

Region 5
Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.
Annual Board of Trustees Meeting
September 18, 2021 10:00 A.M. EDT/9:00 A.M. CDT
Kosciusko County Fairgrounds
Warsaw, Indiana

Region 5 President Christopher Seplak, Indiana Airstream Club, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. EDT/9:00 A.M. CDT

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, read the names of three (3) members who had died since the 2020 Region 5 Rally. This was followed by the invocation given by Judy Rice, President Indiana Airstream Club.

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

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen called the roll of board members:

Board Members:

President	Christopher Seplak	Present
1 st Vice President	Artie Martin	Present
2 nd 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 Indiana Airstream Club	Judy Rice	Present
President Kentucky Airstream Club	Karl Weisenberger	Present
President Northern IL Airstream Club	Bob Thennes	Present
President WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club	Bernie Taylor	Present

President Seplak stated there is a quorum.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 19, 2020, 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 no corrections/additions.

Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report: (oral report) President Seplak reported he and Nancy spent the last year traveling to visit all 5 local clubs of Region 5. President Seplak requested the local club presidents send him the email addresses for their vice presidents. This information will be used to correspond with these members when they become presidents for next year. He thanked all members of Region 5 for the support they have given him the past 2 years and for their attendance at this rally. He thanked his wife, Nancy, who traveled with him and supported him during the past 2 years.

Treasurer's Report: John Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, reported the checking account balance, as of July 1, 2021, the first day of Region 5's fiscal year, was \$13,260.38. Registration for this rally began January 2021. I do not usually transfer any funds from PayPal to the checking account until after July 1, as this gives a better accounting of the funds. But this year, I did transfer some funds before July 1, which makes it look like we have a lot of money in the checking account. After the expenses of this rally are paid, there will not be as much money in the account. The 2020 Region 5 Rally at Columbus, Indiana was cancelled. This report shows a loss of \$50.40 for that rally. This is the amount of the PayPal fee, after refunds were issued to those members who had pre-registered for the rally. The Federal Tax Return for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, has been filed and accepted by the IRS. 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: With the adverse events over the past year, President Seplak stated he is thrilled with the presence of 27 rigs and 64 people at this rally. He thanked everyone for coming to this rally. He and Nancy have spent the last 3 years preparing for last year's rally, which was cancelled, and this year's rally. He advised members, who are not caravanning to the dinner cruise, to arrive at the launch site at 5:45. After the dinner cruise, please return promptly to the fairgrounds for door prizes and conclusion of the silent auction and 50/50 drawing for Beaman Home.

Membership: Region 5 does not currently have a Membership Chairperson. If you are interested, please see President Seplak or First Vice President Artie Martin. President Seplak received a membership report from Headquarters, and we have 55 new members throughout our 5 local clubs, since the 2020 annual business meeting. As a region, we are growing.

Caravans: Region 5 does not currently have a Caravan Chairperson. If you are interested, please see President Seplak or First Vice President Artie Martin.

Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret: Artie Martin, Contributing Editor, Region 5 1st Vice President stated we have had an article in all issues of the Blue Beret during the past year.

Subjects covered were advertisement of the Region 5 Rally, and topics asking for volunteers for Region 5 officers. Articles also spoke about the importance of volunteering and the rewards from giving one's time in the WBCCI organization. For a lot of the articles, I come up with my own ideas. But if the local club presidents have an upcoming special event or an achievement that would be of interest to our region members or all regions, I urge you to send me a text or email with the details. The deadline for articles is 90 days (1 ½ months) prior to publication date, i.e., for the November 2021 issue, the deadline was September 15. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Community Service: Community Service Chairperson, Nancy Seplak, Region 5 First Lady, stated she selected The Beaman Home as our service project for this rally. The mission of The Beaman Home is to provide shelter, education, and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. I emailed correspondence to all local club presidents, as to what the current needs were. At the Opening Ceremony, Dr. Jennifer Hays, Executive Director of The Beaman Home, was present and gave an overview of their operation and their current needs. We are actively collecting monetary donations, as well as, items on the needs list. We are also conducting a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. In addition, our Sunday offering will go to The Beaman Home. At the conclusion of the rally, all monies collected, as well as, all items donated will be picked up by Dr. Hays and delivered to The Beaman Home. There will be an updated report submitted after the conclusion of the rally. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Legislative: Region 5 does not currently have a Legislative Chairperson. If you are interested, please see President Seplak or First Vice President Artie Martin. No information was given regarding any new laws in Illinois, Indiana, or Kentucky.

Newsletter Editor: Region 5 does not currently have a Newsletter Editor. If you are interested, please see President Seplak or First Vice President Artie Martin. First Vice President Artie Martin thanked Louise Humble, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, for her excellent work, as past Newsletter Editor.

Religious Services: There is no Religious Services Report, as there were no religious services in 2020, due to the cancellation of the Region 5 Rally in Columbus, Indiana, because of Covid-19. Region 5 does not currently have a Religious Services Coordinator, due to the recent death of David O'Neill, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club. If you are interested, please see President Seplak or First Vice President Artie Martin. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Representative: (oral report) Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, is the current VAC Region 5 Representative. Damon's intent is to have a vintage activity in Region 5 within the next year, date to be determined. With the planned opening of the Airstream Heritage Center, Jackson Center, Ohio, the Vintage Club would like to have a presence at the opening. There were no questions.

Webmaster: (oral report) Webmaster Damon Beals, Central Indiana Airstream Club, stated the importance of local clubs keeping their websites updated with current information. In addition,

due to the new International website, www.airstreamclub.org, local clubs' websites will be moving from airstreamclub.net/wbccci.net to airstreamclub.org. Local club webmasters must manually transfer their websites' information to the new International website. The local club webmasters do have the access to perform this process. To date, none of the 5 local clubs of Region 5 have completed this process. If your local club webmaster needs assistance, please have them contact me, as I am here to help. I would like all 5 local clubs to complete this process over the winter. With the new International website, local clubs can export their membership lists. In addition, when a new member joins online, the International database is updated immediately, and membership chairpersons can access this information readily. International is now allowing affiliate members to renew their memberships online. Local clubs must contact International to set this up, along with providing their local club affiliate membership fee. International will be offering a debit processing system that will replace PayPal, resulting in substantial savings to the local clubs. All local club events for the Blue Beret must be entered on the International website calendar. Events information must be complete, including contacts' names/phone numbers, locations, etc. You cannot use TBA or TBD. If you do, your event will not be listed in the Blue Beret. It is important to keep the events calendar updated, with any changes or cancellations of events. For any new members joining online July 2021 or after, their annual renewal date for membership will be one (1) year from the date they originally joined. Damon addressed all questions from the board.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Item #1 – 2021 Motion #1 amending the Region 5 Policy, Region 5 President, Duty 18 from Act as the Delegate for Members at Large residing in Region 5 at the International Delegates Meeting. Reporting their vote on International issues that have come before the membership per Bylaws, Article XVII, Delegates Meeting and Voting to Act as the Delegate for Members at Large residing in Region 5 at the International Constitutional Delegate Meeting. Reporting their vote on International issues that have come before the membership per Bylaws, Article XVII, Constitutional Delegate Meeting and Voting. Rationale: Changing Duty due to change in Bylaws Article XVII at International IBT July 24, 2021, calling the Delegate Meeting by a new name of Constitutional Delegate Meeting. President Seplak read the motion, seconded by Bob Thennes, President Northern Illinois Airstream Club. Discussion followed. 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 and will mail them to the local club presidents. A copy of the motion is filed with the Secretary's minutes.

Item #2 – Region 5 2021 Second Vice President Candidate. President Seplak stated we have a candidate who has expressed his willingness to serve as Region 5 Second Vice President and has duly submitted his resume'. The resume' is before the members of the board, at this time. President Seplak then introduced John Deegan, President Central Indiana Airstream Club. John stated he is honored, stunned, and looking forward to working with/learning from everyone. President Seplak stated as all 5 local clubs of Region 5 are represented at this rally, we will be providing ballots and copies of John's resume', to them at this rally, so they may vote on the

candidate, at their next available business meeting. All ballots are to be returned to Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen by October 31, 2021. We want to complete this election process by October 31, 2021, as John wishes to attend the International Board of Trustees (IBT) Winter meeting in January in Savannah, GA. President Seplak thanked John Deegan for stepping up and volunteering for the Second Vice President's position.

Item #3 – Region 5 2022-2024 Presidential Candidate. President Seplak presented Artie Martin, Region 5 First Vice President, Kentucky Airstream Club, as our candidate for President for 2022-2024. His resume' is before the members of the board, at this time. As all 5 local clubs of Region 5 are represented at this rally, we will be providing ballots and copies of Artie's resume' to them at this rally, so they may vote on the candidate, at their next available business meeting. All ballots are to be returned to Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen by October 31, 2021. Artie stated he and Pam love this club. He has volunteered to fill positions in the Kentucky Airstream Club when there were no candidates and when there was no candidate for First Vice President, with 6 months remaining of Monte Barksdale's administration, he volunteered. So, when there was a First Vice President vacancy two years ago, he had the desire to fill this vacancy, for the second time, as there were no other candidates. He stressed the importance of members stepping up to be out front in leadership positions, rather than showing up to enjoy a rally. Yes, there is time and paperwork involved, but it doesn't last forever. And there is fun along the way. His focus next year will be on membership participation and people having fun.

There was no other new business.

Announcements: President Seplak introduced Artie Martin, Region 5 First Vice President. Artie announced we will be going to Madison, Indiana, in September 2022. He plans to top the 2016 rally attendance at Madison, which was 51 rigs. There is a lot to see and do in and around Madison. He was able to negotiate a price, such that the rally fee may be \$200.00-\$225.00, including a buffet. He will also be working alongside Damon, to put together a Vintage rally, somewhere in Region 5. Artie asked if the board needs to vote on the Madison location? The response is Yes. President Seplak stated the board must vote on the location before you sign a contract with the fairgrounds. Artie said there is no contract, as the fairgrounds does business with a handshake. President Seplak stated we will continue with the announcements and then we will proceed with the vote on the Madison location for 2022. Next, Treasurer John Swearingen stated Madison is a really interesting town. If you haven't been to Madison, you will enjoy it. Working with the fairgrounds is really easy and they bend over backwards to work with us. From the treasurer's standpoint, as well as, a participant's view, I'm looking forward to going back to Madison. After the treasurer's report for this rally is finalized, I will send it to the President for his approval. Then Damon will post it to the Region 5 website. If anyone ever has any questions about the treasurer's report, please contact me and I will be happy to try to answer your questions. I had a really tough act to follow, as Ron Gordy was treasurer prior to me. He twisted my arm pretty badly to take this position when his health was failing. He was a really great guy. I miss him and think about him often. Next, Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen thanked her husband, John, for his technical support and for being her sounding board. She could not do this job without his help. Susan thanked President Seplak for his leadership these

past 2 years and thanked Chris and Nancy for the time and energies they have devoted to Region 5 these past 2 years, especially dealing with the events of Covid-19. They have put in a lot of sweat equity, and we have proof of that at this rally, and I offer my thanks. Next, Local Club Presidents made announcements pertaining to their clubs. There were no other announcements. President Seplak thanked everyone for serving.

Item #4, under New Business – Region 5 First Vice President Artie Martin made a motion to approve the location of the 2022 Region 5 Rally at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madison, Indiana. Dates of the rally are September 14-18, 2022. There will be early arrival parking. Judy Rice, President Indiana Airstream Club, seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no other business, President Seplak adjourned the meeting at 11:06 A.M. EDT/10:06 A.M. CDT.

Susan M. Swearingen, WBAC #4482
Recording Secretary 2021
Region 5 of WBAC

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Addendum to Community Service Report

The total monies raised from cash donations, the silent auction, the 50/50 drawing, and the Sunday morning offering for The Beaman Home was \$1,162.00. A check, in the amount of \$1,162.00, was presented to Dr. Jennifer Hays, Executive Director of The Beaman Home, on Sunday morning.

In addition, many donated items were also given to Dr. Hays, which included paper towels, garbage bags, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, towels/washcloths, a compact refrigerator, microwave, and other items too numerous to mention. Dr. Hays was greatly impressed by the generosity of the Region 5 Airstreamers.

Once again, Airstreamers have left a very favorable impact on the community they visited.

Nancy Seplak WBAC #246
First Lady Region 5 of WBAC
Community Chairperson 2021 – Warsaw, Indiana

Copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.