

Oregon Airstream Club Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
October 7, 2023
Silver Cove RV Resort
Year End Meeting

Members Present: President Chris Wagner, 1st VP Janet Schober, 2nd VP Ruby Troncin, Past President Carol Dion, Treasurer Stacey Rovinelli, Secretary Norma Massier, Directors: Buzz & Lynn Blick, Bryan & Michelle Stewart, Brenda Leppo, Committee Chairs: Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett, Membership Chair Linda & David Doughty, Social Media Chair Amy D'Abbraccio, Newsletter Chair Rhonda Levine, Webmaster Bob Crummett

Also in attendance: Incoming 2nd VP Rachel Collins, Incoming Secretary Gary Crumley, Region 10 President Florence Tramoni

Absent: Director Cindy Muir, Caravan Coordinator Mark Babcock

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Wagner and a quorum was established. It is noted that all Club members in attendance were invited to the Board meeting and actively participated in the discussion of agenda items. These minutes are therefore a combination of both the Board and the Membership meetings.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 25, 2023 Board meeting were approved by the Board via an e-mail vote in August 2023.

President: Chris thanked the members of the Board, Committee Chairs, and all volunteers of the Club who helped make the past year a very rewarding one. He said it was an honor to serve as our President and noted that the Oregon Airstream Club has continued to grow and be successful due to the contribution of so many members.

Treasurer: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. Stacey Rovinelli reporting. Stacey noted that a significant amount has already been utilized to reserve Rally sites for 2024. She works closely with Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett during the reservation process. Stacey also informed attendees re allocation of funds from both the Rally account and the Membership account and noted that more parks are requiring the Club pre-pay for the reservations. She also noted that though balances fluctuate throughout the year we remain a very financially stable Club. She also gave an overview of the financial donations the Club has made this past year including: City of Pendleton, Let 'Er Buck Cares Fund, Red Desert Humane Society, Tamastslit Cultural Center, and Wear It Pink Foundation.

Rally Coordinator: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. Mike Burnett reporting. Over 36 Rallies for the coming year are scheduled and there may possibly be a few more added. Mike has obtained Rally hosts for all of the Rallies as 'seasoned' and 'newbie' hosts/co-hosts have volunteered to serve. There is only one month (Feb.) in which no Rallies are scheduled for the Club. The Rally Handbook is in process and will also be available on line sometime in December. Hosts will be contacted prior to the end of October to write a Rally description for their Rally...or they may choose to use a previous description. He will be offering both morning and afternoon Host training sessions to all Rally Hosts. The Board approved in July to allow each Host to sign up for one (rather than two) 'Thank You' Rallies for each Rally they host. Passcodes will be provided to Hosts/Cohosts for Day 1 and Day 2. This year when Rally Registration begins Day 1 will open for Hosts to register for their Rally; Day 2 will open for Hosts to register for any Thank You rallies; and Day 3 will open for general registration. Rally Registration will open at 12 noon. This is a change from previous start times. He noted that if a

member is not getting Mail Chimp e-mails re Rally info that they that they may have inadvertently removed themselves from the mailing list or that the e-mails might be landing in their Junk file. Mike reminded all present that Hosts should be contacting him when rally sites need to be canceled to avoid a park inadvertently canceling the entire Rally sites. In addition, if a Host plans on arriving a day early that particular registration needs to be made by the Host and is in no way connected to actual Rally registration. Mike noted that there will be an early notification for registration for the Leak Test and St. Patty's Day Rally coming via Mail Chimp e-mail. The Board thanked Mike for negotiating great discounts with several parks.

Nominating Committee: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. Janet Schober reporting. The Nominating Committee was successful in recruiting candidates for all open positions on the Board and these candidates were elected via Jotform balloting prior to this Board meeting. Janet noted that Membership also voted to amend the Oregon Airstream Club's Constitution to change the date when new officers assume their duties. This year they will begin serving immediately after Installation. As 2024 President, Janet will step down as Chair of Nominating Committee and will identify new committee members and Chair at the January Board meeting.

Membership Coordinator: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. David & Linda Doughty reporting. We currently have 372 memberships and a total of 700 members. This includes both Regular & Affiliate Memberships. David noted that International Airstream Club has a new process for updating membership records which is making it easier for Membership Coordinators to access the records. Data is updated nightly. David maintains the mailing list for our club mailings and if a member has unsubscribed from the Mail Chimp list they will not be receiving notifications. He also noted that if any of our Affiliate members are designated 'Member At Large' they may also not be receiving notifications about Rallies, the Newsletter, etc. It may be an impetus for these members to select a specific club to ensure they receive notifications.

Newsletter Chair: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. Rhonda Levine reporting. Rhonda is pleased to report that more people are offering to serve as 'reporters' for the newsletter. There were six issues published last year. She notes that space is always held for the President, Rally Coordinator, and Membership Coordinator to contribute for each edition and notes that new features will be added in the coming year.

Bylaws Chair: Written report sent to Board prior to meeting. The Bylaws committee will be submitting the approved by Membership change to the Constitution related to when newly installed officers assume their duties in the coming months.

Social Media Chair: Amy D'Abbraccio notified the Board that she is in process of building a new Facebook group for the Oregon Airstream Club. The Board approved her request which will be accessible by only our members. There was also discussion about the availability of a Oregon Airstream Club YouTube channel which once existed. The channel has not been utilized for several years and might require a 'deep dive' to resurrect according to Bob Crummett.

Webmaster: Bob Crummett reported there have been 724 registrations processed in the previous year utilizing JotForm. The Club also uses this platform for balloting purposes. He notes that he cannot open every rally at once at 12 noon when the General Membership registers for Rallies. It takes a few minutes to open each rally so be patient if the Rally you want to register for is not one of the initial Rallies.

New Business:

Installation of Officers: Region 10 President Florence Tramoni presided over the installation of the following incoming officers of the Oregon Airstream Club: President Janet Schober, 1st VP Ruby Troncin, 2nd VP Rachel Collins, Secretary Gary Crumley, Director Mike Burnett, Director David & Linda Doughty (sharing the position).

Approval of 2024 Rally Calendar: The Board approved all Rallies as proposed by Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett.

Certification of Election of 2024 Officers & Constitution Change: After reviewing JotForm ballots, President Chris Wagner and Secretary Norma Massier certify the results and that a sufficient number of ballots were received.

Review of Pet Policy: Janet read the Board approved International Airstream Club Pet Policy which was adopted last year and explained in the Rally Handbook and printed in previous newsletters. There was a robust discussion from the Board as well as the General Membership. It was suggested that Jotform registration include a check box to verify that all registrants acknowledge the policy that all pets are not permitted in either indoor or outdoor dining areas at rallies. The Board approved this recommendation. It was noted that it is not ok to have your pet on a leash where food is being served or eaten. Comments were heard from attendees identifying that this policy has not been enforced at all rallies. It is not an expectation that Rally hosts serve as Pet Policy Police...but that with the exception of a 'service animal', attendees should be reminded that we do have a policy in place. In addition it was noted that all rally registrants need to adhere to park specific rules regarding pets. Some hosts related that a gentle reminder seemed sufficient in most cases.

Proposal for Fee for Those Who Pay by Check and Cancel: Stacey proposed and the Board approved this request after a robust discussion. The fee will be the same for all members no matter what method they pay. Historically, those who paid by check are not charged the same fees as those who pay through Jotform when they register. Now, everyone will pay the same fees. Both Stacey and Mike noted that there is a lot of extra work for both the Rally Coordinator and Treasurer when cancellations occur. A few people sign up for multiple rallies and then cancel before they occur. There are underallocated costs related to rental of facilities which still have to be paid by the club when members cancel. There were more than 150 cancellations that the Rally Coordinator and the Treasurer had to contend with in the previous year. They do understand that life intervenes in unexpected ways but the Club does bear some expense. A subcommittee will be formed in the coming year to determine if there are ways to decrease this number.

Changes in Dues to Oregon Airstream Club: The General Membership was informed of the Board approved increase in dues from \$15 to \$18. We have not had an increase in dues for over 10 years. Some local clubs charge \$25. The dues increase will be to cover the cost of production of the very popular Rally Handbook.

Board Appreciation: Our new President, Janet Schober, thanked the Board Members who are leaving their positions this year and thanked them for their years of service to our Board. Outgoing President Chris Wagner, Outgoing Secretary Norma Massier, Outgoing Directors Buzz & Lynn Blick and Brenda Leppo, Outgoing Past President Carol Dion.

Date of Next Meeting: Not yet determined.

Respectfully submitted,
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