

Oregon Airstream Club
Zoom Board Meeting
Jan. 17, 2023

Present: President Chris Wagner, 1st. VP Janet Schober, 2nd VP Ruby Troncin, Treasurer Stacey Rovinelli, Secretary Norma Massier, Director Buzz & Lynn Blick, Director Bryan and Michelle Stewart, Director Cindy Muir, Director Brenda Leppo, Past President Carol Dion, Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett, Membership Chair John Roll, Caravan & Outreach Chair Mark Babcock, Newsletter Chair Rhonda Levine, Webmaster Bob Crummett, Social Media Chair Amy D'Abbraccio

Quorum established

President's Message: Chris welcomed new Board Members to the first meeting of the year and thanked Carol Dion for helping to make his transition to President an easy one. He also thanked Mike Burnett, Bob Crummett and Janet Schober for all the work they have done in producing the 2023 Rally Handbook and getting Jotform ready for rally registrations. The handbook will be mailed to all members in the coming week. Chris introduced Mark Babcock as our club's Caravan Coordinator.

Treasurer Report: The year end report was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting. Stacey noted that the Rally Account came out ahead for 2022 and we are in good financial position. The club brunch also had a positive balance. All credit card balances are paid in full at this time. For new members of the Board Stacey noted that our fiscal year ends in September. All necessary tax forms will be filed as required. The Club's positive account balances enables us to reserve and pay for camping sites prior to any actual rally. Many clubs do not have this ability. Stacey notes that when rally registration opens there will be an influx of funds but this will always ebb and flow based on expenses throughout rally season.

Membership Report: The year end report was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting. John Roll reported that currently the Oregon Airstream Club has approximately 726 members. Again, this is an ever changing number as new members join or some do not renew their membership. He notes we have a lot of new affiliates due to the success our club enjoys. There was a discussion as to whether or not regular members should have earlier access than affiliates to rally registration. It was noted that Inland Washington Club allows regular members to sign up early for registration for 2 weeks and then opens registration for affiliates. We do not have data as to whether or not that has been a problem for the club. This year rally hosts are asked not to delete anything from the Jotform registration forms so that we can begin to collect data. The rights of affiliates are clearly noted in our Bylaws and affiliates have all rights except to vote or hold office in the Club. They pay the same amount of dues as a regular member to the Oregon Airstream Club. It is noted that dues vary among the clubs. Washington Airstream Club dues are \$25/year while Oregon Club dues are \$15 and this amount has not changed for over 10 years.

Rally Coordinator Report: The year end report was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting. Mike Burnett reported that at this time we have 27 fully confirmed camping sites. Five rallies need to be booked. The Kayak Rally is still in need of a host. It was suggested that we look at who registers for this rally and see if one of the registrants is willing to host. The other alternative is that it becomes an unhosted Rally. Pelton Park Rally hosts were identified at this year's brunch. Mike stressed the importance of allowing him to make cancellations or additions to sites with individual parks to avoid problems. Mike, Janet, and Bob completed two host orientations the day before today's Board Meeting via Zoom. The sessions were well attended.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: The year end report was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting. Norma Massier requested that the Board approve amendments to our Bylaws as requested by Airstream Club International related to a) removal of Delegates section and b) change in verbiage related to Treasurer responsibilities. These are necessary following changes approved by the International Board on the Airstream Club International's executive structure. The motion passed.

Newsletter Committee Report: The year end report was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting. Rhonda Levine notes that 'things are beginning to flow' more easily in her third year on the committee and her first year as Chair. She noted that Donna Thorson has been added as a regularly contributing reporter and thanked all the Board Members who have a recurring column as well as members of the committee.

Nominating Committee Report: The committee is 'dormant' at present. Janet suggested that it be activated sooner than 90 days prior to elections. She will verify with committee members that they are willing to serve this year.

Webmaster Report: Bob reported he is currently working on getting the Jotform registrations ready. A lively discussion ensued regarding when the rally hosts are allowed to register for their rally, when they are allowed to register for their bonus rallies, and when the general membership registration opens. The Board agreed that hosts should register for rallies they are hosting on Jan. 23rd., then register for their 'bonus' rallies on Jan. 24th. General registration will open on Jan. 25th. Hosts and general membership will be notified via an e-mail of the change in the registration process. Registration will open at 8 a.m. on those dates. Bob notes that it will take several minutes to open registrations as each rally must be opened separately. It was suggested that next year we consider having host sites blocked i.e., if a rally has 15 sites then only 14 are advertised as being available, one is reserved for the host. Bob requested current Board Members forward a photo of themselves for upload to the officer section on the Oregon Airstream Club's website.

Caravan Coordinator Report: Mark has recently attended training in his new role and has worked with Kathy Geese to organize the three caravans from our club that are going to the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming in June. The wagon masters have been identified. It was noted that the last caravan the Oregon Club had was with Bruce Sorte and his 4 Corners of Oregon. Apparently there had been one other caravan in 2010. Janet mentioned that Airstream Club International would like more emphasis to be placed on caravan development for local Clubs. Norma noted that as new rallies or caravans are planned for our local club that the Board needs to approve them to ensure that liability coverage occurs.

Director Reports:

Buzz Blick: Encouraged members to upload their photo on Airstream Club International. Bob noted that the International photos will populate on our website.

Brenda Leppo: Portland area monthly coffees are resuming. The invites go out to 240 members.

Cindy Muir and Stewarts: No report

New Business

Committee assignments:

Nominating Committee: Janet will continue as chair and will verify with Terri Warren that she is willing to continue on committee. Rhonda agrees to continue. Janet suggested that it may be better to initiate the committee earlier than 90 days prior to elections

Newsletter Committee: Rhonda believes current committee members...Geoff Cox, Norma Massier, Florence Trameni, Janet Schober, and Donna Thorson and herself are willing to continue to serve.

Constitution/Bylaws: Norma Massier, Rhonda Levine, and Judy Smith are willing to continue to serve.

Board approves committee assignments by unanimous vote.

Date when new officers assume their role. It has been proposed that OAC officers be elected each September or October and assume their duties on the date of their installation. Currently our officers assume their positions in January following the election. This will require a vote by the entire membership and could be added to the Jotform ballot for officer election. According to Region 10 President, Kathy Geese, this is in line with all other Region 10 clubs. The Board approved the proposal.

Request from International for local clubs to develop a pet policy: President Chris Wagner was notified by our Region 10 President that we are strongly encouraged to develop such policy that is in line with Airstream Club International. Concerns from rally hosts and the general membership in several clubs has led to this request. Kathy Geese has provided background material and her own research to help Clubs craft the new policy. Carol Dion moved that we accept the policy as put forth by International and the motion was adopted by the Board. Ruby Troncin volunteered to help draft a policy for the Oregon Airstream Club which will then be reviewed by the Board. The entire membership will need to be notified once this is enacted. It is part of the Board's responsibility to define policies for the Club per our Constitution.

Dues Increase for 2024: Dues have not increased for our club in over 10 years. Kathy Geese has noted that average dues for Region 10 vary from \$15-\$25. OAC dues are \$15. A potential increase in dues would help cover the cost of printing and mailing the rally handbook. This year we paid \$838. The 2023 Handbook was professionally printed. In the past this was an all volunteer project which took a large amount of volunteer time, effort, and personal printer use to get the book into the mail. Janet Schober and Mike Burnett have been instrumental in producing this year's Handbook and it should be in the hands of the Membership within the week. The Board approved a motion to increase dues from \$15 to \$18 in 2024.

Rally Host and Bonus Rally Registration: The Board discussed the perception that allowing hosts to sign up early for rallies decreases the chance of the general membership from getting into a rally. Cindy Muir reminded the Board that Bonus Rallies were a concept developed at a time when the Oregon Airstream Club was having difficulty getting enough hosts. Previously the Board had agreed to allow two Bonus Rallies for every rally hosted. This year we have had an increase in the number of co-hosts. A few of the rallies have 3 co-hosts. A decision to possibly cap the number of Bonus Rallies will be continued at a later Board meeting, but, no change will be made this year.

Date of Next Board Meeting: April 25, 2023. Zoom invitations will be sent prior to the meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Norma Massier
OAC Secretary