

Oregon Airstream Club Board Meeting
July 25, 2023
Via Zoom

Present: President Chris Wagner, 1st VP Janet Schober, 2nd VP Ruby Troncin, Secretary Norma Massier, Treasurer Stacey Rovinelli, Directors: Buzz Blick, Brenda Leppo, Cindy Muir Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett, Caravan Coordinator Mark Babcock, Newsletter Chair Rhonda Levine, Social Media Chair Amy D'Abbraccio, Webmaster Bob Crummett, Membership Chair David & Linda Doughty

Excused: Past President Carol Dion, Director Bryan & Michelle Stewart

The meeting was called to order by Chris Wagner and a quorum was established.

The minutes of the April 25th Board meeting were previously approved via e-mail vote.

President: Chris thanked everyone for all of the work the Board has done. He believes all of the rallies have been going well and thanked Mike Burnett for his efforts in making this a successful rally season.

Reports: Reports by the Treasurer, Rally Coordinator, and Nominating Committee Chair and Newsletter Chair were distributed to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. Additional questions and input are noted below.

Treasurer: The Board discussed the reasons that some rallies were over budget and ways to ameliorate in the future. Mike and Stacey explained that a) we experienced several last minute cancellations with resultant incurred costs, b) some rallies had several openings which we were unable to fill, c) miscommunication from the campground contributed to one being over budget d) and in at least one instance the campground did not adhere to their cancellation policy. Monitoring of data will continue in the coming year.

Stacey confirmed that the Club is in a very stable economic position which allows us to pre-book rally sites. The Board agreed that it might be helpful for Stacey to write an article for the newsletter explaining to all members that there is an ebb and flow of the bank balances. For security purposes the itemized Treasurer report is never published on our website.

Buzz asked about the increase in the storage unit fees, what is in the unit, who uses it etc. Stacey reported that the increased fee is due to requirement that insurance is now required for all contents. Mark Babcock has inventoried the contents and noted that recently the Club purchased a second coffee pot utilized by Rally Hosts. Janet discussed that Mike Burnett covers the contents of storage facility (which is available to all rally hosts) in the orientation booklet he developed "Rally Host Guidelines and Responsibilities" Janet also noted that the process for obtaining the equipment may need to be tweaked as we often have overlapping rallies.

Rally Coordinator: Mike discussed the challenges of securing State Park reservations in the state of Washington. He has confirmations for 13 rallies for the coming year and since submitting his report to the Board has also added an additional Newbie Rally. The Board approved the following rallies for 2024: Sea Perch #1 Rally, Seafood Rally, Bay Point Rally, Old Stone Wine Rally, Gorge Brews & Blues Rally, Elk Meadows Rally, Crater Lake Rally, Wooden Boat Rally, Pendleton Roundup, Lake Simtustus Rally, Sea and Sand Rally, Sea Perch #2 Rally, Sandcastle Rally, and Newbie Rally.

Nominating Committee: Janet reported Rachel Collins is now confirmed as 2nd VP candidates. The candidates for the two open Candidates for Director positions are David & Linda Doughty sharing a position as well assuming Membership Coordinator role, and Mike Burnett who will continue in his role as Rally Coordinator. Gary Crumley is confirmed as candidate for Secretary.

Janet has contacted Cindy Muir as a potential Chair of next year's Nominating Committee.

The Board discussed a proposal for one Director position with Membership Chair responsibilities and one Director position with Rally Coordinator responsibilities. Elected officers have a vote on the Board, Committee Chairs are appointed by the President and do not vote. After careful deliberation the Board voted to shelve the proposal at this time.

Caravan Coordinator: Mark reported that he is in process of recruiting potential caravan leaders and has identified three OAC members who are interested. There is also interest in having one National Caravan originating with our Club in addition to the National Rally at Pendleton.

New Business:

Membership Chair: Chris announced he has appointed David & Linda Doughty to replace John Roll as Co-Membership Chairs.

Charitable Donation: Mike reported that the three caravans to the International Rally in Wyoming had an excess of \$945. He requested the Board approve a recommendation to donate \$900 to the Red Desert Humane Society in Rock Springs and \$45 to Oregon Airstream Club. The Board approved his recommendation.

MailChimp Administrators: With the departure of John Roll (who held responsibilities for sending out not only the OAC Newsletter but also all notifications to the General Membership of our club), Mike Burnett, Janet Schober and David & Linda Doughty will share the responsibility of administrating the Mail Chimp Account.

Rally Host Bonus Rallies: The Board discussed allowing rally hosts to register early for one (proposed) versus two (current) rallies for each rally they host. A review of data regarding rally registration in the past year revealed that many hosts did not use all of their 'bonus rally' opportunities. The Board has received input from Club members that they could not get in to any rallies and there was a perception that because they were not hosts they could not participate. Janet noted that there were few abuses to early registration but that will continue to monitor in the coming year. The Board voted to decrease 'bonus rally' early registration to one for each rally that one hosts. The Board also agreed that if a rally is co-hosted...then each co-host can register for one bonus rally.

2024 Dues Increase: The Board discussed how to notify the general membership re the Board approved dues increase of \$3 for the coming year. This increase was approved in January 2023 and is meant to cover the cost of printing and distributing the popular Rally Handbook. Chris will include the notification in the September newsletter.

Date of next Board Meeting: October Year End Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by Chris.

Respectfully submitted
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