary—Lorie Costello
Corresponding Secretary—Marlene Anderson
Trustee—Chris Olsson
Trustee—Jim Costello
Trustee—Sharon Ramler
Trustee—Judd Beattie, absent

A quorum to conduct business was declared.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Diana McHenry to approve the minutes of the fall meeting. Steve Jedlund seconded the motion. The membership voted, and the minutes were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Craig McHenry

Craig McHenry presented the Treasurer's Report from September 12, 2016, to September 13, 2017.

Craig McHenry explained the report and how the online payment method is making the process easier and more efficient. Kay Olsson asked about the unit supplies. Craig explained the supplies and stated that the badge expenses would be going down in the future because the International will now be sending badges to the new members. A brief discussion followed about expenses in general. Sharon Ramler explained the costs of the storage of historic records and the accounting involved in maintaining those records. She suggested we look at reducing the amount of material kept for historical purposes possibly reducing the cost of storage.

President's Report: Cordell Woods

President Cordell Woods stated that the past year has seen a diverse group of events. Some have been repeats of past successful activities and some are things we have never done before. One event that I personally found very interesting was the Duluth Air Show. Gary Burnham's photo of the F-35 at the Air Show took first place in the Most Amazing photo contest at the International Rally.

We have had an amazing number of new members join our unit in the past year. The current count stands at 21. Diana McHenry has done an excellent job of welcoming those new members. I started out the year with a personal objective to contact each new member via phone. I am still working on that task. I urge everyone in the unit, especially long term members, to seek out and contact as many new members as you can. Do it in person, on the phone, or via email.

Every successful organization depends upon strong participation by its membership. That is especially true of a social group such as ours. Make it a point to volunteer for at least one activity in this coming year. Our incoming President, Kay Olson, needs your help. The more help she gets, the better our unit becomes. I am looking forward to the upcoming year as your past president.

First Vice President's Report: Kay Olsson

First Vice President Kay Olsson discussed some of the plans for the upcoming year. The spring rally will be May 15 through May 20 in Pipestone, Minnesota. We will be camping across from the Pipestone National Monument, which we will visit during the rally. There are many activities planned, including a Native American demonstration of pipestone carving. Another place of interest in the area is Blue Mounds State Park.

Linda Agre is planning an early Tech Rally at Airstream Park. More information will be out later in the year. There will also be a slow caravan to the International Rally in Oregon. A caravan leader is to be determined. Kay asked that anyone interested in leading a caravan contact her.

The Region 7 Rally will be August 8 through September 2 in Rollage, Minnesota. Camping will be at the fairgrounds in West Fargo.

Jim and Lorie Costello are planning to host the Woods and Walleyes Rally this year, possibly in May. They will discuss the dates with Linda Agre and Kay Olsson to avoid conflicts in scheduling. More information will be available in the early spring.

Additional tentative plans were discussed including a possible fall rally. The Installation Rally may be held in Fergus Falls.

Third Vice Presidents Report: Chuck Dodd

Chuck Dodd previously sent out an email to unit members about the Lanesboro Rally which included the rally schedule and joint rally activities. He explained that this is a joint rally with the Wisconsin Unit. Chuck and Joy recently completed a joint rally with the North Dakota Unit at Garrison Dam and found the adventure fun and most enjoyable in meeting and making new friends from a different area of the country, which was the goal for this rally. The rally fee was \$10 per adult.

Membership Report: Diane McHenry

Diane McHenry explained the membership process and what she does to recruit and welcome new members. Each month she sends out letters to anyone who has purchased an Airstream. This report comes from International. During the past year, she sent 43 letters to new owners. She welcomed them and ask them to become part of the WBCCI family. She enclosed a brochure on how to join and an invitation to the Airstream Park.

The unit has gained 21 new members during 2017. Diane sends out a welcome letter to each, along with information on the website and an invitation to visit the Airstream Park. She includes her personal information so they have access to someone to answer questions.

This year, there were 39 renewal members. We now have 88 members and 11 associate members. Diane brought the trifold advertising brochure to the meeting. The brochure explains our unit and the benefits of becoming a member. She encouraged everyone to take several brochures to hand out to interested prospective members.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Marlene Anderson

Marlene Anderson reported that she sent out 11 sympathy and get well cards. Several members remarked that this was very much appreciated.

Newsletter: Chris Olsson

Chris reported that there were six newsletters published and distributed this past year.

Facebook: Lorie Costello

Lorie Costello reported that there were about 200 hits on the Facebook page last year.

Garrison Dam Caravan Report: Cordell Woods

The caravan to the Lower Campground Cookout at Garrison Dam was on July 23/24. The return caravan was on July 27. There were two units/four people in the caravan each way. On the way there, the group stopped overnight at the East Lake Ashtabula campground just north of Valley City. Both of the campgrounds are run by the Corps of Engineers and have good facilities. Campsites are very spacious with lots of trees. Good showers. Electric at most sites, but no water. Finance recap: No income, no expenses. Each member paid their own camping fees.

Christmas Party Report: Sharon Ramler

Hosted by Harry & Sharon Ramler and Rod & Beth Fierek. 42 persons attended @ \$25.00 per person at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter in Stillwater, Minnesota. Buffet Dinner @ \$16.95 plus tax & service charge for a total of \$21.79 per person. Favors: Sharon Ramler made place cards for each person to save a place at a table. Sharon also made a notecard which covered a Hot Chocolate packet for each person. Door Prizes: 1 (one) German Stein & 8 (eight) \$10 gift cards for Applebee's & Walmart.

Income:

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| 42 persons @ \$25.00 | \$1,050.00 |
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Expenses:

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| Buffet for 42 persons @ \$21.79 | 915.18 |
| Door Prizes (as above) | 20.00 (approximately) |
| Favors (Sharon's expenses) | 15.00 (approximately) |

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| Net Loss: (approximately) | \$0.18 (approximately) |
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Valentines Party Report: Kay Olsson

The Valentines party was held at Green Mill restaurant in Blaine, Minnesota, on February 11, 2017, and was attended by 26 members. No monies were collected for the party as everyone ordered off the menu and paid their own checks. Prizes donated by the Olssons were given out in a drawing.

June Air Show Rally Report: Kay Olsson

The June Air Show Rally was held at Buffalo Valley Campground in Duluth and was attended by 31 Airstreamers and guests. One airshow ticket was given to Darryl's wife as a thank you for his outstanding help over the weekend.

Nominating Committee: Pete Yank read the slate of officers to the membership. Pete Yanke briefly explained the history of the election process and the roles of vice presidents and trustees.

Old Business: None

New Business**Proposed unit name change:**

A possible name change to Minnesota Airstream Club was discussed by the membership. Pete Yank explained why the name change might be desirable. The Minnesota Unit has written permission to use the Airstream name in our club name. A motion was made by Pete Yank that next years' president research the requirements for the name change to Minnesota Airstream Club. Diane McHenry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In order to make changes to the constitution, however, the membership must have 15 days notification. The process of notification for those without electronic communication was discussed. A motion was made by Pete Yanke to allow email notification for amendments to the constitution and First Class mail notification for those who do not have electronic communication. Chris Olsson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposed New Member Rally Rebate:

It was proposed that when a new member joins our unit we produce and give that member a certificate in the amount of \$10. The certificate would be valid for a period of 2 years. During this time, the certificate may be redeemed for any unit rally they wish to attend to defray the cost of the rally. It will be valid only for unit rallies. It will not be valid for unit caravans nor any other club activity. This amount (\$10) is the dues collected from each member to be a part of the Minnesota unit. Diane McHenry said she could send the certificate out with the welcoming letter. Pete Yanke suggested the certificate be filled in with the name of the new member and be non-transferrable and also that the certificate be in the amount of the unit dues so that if dues increase, the certificate amount will also increase.

Diane McHenry moved to send each new member a certificate for \$10 that can be applied to the cost of any Minnesota Unit rally. The certificate would be valid for a period of two (2) years and could be used only for unit rallies and not any other club function. Kathy Yanke seconded the motion. Pete Yanke moved to amend the motion to set the rebate amount to the current year's unit dues, to set the valid time to one (1) year from the new member's join date, and make the certificate non-transferable. Kathy Yanke seconded the motion. The original motion as amended passed unanimously.

Dues Increase:

There was a discussion of operating costs and the need for raising the club dues from \$10 to \$15. Many pros and cons to this proposal were raised including the cost of the directory, storage unit/safe deposit box costs, advertising costs, and mail costs. After much discussion, Diane McHenry made a motion to increase the dues by \$5, from \$10 to \$15 effective 2019. Kathy Yanke seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed.

Election of Officers

Being that there was a current slate of officers, it was suggested that membership vote on that slate of officers. Chris Olsson nominated Terry Pflieghaar for Third Vice President, and she accepted. Being no objections, Pete Yanke made a motion to elect the current slate of officers. Steve Jedlund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The officers are:

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| President | Kay Olsson |
| First Vice President | vacant |
| Second Vice President | Chuck Dodd |
| Third Vice President | Terry Pflieghaar |
| Treasurer | Craig McHenry |
| Recording Secretary | Lorie Costello |
| Corresponding Secretary | Marlene Anderson |
| Trustee | Judd Beattie—Third year |
| Trustee | Chris Olsson—Third year |

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Jim Costello—Second year
Sharon Ramler—Second year

Unfinished Business

None

Announcements

Steve Jedlund announced that the Minnesota Unit would be taking part in the RV show again in February next year. The RV show is a good opportunity to market the Airstream club and also Airstream Park. It is also a fun time, talking about Airstreams and meeting new people. He encouraged everyone to sign up for volunteering at the show. He will be sending an email out near the beginning of the year.

A motion made by Kay Olsson, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Costello, Recording Secretary