

**Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.**  
**Region 7 Annual Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2019**  
**Town and Country Campground, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**

Region President Don Thomson called the annual board meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Pearl Adams-Kyle, Wisconsin unit member and past region president, gave invocation.

Thomson asked for a moment of silence for Mary Schwenke, member of the Wisconsin Unit and past unit treasurer; and Peter Breu, Wisconsin Unit member and past president of the Indianhead Wisconsin Unit.

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance omitted because of being outside of the United States.

**Roll Call**

Bruce Coonrod, recording secretary, took roll call.

President, Don Thomson, present

First Vice President, Jane Carmichael, absent

Second Vice President, Beth Zelten, absent

Recording Secretary, Bruce Coonrod, present

Treasurer, Gail Harrower, present

Corresponding Secretary, Lillian Thomson, present

Immediate past president, Pete Yanke, absent

Minnesota Unit president, Kay Olsson, absent (represented by Cheri Stinnett)

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit president, Rolland Wall, absent (represented by Ron Skelton)

John Cooper, Wisconsin Unit president, present

Coonrod declared a quorum. In addition to board members, 17 region and other WBCCI members attended.

Coonrod distributed minutes of the 2018 Region 7 Executive Board Meeting, held August 29, and General Board Meeting, held August 30, both at Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo, ND. Minutes approved as distributed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussed past policy of reimbursing first and second region vice presidents to attend Midwinter IBT meeting. Lengthy discussion with consensus that reimbursement payments for both vice presidents need to be equal and should include transportation and Midwinter IBT fees. Vice president Midwinter IBT reimbursements are approved annually by the board.

**REPORTS**

**Caravan and Nominating Committees:** Thomson noted that the region needs a caravan committee chair to replace Linda Agre and that the region also needs a 3-member nominating committee, one member from each unit, to select a second vice president.

**Tentative Treasurer’s Report:** Gail Harrower, treasurer, reported that as of June 30, 2019, the Region 7 fiscal balance was approximately \$7,238.00. Final report will be available before meeting is concluded. She also presented the audit report by Ron Skelton, which was received March 2019. Report attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lengthy discussion on the need to establish a region reserve fund, the amount, and its purpose. Suggestions included separate savings and checking accounts. Subject to be revisited.

John Cooper, Wisconsin Unit president, moved that the Region 7 Board approve the Wisconsin Unit, #116, request to change its name from Wisconsin Unit to Wisc-Up Airstream Club, and that the region present a motion to the International Board of Trustees recommending this change. Seconded by Harrower. Motion approved.

Thomson recessed the meeting at 3:06 p.m. to allow the board and attendees time to prepare before the bus arrives to take rally participants to the evening’s three Folklorama pavilions. Meeting to be reconvened Friday, August 8.

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Don Thomson reconvened the Region 7 Board Meeting at 7:31 p.m., Friday, at the same venue.

Secretary Coonrod took roll call.

President, Don Thomson, present

First Vice President, Jane Carmichael, absent

Second Vice President, Beth Zelten, absent

Recording Secretary, Bruce Coonrod, present

Treasurer, Gail Harrower, present

Corresponding Secretary, Lillian Thomson, present

Immediate past president, Pete Yanke, absent

Minnesota Unit president, Kay Olsson, absent (represented by Cheri Stinnett)

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit president, Rolland Wall, absent (represented by Ron Skelton)

John Cooper, Wisconsin Unit president, present

Coonrod declared a quorum. In addition to board members, 12 other WBCCI members present.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED**

Secretary Coonrod read the minutes of the region's Executive Board meeting held Friday morning. At that meeting the Executive Board established (1) a reserve fund for emergency use, (2) the definition of "emergency," and (3) criteria for reimbursements for first and second vice presidents to the 2020 Midwinter IBT.

Don Thomson said the three members of the future nominating committee for second vice president, one from each unit, will report to him. Unit presidents are responsible for selecting a member to serve on the nominating committee. Committee needs to function this winter to have a nominee by 2020 spring unit meetings to present to unit members for their approval.

Thomson also discussed the possibility of the region producing a region policy manual but instead will rely on past actions to function as guidelines to determine procedures. Many comments of having a policy manual both positive and negative were discussed. Two of the 12 WBCCI regions have policy manuals. The consensus was that the region put together general guidelines to present at the next region annual board meeting. John Cooper is putting together unit guidelines for the Wisc-UP Airstream Club and will share them with the region.

## REPORTS CONTINUED

**President Report:** Bev Wells of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit received first place for her unit directory in competition at the 2019 Doswell International Rally. Also at the region breakfast in Doswell, the region honored Gail Harrower for her many years of service to her unit, the region and International. Gail and Bruce have been WBCCI members for 39 years. The region also honored Bob Manak, Wisc-UP Airstream Club, for his service in maintaining various communications for the region. Both received books on the race horse Secretariat, signed by the author.

**Membership Committee:** Gail Harrower read the report submitted by Chair Linda Agre, who could not attend the rally. Red stars are awarded for every five years of membership. The following either received or were presented membership stars for their WBCCI continuous membership:

### ***Minnesota Unit:***

Tony and Kris Antoine, 5 years  
Robert and Pat Burrow, 10 years  
Joe and Ellen Chovan, 15 years  
Jim and Lorie Costello, 15 years  
Keith and Sheila Depre, 5 years  
Ted and Ila Johnson, 15 years  
Joseph and Monica McGowan, 20 years  
Ron and Judy Parizek, 15 years  
Harry and Sharron Rambler 20 years  
Mary Anderson Shull, 50 years  
Tim and Kim Winsor, 5 years

### ***North Dakota Peace Garden Unit:***

Margo and Stoner Johnson, 5 years  
Bill and Judy Kuehn, 10 years  
Ron and Rose Larson, 20 years  
Don and Lillian Thomson, 25 years  
Allan and Roxanne Towles, 10 years  
Vern and Bev Zink, 25 years

### ***Wisconsin Unit:***

Mary Ellen and Michael Alsvig, 5 years  
Gregory and Lyster Anderson, 5 years  
John Becker and Ardis Romdenne 5 years  
Bill and Charlene Benjamin, 5 years  
George and Teri Boehmer, 10 years  
Irene and Peter Brey (now deceased), 30 years  
Paul and Jane Brunelle, 5 years  
John and Terri Cooper, 5 years  
Denis and Goluska Delpointe, 5 years

William and Carolyn Holloway, 10 years  
Annette Hooker, 30 years  
Grey and Jane Hyer, 5 years  
Tom and Maureen Meyer, 5 years  
William and Margaret Miller, 5 years  
Robert and Carol Olsen, 10 years  
Stephen and Lynn Piotrowski, 10 years  
Bear and Connie Schenk, 5 years  
Robert Sharrock, 20 years  
Dave Sherman and Vickie Engelstad, 10 years  
Don and Kay Stenz, 15 years

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Harrower submitted the treasurer's report. As of June 30, 2019, the balance was \$7,301.02 U.S. funds. Report approved. Report attached.

**Recording Secretary:** No report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Lillian Thomson sent sympathy cards to Stan Schwenke on the death of his wife Mary and to Cathy Ruebel on the death of her father Peter Breu. She also sent thank-you letters to those who sent door prizes for the region rally: Airstream Company, North Texas Airstream Community, Minnesota Airstream Park, and Texas Airstream Harbor.

**Wisconsin Unit:** John Cooper reported that the region board had earlier approved the name change to Wisc-Up Airstream Club. The Octoberfest installation rally will be Sept. 27-29 at High Cliff State Park, Sherwood, WI.

**Minnesota Unit:** The installation rally will be at the Hoodoo Point Campground, Tower, MN, Sept. 12-15, and includes a tour of the Sudan mine.

**North Dakota Peace Garden Unit:** The installation rally will be Sept. 12-15 at Mobridge, SD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted  
Bruce Coonrod  
Recording Secretary

Approved: