

Region 5
Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
September 29, 2018 7:57 P.M.
Maldaner's Restaurant
Springfield, Illinois

Immediately prior to the opening of the meeting, Region 5 President Bob Whitesell installed Christopher Seplak, Indiana Airstream Club, as Region 5 First Vice President.

Region 5 President Bob Whitesell, Northern Illinois Airstream Club, called the meeting to order at 7:57 P.M.

Region 5 Recording Secretary Teresa Murray, Northern Illinois Airstream Club, is absent. In her absence, Susan Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, is Acting Recording Secretary. Acting Recording Secretary Swearingen read the names of three (3) members who had died since the 2017 Region 5 Rally. This was followed by the invocation given by President Whitesell.

Region 5 First Vice President Christopher Seplak, Indiana Airstream Club, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Acting Recording Secretary Swearingen called the roll of board members:

Board Members:

President	Bob Whitesell	Present
1 st Vice President	Christopher Seplak	Present
2 nd Vice President	This office is vacant	
Recording Secretary	Teresa Murray	Absent
Treasurer	John Swearingen	Present
Past Region President	Artie Martin	Absent
Parliamentarian	This office is vacant	
President Central Indiana Airstream Club	Chris Dillow	Absent
	(Dan Beck, 2 nd Vice President, Pro tem)	
President Indiana Airstream Club	Branko Mijatovich	Absent
	(Nancy Seplak, 2 nd Vice President, Pro tem)	
President Kentucky Airstream Club	David Peyton	Absent
	No representative for Kentucky Airstream Club	
President Northern Illinois Airstream Club	John Sanders	Absent
	(Dolores Mayo, 1 st Vice President, Pro tem)	
President Southern Indiana Unit	John Hays	Absent
	No representative for Southern Indiana Unit	

President WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland
Airstream Club

Ann Leslie
(Monte Barksdale, Past President, Pro tem)

Absent

President Whitesell stated there is a quorum.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 15, 2017 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 Whitesell stated membership continues to grow in the region. Airstream sales are at an all-time high. I receive regular reports, from International, with the names of new members and their respective clubs/units, as well as, the names of new Airstream owners, who have not joined WBCCI. It is absolutely amazing, to see how many Airstreams are being sold, compared to 10 or 15 years ago. The Club is certainly growing. For it to continue to succeed, we need to adapt how we do things, to attract and retain members. We want members involved, attending rallies, at all levels, and seeking leadership roles. That is my goal and should be the goal of all of us.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Swearingen, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club, reported the checking account balance, as of July 1, 2018, the first day of Region 5's fiscal year, was \$7,697.08. The Internal Revenue Service Electronic Postcard Form 990-N for Fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 has been filed and accepted by the IRS. Last year's rally, 2017, at the Kentucky Horse Park, had total income of \$17,144.44, total expenses of \$16,946.30, for a surplus of \$198.14. There were no questions. President Whitesell stated this rally is in the black and he thanked everyone for that. I appreciate all the work John does throughout the year, as well as, at this rally. 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: President Whitesell gave a verbal report. He stated coming here, and in preparation for this rally, I had a fair amount of anxiety, as I like things to go well. I was disappointed, in some respects, with the turnout. But, at the same time, I am personally elated how it turned out. The weather was wonderful, our camp sites were great, as were our meals. With so much to see and do in the area, I hope you took advantage of it. This evening has been a nice way to conclude the rally. I feel we have all had a great time and I hope you feel the same way.

Membership: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Membership Chairperson. This is a position we need to fill. There is no written report. President Whitesell stated he receives regular membership reports, which he will begin forwarding to 1st Vice President Seplak. See the information in the above Rally Report. David Mayo, Northern Illinois Airstream Club, stated currently, there are approximately 234 members in Region 5.

Caravans: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Caravan Chairperson. This is a position to be filled. There is no written report. President Whitesell read Past Caravan Chairman Barry Bell's revised caravan report, which was an addendum to the September 15, 2017 Region 5 annual meeting minutes and was posted on the Region 5 website. It states in part, "First of all, I would like to clarify the requirements for an un-numbered unit caravan. First, it must have two overnight stops. Second, it must include at least three nights of camping. Also, it should be recorded in your unit/club minutes or newsletter, in order, to be covered by WBCCI insurance".

Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret. There is no written report. President Whitesell stated he is submitting articles to the Blue Beret. Articles are to be submitted once a month. If someone is interested in helping with this, please let me know. Otherwise, I will continue to submit articles, so that Region 5 is represented. WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club representative Monte Barksdale reminded all Region 5 clubs/units to submit copies of their newsletters to President Whitesell, for items to use in his articles. President Whitesell stated this would be very helpful and make the articles more meaningful.

Community Service: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Community Service Chairperson. There is no written report.

Legislative: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Legislative Chairperson. There is no written report. President Whitesell stated business at Airstream, and its parent company, Thor Industries, is booming. Airstream is breaking ground for a new 750,000 square foot facility in Jackson Center, Ohio. First Vice President Seplak stated Thor Industries has purchased a RV manufacturer in Germany. Thor Industries will then become the largest manufacturer of recreational vehicles in the world.

Newsletter Editor: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Newsletter Editor. This is another position we need to fill. There is no written report.

Religious Services: Currently, Region 5 does not have a Chaplain. There is no written report. President Whitesell stated we need a volunteer to fill the chaplain vacancy. If someone would like to volunteer for this role, please see me. In the absence of a chaplain, we will not be having a church service tomorrow. Rather, everyone is invited to attend a church of their choice tomorrow. See listing of churches in goody bag.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: President Whitesell stated he has not received any items of new business to be presented to the board. President Whitesell recognized 1st Vice President Seplak. First Vice President Seplak had earlier distributed copies of Motion/Item No 1 to the board members. First Vice President Seplak stated I am proposing Motion 1. “I move that Region 5 set up a sub committee of Immediate Past President Artie Martin, WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club Incoming President Susan Swearingen, and Region 5 1st Vice President Christopher Seplak to investigate and create a Region 5 Policy Document. To bring it back to the board to be voted on by the 2019 Region 5 board meeting or sooner if necessary. Rationale: To better communicate the policies of Region 5 between the clubs/units and Region 5 officers. Financial impact: No financial impact”. 1st Vice President Seplak stated Past Region President Artie Martin, prior to the end of his term, had a discussion with International Standing Committee Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws, Tom Smithson. Chairman Smithson said all regions should have a region policy, as regions do not have constitutions and bylaws. Currently, 6 regions have policies and 6 regions do not. We have checked and have been unable to locate any policy for Region 5. So, we are trying to get updated. Basically, the policy would describe the range of dates for future Region 5 rallies. It might also include job descriptions for the Region 5 officers and a description of the Region 5 flag/logo. It is not meant to be a handbook. What I am proposing is the sub committee create a new policy for Region 5, so that the clubs/units have a better understanding of what Region 5 does. President Whitesell interjected that he anticipates the next region rally will be held the 3rd week of September. Discussion followed. It was suggested that President Whitesell be made a member of the sub committee. President Whitesell agreed to do so. Northern Illinois Airstream Club representative Dolores Mayo made a motion to initiate the sub committee. WBCCI Illinois Lincolnland Airstream Club representative Monte Barksdale seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy of Motion/Item No 1 is attached to the Secretary’s minutes.

Next, 1st Vice President Seplak had earlier distributed copies of Motion/Item No 2 to the board members. Indiana Airstream Club representative Nancy Seplak stated “I move that Region 5 1st Vice President Christopher Seplak has approval to sign an agreement with the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN for the dates of September 16th to September 20th, 2020 for the 2020 Region 5 Rally. Rationale: To reserve the building. Financial impact: Cost of the downpayment for the building”. Discussion followed. Northern Illinois Airstream Club representative Dolores Mayo seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy of Motion/Item No 2 is attached to the Secretary’s minutes. 1st Vice President Seplak said Columbus is a city well known for its varied architecture. There will be tours and lots of things to see and do. Columbus has an outlet mall, and nearby is Nashville in Brown County, with a multitude of shops.

There was no other new business.

Announcements: As President Whitesell stated previously, Region 5 still has some open positions, for which we are seeking volunteers. I would especially like a volunteer for the Newsletter Editor position. If you would please consider this or any of the other open positions, please see me. As everyone says, this Club is run by volunteers, and that is what we need. I appreciate all the help from the officers, staff, and clubs/units’ presidents/representatives, and

thank them for their commitment to the Region, to keep things moving successfully. Next, Treasurer Swearingen thanked everyone for attending the rally. We are all volunteers and we always have a good time, every place we go, wherever it is. We have had an opportunity to see things, we probably wouldn't have seen, had we not had a reason to stop there and spend a few days. We'll look forward to next year, wherever it is, and, hopefully, we will have more people next year. The more, the merrier. Next, Acting Recording Secretary Swearingen – no comment. President Whitesell thanked Susan for filling in for Teresa Murray, who could not attend the rally. Next, Club/Unit Presidents/Representatives made announcements pertaining to their clubs/units, as well as, shared ideas about what worked at their rallies this year. There were no other announcements.

Adjournment: There being no other business, President Whitesell adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Susan M. Swearingen, Acting Recording Secretary
Region 5 WBCCI

Following adjournment, door prizes were distributed.