

WBCCI WISCONSIN UNIT
GENERAL MEETING
JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN
MAY 17, 2008

The General Meeting of the WBCCI Wisconsin Unit was called to order by President Ellen McGaughey at 8:40 a.m.

Bob Manak led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ellen McGaughey	President	Present
Don Stenz	1st Vice President	Present
Bob Manak	2nd Vice President	Present
Sandy Emerick	Treasurer	Present
Carol Witzke	Secretary	Present
Craig Belling	1st Trustee	Present
Bob Wiltrout	2nd Trustee	Present
Joan Lahr	Immediate Past President	Present

The secretary's minutes from the September 15, 2007 General meeting at Shawano, WI have been posted for everyone to read, so we will dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as posted.

Sandy reported that as of April 30, 2008, the club had assets of \$5,197.60 and a current income balance of \$66.77. The complete report is attached. It was suggested that e-mail be used, where possible, to save the costs of printing & mailing 10 newsletters per year. Considerable discussion on this topic. It will be suggested in the next newsletter, that people be encouraged to accept the e-mail version of the newsletter, instead of the printed version to save money. Motion made, seconded & carried to institute a tiered system of dues to cover mailed newsletter; will be brought to membership in September.

INTERIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen was sent a survey from the International "20/20 Committee" doing long range planning. Since it was due back in 2 weeks there was no time to solicit input from members. Among other questions asked was one related to the number of members still working, so she replied to the best of her ability, that there were still over 50% of WI Unit members in the workforce. Our new survey will ask this question.

We were asked to send a member to sit on a panel on membership at Regional Training Workshop at Bozeman, reason being that we are doing pretty good on membership. Joan, Membership Chairman, will be that delegate.

Midwest Unit will probably be disbanded.

"Camp Airstream" in August will be in Lodi, and will be very inexpensive. Kids should have a good time.

It is intended that there be one more "buddy rally" this year, but no decision as to which remaining rally it will be.

Discussion about location of October Ladysmith rally -- rustic vs. civilization. Consensus seems to be that "civilization" would be preferred. Announcement will be made in July newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parking: Mark McGaughey reported that there were 23 trailers on site (21 Airstreams, 2 other)

Caravan: Ed Emerick reported that there are 8 units registered and there is space for 2 more in the Yellowstone Trail Caravan to Bozeman; he is also compiling a list of other potential caravans; it will be useful to have caravans nailed down to publish in Blue Beret after August, so that people coming to Madison can make plans.

Membership: Joan Lahr reported that there are currently 80 members; she has membership kits available for everyone; stress the value of membership to potential members -- economical Airstream parks, caravans, etc.

Publicity (Directory & Web Site): Bob Manak "self-printed" the membership directory to save costs; web site up since last July; last 10 issues of the newsletter are on the web site; our web site has the 3rd highest "traffic" of any unit web site. Also had a presence at the February Camping Show in Milwaukee.

Publicity (Newsletter): Ellen needs contributions - trips taken, recipes, photos, connections with other Airstreamers we may know, etc. for content of newsletter.

Public Relations: Audrey Sinner reported that a reporter from the local newspaper would be coming for the afternoon open house.

Quarter Master: Gene Sinner reported that items listed on sheet can be ordered, esp. if you're not going to Int'l, where there will be a store.

Community Service: Annette Hooker will take items to Bozeman (tab tops, etc.); auction funds will go to the Jefferson County food bank; much food was brought to the rally to go to the food bank.

Audit Committee: Bob Manak reported that the books were reviewed with Mark McGaughey; all was in order.

Budget: All items were discussed in connection with the Treasurer's Report

Nominating: Joan reported that all current officers have agreed to continue; two, or possibly three, trustees are needed.

Sunshine: No report, however Audrey asks that if anyone knows of someone needing "sunshine," please get information to her.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey Results: As reported at the Executive Board Meeting, the results (which are posted) of the 15 surveys which were returned, were discussed. Shorter duration caravans are desired. The data as returned in January may well be affected by rising fuel prices. A new survey will be coming on the web site. The Executive Board will suggest questions.

Anniversary Committee: Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Unit. Jane Belling will be putting together a DVD of past activities. She is soliciting photos, videos, etc., with as much accompanying information as possible, over the next 2 to 3 months. The result will be shown at the Madison Rally. Mark & Ellen will host an April luncheon to celebrate the 50th Anniversary at the Dells or other central location. This will also be for past members, so start collecting names & addresses. A tee-shirt will be created & sold for members to wear at the International Rally to celebrate "Airstreaming in Wisconsin."

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of having a luncheon vs. a rally for installation will await the new survey results. There was also discussion about “going green” at future rallies, i.e. more use of members own plates, etc.

Bozeman Plans: Bob & Joan will post announcements on the bulletin board for Wisconsin Unit activities. There will be a parade as usual and Joan is coordinating. She needs a “routine” and participants to march in front of judges promoting the Madison rally. It will be done to the tune of New York, New York. Discussion followed about need for banner. It was moved, seconded, & carried that a banner be acquired from Meno. Falls firm which Joan had contacted. There will also be Beanbag Baseball at rally. Regions will compete against each other -- members are needed to participate and a game board will need to be obtained/constructed/purchased.

Stan and Carol counted the 15 ballots received for the International election. The results were as follows:

International President	Jerry Larson	- 13;
Int'l. 1st Vice Pres.	Tom Collier	- 13;
Int'l. 2nd Vice Pres.	Norm Beu	- 13;
Int'l. 3rd Vice Pres.	Barry Heckenswiler - 6, Robert Thompson - 7;	
Int'l. Recording Secretary	Carolyn Florence	- 12;
Int'l Treasurer	Ralph Forrester	- 11;
Nominating Committee:	Sandra Poast	- 8
(vote for 2)	Phil Risher	- 4
	Leo Garvey	- 10
	Pat McFadden	- 8;

On the Amendment to be added to the WBCCI Constitution: 14 approved,
1 rejected.

Election of Delegate: Motions were made, seconded & carried to name Bob Manak as delegate and Joan Lahr as alternate to the International Rally. Delegates will vote their conscience on items which may come before the board at International.

There was request to use the sound system so meeting could be heard more easily in the back of the room. Alternatively, chairs can be moved closer and/ or those with difficulty hearing could also sit closer to the front.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan will give a SkyMed presentation following the Business Meeting;

There will be a seminar on wheel bearings following that;

Be sure to be in the caravan to Rosie Lane Farms by 12:30, the potluck is at 6:00 with the auction following at 7:00.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Carol Witzke, Secretary