

**Region 5**  
**Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.**  
**Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 19, 2020      10:00 A.M. EDT/9:00 A.M. CDT**  
**Internet Meeting Via Zoom App. Due to Cancellation of Rally**

Region 5 President Christopher Seplak, Indiana Airstream Club, called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. EDT/9:03 A.M. CDT

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, read the names of six (6) members who had died since the 2019 Region 5 Rally. This was followed by the invocation given by David O’Neill, Religious Coordinator, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club.

First Vice President Elect Artie Martin, Kentucky Airstream Club, recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen called the roll of board members:

**Board Members:**

President	Christopher Seplak	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Elect	Artie Martin	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	This office is vacant	
Recording Secretary	Susan Swearingen	Present
Treasurer	John Swearingen	Present
Immediate Past Region President	Bob Whitesell	Absent
Parliamentarian	Judy Rice	Present
President Central Indiana Airstream Club	John Deegan	Present
President WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club	Bernie Taylor (Ann Leslie, Pro tem)	Absent
President Indiana Airstream Club	Judy Rice	Present
President Kentucky Airstream Club	Karl Weisenberger	Present
President Northern IL Airstream Club	Peter Schwarz (Nancy Seplak, Pro tem)	Absent

President Seplak stated there is a quorum.

Installation of Region 5 First Vice President Artie Martin, Kentucky Airstream Club, by Region 5 President Christopher Seplak.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the September 7, 2019 Region 5 Annual Board Meeting have been posted on the website and have been distributed to each member of the board and should be before the members of the board at this time. There were two (2) corrections: Immediate Past Region President Artie Martin was present via phone and President Kentucky Airstream Club Gene Clark was present via phone. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees**

**President's Report:** President Seplak reported that he and Nancy have chosen Warsaw, IN, as the site for the 2021 Region 5 Rally, at the Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, located 40 miles northwest of Ft. Wayne, IN. Dates for the rally are September 15-19, 2021. There are about 100 campsites, with 30/50 amp electric service, with dump station on site. Contract was signed, with a 50% deposit. Once the local clubs have finalized their rallies for 2021, please contact President Seplak, if you would like him to attend and make a presentation for the 2021 Region 5 Rally. President Seplak asked the local clubs to promote the 2021 Region 5 Rally as much as possible. Travel this past year was limited due to COVID-19. President Seplak stated he attended the second, of two, June 2020 International Board of Trustees Zoom board meetings, as Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and has attended various Region Presidents' Zoom meetings, as Region 5 President. He has purchased 2 new Region 5 President's flags (1 for ceremonies and 1 for flying on rig), from monies in his national budget. Our flag inventory is now 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's flags, 2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's flags and 2 President's flags.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, reported the checking account balance, as of July 1, 2020, the first day of Region 5's fiscal year, was \$7,869.26. The Federal Tax Return for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 has been filed and accepted by the IRS. The checkbook balance, as of today, September 19, 2020, is \$8,218.86. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Rally Report:** See President's Report above.

**Membership:** Region 5 does not currently have a Membership Chairperson. President Seplak stated since he has taken office in June, he has received 6 reports from Headquarters. The region has 4 new members, 1 for Central Indiana Airstream Club, 1 for Indiana Airstream Club, 1 for Kentucky Airstream Club and 1 for WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club. He checked the records for the number of Members At Large (MALs) in the region and we have 38 in our 3 states. He has emailed each one, welcoming them, and if they have any questions to contact him. He will email the Local Club Presidents the MAL information for each of their areas.

**Caravans:** Region 5 does not currently have a Caravan Chairperson.

**Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret:** Artie Martin, Contributing Editor, Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President stated since he has resumed this responsibility, Region 5 has had an article in every issue from November 2019 going forward. He strives to include meaningful information about the region and local clubs. His job is made easier if the Local Club Presidents send him articles for publishing. Due to COVID-19, there has not been a lot to report in the last 6 months. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

**Community Service:** Region 5 does not currently have a Community Service Chairperson. President Seplak stated there is no current Community Service project, as the 2020 Region 5 Rally was cancelled.

**Legislative:** Region 5 does not currently have a Legislative Chairperson. President Seplak stated the State of Indiana legislature, in their January-March session formed a committee to study the possibility of converting all interstate highways to toll roads. In July, Indiana passed a new cell phone law—drivers can only use Blue Tooth technology, no hand-held devices. So beware when traveling in Indiana. No information given regarding any new laws in Illinois or Kentucky.

**Newsletter Editor:** Editor Louise Humble, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, stated at the request of President Seplak, the Region 5 newsletter has been reactivated with the intention of having quarterly issues, but this intention has been somewhat thwarted by the Covid pandemic. However, the newsletter can still help members of this region by informing them of the activities of the region and giving them ideas of places to go, as well as, keeping them up to date with the legislative workings of the club. When seeking information for the newsletter, Louise checks each local club's website in our region to see where it is meeting and what is planned for members during that quarter. Louise requested that each local club president encourage their webmasters to update their website regularly. In preparing the last region newsletter, she found some websites were more than a year out of date. Louise stated local club presidents and webmasters may send her a personal email ([jandlhumble@gmail.com](mailto:jandlhumble@gmail.com)) with information about their club, so she can include it in the region newsletter. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

**Religious Services:** David O'Neall, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, is our Religious Coordinator. There is no report, as there were no religious services last year; plus, David only recently filled this position. David stated he would appreciate direction from the local club presidents, as to what they want, and he is here to serve. There were no questions.

**Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Representative:** Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, is the VAC Region 5 Representative for 2020/2021. VAC is the largest intraclub within the WBCCI, and currently has over 500 members. Due to Covid-19, the VAC board voted to extend membership of VAC members to 2021. If you were a paid VAC member as of July 1, 2020, your 2021 membership is free and no renewal for 2021 is necessary. Due to Loveland International Rally being cancelled, the traditional VAC open house was replaced virtually with a Zoom meeting. You can watch the meeting/tours of Airstreams by going to the YouTube channel and searching for Vintage Airstream Club YouTube page. Damon's intent is to have some vintage activities in Region 5 next year. With the planned opening of the Airstream

Heritage Center, Jackson Center, Ohio, the center would like vintage Airstreams present. In addition, the RV Hall of Fame Museum, in Elkhart, IN, is close to Warsaw, IN, location of 2021 Region 5 Rally, so there is potential for a VAC activity at that time. The VAC board is planning events for the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, TN. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

**Webmaster:** Webmaster Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, stated the importance of local clubs keeping their websites updated with current information. This is the first place prospects/new members look for information, i.e. newsletters should be posted on websites. Damon said he is here to help the local clubs. If a local club does not have a webmaster, Damon can do basic updating, if the information is sent to him. International Club is doing a big reorganization of how International Club and local club websites are handled. One of the reasons for this is calendaring. Rather than local clubs submitting calendar information to International Club each year end, who then uses that information for the Blue Beret and the International website, [www.airstreamclub.org](http://www.airstreamclub.org), now each local club webmaster has access to input their activities on this website, providing accurate data for the calendar in the Blue Beret, as well as, [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org). Because local club webmasters must be granted access to the calendar, it is important that the webmasters are listed with the local club officers information submitted to International Headquarters at the end of each year, for the next year's International directory. Once activities are posted on [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org), it is very important to update activities in the event of date changes or cancellations. Any member can access the calendar of events on [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org), in one of three ways: pin drops on region maps denote events, search for Region 5 events or search by date ranges. Local club websites are migrating from [airstreamclub.net](http://airstreamclub.net)/[wbcci.net](http://wbcci.net) to [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org). Damon needs to work one-on-one, with each webmaster, to grant access for the migration process and will assist them when necessary. Damon has access to set up Zoom meetings, without a time limit, such as today's meeting, for any local club, as opposed to free Zoom meetings that have a 40-minute time limit. Damon took questions from the board. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business:**

Item #1 – President Seplak stated we need a Nominating Chairperson/Committee to search for candidates for the office of Region 5 Second Vice President. As per tradition, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee is usually the Immediate Past President, per the Region 5 Policy & Guidelines. President Seplak appointed Bob Whitesell, as Nominating Chairperson, who will select 2 other members for the committee, for approval by the Region Executive Committee, per the Region 5 Policy & Guidelines. If anyone knows of any possible candidates for the office of Region 5 Second Vice President, please contact Bob Whitesell, Artie Martin, or President Seplak.

Item #2 – 2020 Motion amending the Region 5 Policy, Region Officers Duties for Region President by adding a new Part 18. Part 18 states the Region President will act as a Delegate, for Members At Large residing in Region 5, at the International Delegates meeting. President Seplak read the motion, seconded by Judy Rice, President Indiana Airstream Club. There were

no objections, motion passed as written. President Seplak will update the Region 5 Policy & Guidelines accordingly and have them posted on the Region 5 website. A copy of the motion is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Item #3 – President Seplak presented the 2021 Region 5 Rally Budget. The rally dates are September 15-19, 2021. He stated Artie Martin, Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, would provide the Friday night entertainment. The Saturday night banquet will be a 2-hour dinner cruise, aboard the S.S. Lilly Pad II on Lake Wawasee, [www.sslillypad.com](http://www.sslillypad.com). The cruise is limited to a maximum of 100 persons. The first 100 persons registering for the rally, will be on the cruise, if they so choose. The estimated rally fee is \$150/2 persons, \$65/1 person. Online registration for the 2021 Region 5 Rally will be open the first of January. President Seplak made the motion to approve the 2021 budget as written, seconded by Artie Martin, Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. There were no objections, budget passed as written. A copy of the 2021 Region 5 Rally Budget is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Item #4 – Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Artie Martin read the motion asking for approval to sign an agreement with the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana for the 2022 Region 5 Rally. This is for the purpose of reserving the building. Vice President Martin stated the budget is not yet finalized but will likely be close to the budgeted amount for 2020. Ann Leslie, Representative WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, there were no objections. Motion passed as written. A copy of the motion is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Item #5 – President Seplak is requesting 2 additional Zoom meetings for the board. The first will be in February 2021 after the January Winter IBT meeting, for the purpose of informing the Local Club Presidents of what occurred at the Winter IBT. President Seplak is registered for the 2021 January Winter IBT meeting in Sarasota, Florida, whether the meeting is held in-person or via Zoom. The Local Club Presidents for 2021 will remain the same as for 2020, for Central Indiana Airstream Club, Indiana Airstream Club, and Northern Illinois Airstream Club, and likely Kentucky Airstream Club. It is hoped that WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club will also remain the same. The second Zoom meeting will be held in late April/May 2021 for the purpose of assigning job duties to each of the local clubs for the 2021 Region 5 Rally.

There was no other new business.

**Announcements:** President Seplak stated the Southern Indiana Unit elected to dissolve, after many active years, effective December 31, 2019. Next, Region 5 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Artie Martin stated that Zoom meetings will likely occur more often in the future. Allowing members to attend via Zoom, when work/vacation restraints and distance didn't permit in-person attendance, will greatly benefit us all, not only at the local club and region levels, but it is a necessity at the International level. Next, Treasurer John Swearingen thanked Damon Beals, Region 5 Webmaster, for making the yearly rally pre-registration process go very well, by setting up and maintaining the PayPal account. Next, Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in today's meeting. Next, Local Club Presidents/Representatives made announcements pertaining to their clubs. There were no other announcements.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, President Seplak adjourned the meeting at 11:21 A.M. EDT/10:21 A.M. CDT.

Susan M. Swearingen, Recording Secretary 2020

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