

REGION 7  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2012  
SPICER, MN

The meeting was called to order by Linda Agre, President, at 4:05 p.m.

The invocation was given by Hal Rothe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pete Yanke.

The acting secretary was asked to call the roll.

REGION 7 OFFICERS

President	Linda Agre	Present
1st Vice President	Gail Harrower	Present
2nd Vice President	Pete Yanke	Present
Past President	Joan Lahr	Present

REGION 7 UNIT OFFICERS

ND Peace Garden Unit	Bev Zink	Present
Minnesota Unit	Lorie Costello	Present
Wisconsin Unit	Ed Emerick	Absent

(John Sellers will take information back to WI Unit President)

The Secretary advised the President that a quorum was present.

The Parliamentarian, Margaret-Ann Miller, addressed the meeting. She explained the procedure that will be followed for discussing issues, using Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised edition.

INTRODUCTION OF 2012/2013 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Treasurer - Carolyn Grandstrand  
Secretary - July Parizek (absent)  
Membership - Judy Nickel  
Community Service - Annette Hooker  
Legislative Chair is needed )  
Caravan Chair is needed ) Volunteers will be gladly accepted  
Mentoring - Sharon Ramler

The 2011 minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer Pete Yanke reported that as of June 30, 2012, there was a checking account balance of \$3,777.51, and a savings account balance of \$5,002.72. These numbers include no rally receipts. The books have been audited.

REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Linda reported on the correspondence received: Thank you letter to Joan Lahr from Wounded Warrior Project for gift of \$1,097 (proceeds of last year's auction); copy of thank you letter from Joan to the North Texas Unit for their \$100 donation to the Peace Garden Sculpture Project; email from Stan Schwenke with an update on Mary's recovery.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Annette Hooker reported that last year money was raised for the Wounded Warrior project and that funds raised at this year's rally will go toward the Hands of Peace at the International Peace Garden. The Sedalia newspaper wrote about the Airstreamers' contributions to the family we are helping for their toddler's medical expenses -- \$11,722.55. Additional money was raised at some of the region dinners. Still looking for tabs, hats, etc. for International for next year.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN PROJECT: Gail Harrower reported on a meeting with the CEO of the Peace Garden who was able to find a replica of the Hands of Peace monument which was sold as a souvenir at the 1975 Rally for \$1.50. Certainly would not be able to replace it for that. Currently searching for someone to replicate it at a reasonable price. Key to the success of the project is fund raising. We need everyone's support. Vern Zink then took over to explain the establishment of the committee which was approved at the Mid-winter IBT. The chairman is Gail Harrower, vice chairman is Joan Lahr, committee members are Jerry Larson and Linda Agre, plus Thomson, Zink, and Wells from North Dakota/Manitoba. Much research has been done as to artists, engineering, materials, etc. At the present time, the monument is about 40% funded. The total budget is \$139,500. They are close to awarding the contract. The International Peace Garden is not just a tourist site, but it is a cultural center with outstanding facilities on 2,300 acres with beautiful gardens and fountains. The four year celebration (2012-2016) commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 will primarily take place in Canada the first two years and the last two years will be more in the US and we will be hearing more about it. Hopefully the monument will be in place by that time.

MEMBERSHIP: Gail Harrower reported that in 2011 membership decreased once again, although not as much as last year. This year it is down 5%. Region 7 decreased 13.6%, which is higher than the overall average. Letters were sent out to all who had not renewed, with very little response. Everyone is responsible for membership. Renew your membership now. Judy Nickel and Gail then presented membership stars to those who have been members for 10 and 25 years who were present at the meeting.

MERIT AWARDS: Joan presented Awards received at International. This year a new award was presented to Units which have been part of WBCCI for 50 years -- Wisconsin and Minnesota Units received this award. Unit Merit awards were received by Jim Costello from Minnesota, Vern Zink from North Dakota, and John Sellers from Wisconsin. Joan complimented Linda for her great job in chairing the Pet Show at International. Minnesota won first place in the Bulletin Board contest (geographical category), and Kathy Reubel won first place for the North Dakota Directory.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Linda reported that at International: 1) The revised constitution failed by a large majority. If it would have passed, there no longer would have been a Delegates Meeting. 2) The motion regarding Life Members replacing their Airstream motorhome with another Thor motorhome, did not come to a vote, but was sent to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further study. 3) Two candidates ran for the office of 3rd Vice President, Richard Gerard and Jim Schwerdfeger. Vote was close, but the winner was Jim Schwerdfeger. 5) At the July 5 IBT meeting, a motion was made to have the President appoint a committee to study and recommend a realignment of Regions. The committee will report back at the winter IBT meeting. Linda is for a study to realign *Units* and possibly increase the *number of Regions* because of the number of miles traveled which results in the lack of services to members. This may be one reason why the membership is on the decrease. 6) The motion to do away with the Region 2nd Vice-presidents did not get any support and was withdrawn. It will likely come up sometime in the future. 7) We will be the host region for next year's International Rally at Huron, SD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Joan reported that last year at Green Bay it was discussed that a \$1,000 travel allowance to the mid-winter IBT be given to the 1st Vice President. The Executive Committee later amended that to give \$1,000 to the 1st VP and \$500 to the 2nd VP. It now needs to go to the full board for its approval.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Linda moved to amend the motion from the July 27, 2011 Board Meeting (see Unfinished Business above) to read "that Region 7 reimburse the Region 1st Vice President for mileage and rally fee to a maximum of \$1,000 to attend the mid-winter IBT Meeting and that Region 7 reimburse the Region 2nd Vice President for mileage and rally fee to a maximum of \$500." Joan Lahr seconded the motion. Pete brought up the financial ramifications to the treasury. The motion was amended to review reimbursement annually. The motion then carried.

Linda asked for approval for the 2013 Region 7 Tall Ships Rally to be held at Duluth, MN from July 24 through the 30th. Pete Yanke moved and Gail Harrower seconded the motion to accept the rally site and dates; motion carried.

Pete moved that we send Linda back to IBT to reinstate the first year of free membership to any Airstream owner; Gail seconded. Much discussion on the wording of the motion, the semantics of what constitutes a new/prospective member, how the trailer was acquired, etc. Motion was eventually tabled. Pete will research how the program originally worked. Approval was then given to Linda to take this idea to IBT after the research has been done.

Vern Schultz moved that Region 7 donate \$1,000 to the Hands of Peace Project; seconded by Gail Harrower; motion carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Linda presented gifts to the new Unit Presidents in attendance for all their help with the Region Rally. A gift of an Airstream necklace and a 'Huge Thank You' were presented to Joan in appreciation for all her hard work, wonderful rallies, and dedication.

Church service will be in this room in the morning.

Joan thanked everyone for their support the past two years, and asked for everyone to think about who might step up to 2nd VP in 2 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Carol Witzke  
Acting Secretary