

**REGION 7 ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Charles Dodd - MN Pres, Region Board Member
Ken Kubischta - ND Peace Garden, ND VP
Jane Carmichael - Region President
Rod Fierek - Wisc/UP Pres, Region Board Member
Gail Harrower - Region Historian
Bob Manak - Region Webmaster, Region Newsletter Publisher
John Cooper - Region Photographer
Chuck Zellermayer - Region Treasurer
Tim Doherty - Region Newsletter Editor
Linda Agre - Region Membership Chair
Ginger Slattery - Region Secretary
Beth Zelten - Region 1st VP (Joined late- schedule conflict)

4:06cst MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. Members introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their roles for the region and their areas.**

- B. Linda spoke of the responsibilities of membership recruitment and the importance of contacting new Airstream owners. That it's important for the Presidents to reach out personally via phone.**

- C. SAFE RALLIES**
 - 1. North Dakota is planning an event at the Peace Garden in June. Canadians attending would have to quarantine for 14 days after returning but not Americans at this time. A**

passport is required but Americans may also use an enhanced driver license.

Tim clarified the location of Peace Garden as a unique piece of real estate on the border. Chuck Dodd asked, "What is the Peace Garden?"

Linda asked if there was a video of the monument dedication. Gail thought there was.

Discussion ensued as to what amenities are available, ie, RV park, gift shop, etc.

2. Minnesota held an installation Rally at Airstream park. Food was arranged and mostly prepackaged. Up to 30 units in attendance. Campfire was socially distanced.

Chuck Dodd also reported cancellation of all Feb/Mar events. Future events will depend on vaccination progress. They are hoping to hold the Spring Rally the weekend of May 22/23. Also a rally the weekend of June 10-12 at the Airstream park. July rally is the National rally in Lebanon. August rally in Marquette and the Fall rally at Prairie Island in Winona.

3. Wisc/UP Rod reported all events through the end of March are cancelled. So far April, May and June events are still scheduled. All will depend on Covid status and progress of immunizations.

June 24-27, there is a rally at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls, WI

August 19-24 the Region 7 rally is hosted in Marquette at the Rippling River Campground. September 21-24 is the Rally on the River in Stillwater, WI.

D. NEWSLETTERS

Jane wanted feedback from the areas regarding the newsletter that was put together last July. It was 6 pages with lots of pictures.

Bob said there are usually up to 4 newsletters. In the past distribution was up to area webmasters. This time he got a list from National and was able to send to each member. Rod agreed central distribution is very effective. He also expressed his appreciation to Jane for handling “political” issues. He supports the Region newsletter.

Gail supports the Region newsletter.

Linda supports the Region newsletter as there can never be enough communication.

Chuck Z responded it’s good to let everyone know what the hot items are and to use other newsletters for ideas.

Monica Kubischta hadn’t seen the Region newsletter. Asked if spouses could receive newsletters separately as spouses don’t always share.

Linda asked if Presidents could make sure that membership chairs & VP’s could be given a copy of newsletters, especially of the directory.

Jane reported the next Region Newsletter will be published February 14. Deadline is the end of January.

E. REGION CARAVAN

Linda reported a caravan to the Region Rally in Marquette in August. Would leave from MN Airstream Park. Is still in planning stages but would like members to know to see about interest.

F. Women's Skill Class

Beth informed the group she and Kenn are planning to hold another class teaching women rules of road, backing up with rigs, driving around trucks, and beneficial apps. A date hasn't been set.

Beth will also be the Region 7 representative at the Sarasota IBT January 18-21, 2021.

5:43cst Meeting adjourned

**Respectfully submitted.
Ginger Slattery
Secretary Region 7
01/10/2021**