

Region 5
Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2017 9:02 A.M.
Kentucky Horse Park Campground
Lexington, Kentucky

Region 5 President Artie Martin called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen read the names of six (6) members who had died since the 2016 Region 5 Rally. This was followed by the invocation given by President Artie Martin, Kentucky Airstream Unit.

Second Vice President Christopher Seplak, Indiana Unit, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen called the roll of board members:

Board Members:

President	Artie Martin	Present
1 st Vice President	Bob Whitesell	Present
2 nd Vice President	Christopher Seplak	Present
Recording Secretary	Susan Swearingen	Present
Treasurer	John Swearingen	Present
Past Region President	Monte Barksdale	Present
Parliamentarian	Steve Broering	Absent
President Central Indiana Unit	Darryl Baldwin	Present
President Illinois Lincolnland Unit	Monte Barksdale	
The President of Illinois Lincolnland will not be seated at this time, as he is		
Past Region President.	(Ann Leslie, Pro tem)	
President Indiana Unit	Branko Mijatovich (Nancy Seplak, Pro tem)	Absent
President KY Airstream Club	Bob Martin (David Peyton, Pro tem)	Absent
President Northern IL Airstream Club	Rick Wendorf	Present
President Southern Indiana Unit	Larry Abrams	Present

President Martin stated there is a quorum.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 16, 2016 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. The minutes were approved as posted and distributed.

Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report: President Martin stated membership is growing in the region, as well as, attendance at the region rallies. He anticipates these trends will continue into the future.

Treasurer's Report: John Swearingen reported the checking account balance, as of July 1, 2017, the first day of Region 5's fiscal year, was \$7,626.44. The Federal Tax Return for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 has been filed and accepted by the IRS. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed. President Martin thanked John for his work. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Correspondence: There was one item of correspondence – Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen read her resignation letter, which included her thanks to President Martin, and Past Region 5 Presidents Louise Humble, Barry Bell, and Monte Barksdale for the trust placed in her and for the opportunity to serve. President Martin thanked Susan for her 8 years of service to the region.

Standing Committee Reports

Rally Report: President Martin stated the rally is going well and he reminded everyone of the times for the tours today, as well as the dinner tonight, at the Horse Park. In addition, the activities for Community Service fundraising will continue after dinner tonight.

Membership: Sam Smith, Region 5 Membership Chairman, Southern Indiana Unit, is unable to be at this rally. His report was read by Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen. WBCCI Headquarters issues two reports on a frequent basis. The first report lists all new WBCCI members including their address, e-mail address and telephone number. Similar information is issued monthly on new Airstream owners. I send an e-mail to each person on the lists that has an Indiana, Illinois or Kentucky address. The e-mail includes specific information relative to a new Airstream owner or a new WBCCI member, along with Internet links for WBCCI, Region 5 and our local units. Someone in each of our units should also be receiving these reports and should be in contact with each of these new owners or new members in their respective unit areas. If your unit is not receiving these reports, please contact Lori Plummer, WBCCI Headquarters. There were no questions. President Martin thanked Sam for his report and for his service. President Martin announced Sam has tendered his resignation as Membership Chairman and this position needs to be filled, as we move forward. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Caravans: Barry Bell, Central Indiana Unit, Region 5 Caravan Chairman, International 1st Vice President and Past Region 5 President, gave a verbal report. When he was gathering information for his report from the units/clubs, he realized there was some confusion, as to what constituted a unit/club caravan, for the purpose of his report. There are sanctioned unit/club caravans sponsored by the International Club. These are numbered caravans. The International Club also

encourages units/clubs to have caravans, which are unnumbered caravans. This is where the confusion comes in. There are a few rules governing these unnumbered caravans: 1. These caravans must have at least 2 nights of camping on the way to a destination. 2. These caravans must also be recorded in the units'/clubs' business meeting minutes, that the caravans will take place. This is required so that the unit/club caravan is covered by the International Club's liability insurance. This insurance covers a variety of items, i.e., if a parker is assisting you and you back over an electrical box, the International Club's insurance would cover the electrical box repair. Barry stated this region rally is a sponsored event, noted in our region business meeting minutes, and therefore, is covered by International Club's insurance. Southern Indiana Unit conducted a unit caravan to Wright-Patterson Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and then attended the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio. Barry is currently working with some of the other units/clubs in the region, to determine whether they had unit/club caravans or not. In addition, Barry will give information to Louise Humble, Newsletter Editor, to be printed in the region newsletter outlining criteria for unnumbered unit/club caravans and criteria for the unnumbered unit/club caravans to be covered by International Club's insurance. As a result, Barry is withholding his written report at this time. There were no questions.

Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret: Artie Martin, Contributing Editor, Region 5 President stated Region 5 has had an article in every issue of the Blue Beret this year, except one, which was due to heavy work load and time constraints. For each month's issue, there is a deadline of 6 weeks before publication. President Martin stated he uses the Blue Beret platform to talk about upcoming rallies, hints and information about Airstreams, and to express his views of the importance the club. He indicated this works best when the units/clubs share their activities with him. He will continue to write articles for the Blue Beret, at least through the end of his presidency next summer. He thanked Patsy Marston for her input she shared from the Central Indiana Unit activities. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Community Service: Due to the lack of a volunteer, President Martin has acted as Chairman for Community Service for this rally. He initially wanted Old Friends Horse Farm to benefit as our Community Service project this year. However, the current hurricane situations in Texas and Florida present a dilemma. Therefore, we will split our fundraising this year, equally, between Old Friends Horse Farm and the American Red Cross. The fundraising will include a raffle of items, lollipop pull, "horse" races and Sunday morning church offering. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Legislative: Chairman John Green, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, reported on legislative and governmental actions and significant general RV business topics, as well as, specifics for Airstream, their parent corporation, Thor, and other RV businesses. A review of current laws in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky shows Illinois is the only state where using a hand-held cell phone while driving is unlawful. All 3 states cite texting while driving as unlawful and enforcement is primary, meaning a law enforcement officer may ticket the driver for this infraction alone. In the event of an accident, state laws in all 3 states allow a law enforcement officer to seize the driver's cell phone to determine if the device was being used for talk or text activity at the time of the accident. Thor Industries, parent of Airstream, Inc., recently posted a stellar year in revenue, \$4.6 billion, a 14.4% increase for the same period in 2016. At Airstream,

business is very good. Even after the large plant addition coming on line last year, moving production from 49 units per week to 90 units per week, a 6-month backlog for orders is the current condition. Airstream employees now number over 800, up from 269 in 2012. John also noted that just Tuesday, Airstream announced a new product, Atlas. Atlas is a somewhat modified Class B to C product, built on a Sprinter cut-away chassis. The Atlas has an all new box on it, including a slide-out. John announced he is tendering his resignation, after 8 years of service and thanked President Martin for the opportunity to serve. President Martin thanked John for his 8 years of dedication to the region. This is another position, for which we need a replacement. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Newsletter Editor: Editor Louise Humble, Illinois Lincolnland Unit, is unable to attend this rally. Her report was read by Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen. The Region 5 newsletter has maintained its regular schedule of four issues per year, being sent to every Region 5 member who has an email address on file with headquarters in Jackson Center. The newsletter is also sent to headquarters, which is responsible for sending it on to the members of the Executive Committee. In addition to publishing four issues of the newsletter, Louise is also responsible for forwarding any digital communications from the Region 5 President to the members, of which there are several during the course of the year. Louise thanked four members who submit regular articles for the newsletter: Artie Martin, Bob Whitesell, Chris Seplak and Carol White. These submissions are very important in creating an informative publication. Louise thanked President Martin for allowing her to serve. President Martin thanked Louise for her service as Newsletter Editor. He stated she is a "brick", that is part of a pillar, a tower, that he has leaned on as 1st Vice President and now as President. Louise is a wealth of information, wonderful to work with and I was really disappointed she couldn't be here. But I do so look forward to continuing having her as our Newsletter Editor. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Religious Services: Currently, Region 5 does not have a chaplain. In the absence of a chaplain, a report was read by Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen. President Martin stated we are looking for a candidate(s) to fill the chaplain vacancy. There were no questions. A copy of the written report is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

Webmaster: Webmaster Damon Beals, Central Indiana Unit, is unable to attend this rally and no report was received.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Motions for unit name changes. President Martin stated we have already had 2 motions approved at the July 2017 Escanaba, Michigan, International Board of Trustees meeting, where the Kentucky Unit's name was changed to Kentucky Airstream Club and the Northern Illinois Unit's name was changed to Northern Illinois Airstream Club. There is currently discussion that the Indiana units will be changing their names, or at least considering name changes. If/when that is determined, motions will need to be written and submitted in a timely manner, in order to be given consideration at the winter International Board of Trustees meeting in Sarasota, Florida, in January 2018. After today's business meeting is adjourned, I will meet

with the 3 unit presidents/representatives of Indiana, to discuss possible unit name changes, so that we may move forward.

There was no other new business.

Announcements: Region 5 1st Vice President Bob Whitesell stated we are a club of volunteers and we have a number of vacancies to fill. Perhaps a list of the vacancies could be published in the next Region 5 Newsletter; and, at the same time, request volunteers for those positions. Bob stated we need volunteers to keep our region working. Bob said his plan for the September 2018 Region 5 Rally is to go to Springfield, Illinois, to the State Fairgrounds. Dates for the rally are being moved up a week and will be September 5 – September 9, 2018. More information will be forthcoming. Next, Region 5 2nd Vice President Christopher Seplak thanked everyone for their support in electing him 2nd Vice President. As many have already said today, we absolutely need more volunteers to make this region operate. In closing, Chris promised to do his very best for the region. Next, Region 5 Treasurer John Swearingen—no comment. Next, Region 5 Recording Secretary Susan Swearingen thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. There is a lot of work that goes into the preparation for this rally and Artie and Pam have certainly stepped up to the plate for this rally. We can thank them for all the wonderful decorations and ideas they had for this rally. Most of all, thank you to my husband, John, for his technical support and advice. Next, Region 5 Past President Monte Barksdale stated this is his final official duty as a region officer and he thanked everyone for their support. He reiterated the importance of volunteers to our region and encouraged all to be active participants. Next, Unit Presidents/Representatives made announcements pertaining to their units, as well as, shared ideas about what worked at their rallies this year. In closing, President Martin thanked Sam Smith, John Green, and Susan Swearingen for the dedication they have given the club. There were no other announcements.

Adjournment: There being no other business, President Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Susan M. Swearingen, Recording Secretary

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