

REGION 7 BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 4:09PM by President Ginger Slattery.

Roll Call was completed by Recording Secretary, Kay Olsson as follows:

President Ginger Slattery: present

1st VP Chris Olsson: present

2nd VP Chuck Zellermyer: present

Peace Garden President Larry Ruebel: present

Wisc-Up President Jim Guthrie: present

Minnesota President Vernon Petersen: present

Treasurer Cordell Woods: present

A quorum was declared.

Approval of previous minutes of 5/30/24 was completed via email on 6/1/24 and are posted on the R7 website.

Unfinished Business:

A summary of the new online R7 store was made by 1st VP Chris Olsson. The store is open with 14 items available to purchase with the R7 2024 Rally logo on them including tee shirts, mugs and sweatshirts. Items purchased on the website will be sent directly to the person ordering, with profit sent to the bank account of the R7 Club monthly. A link to the store was sent to the Board members and all current attendees of the Rally. Future plans include expanding the store items available with additional logos including the R7 logo.

Region Policies/Procedures/guidelines for Region 9 was sent to Board members as a possible guideline for developing Region specific policies for Region 7. Chris Olsson volunteered to go through the document and come up with a draft document for Region 7. Ginger suggested a committee be set up to review and revise the document with each Club sending a representative. Chris stated he will act on this after August 1st.

New Business:

Jane Carmichael requested the Region sponsor door prizes for the Mischief in Marquette Rally August 2024. It was suggested that one rally per Club be chosen via lottery to receive prize money with the amount of the donation not to exceed \$50. Following discussion by the members regarding

finances and the need for clearer financial policies of the Region, the decision was determined to be a “no”.

Ginger requested input from Chris and Vernon regarding their Installation at the Mischief in Marquette Rally in August 2024 as R7 President and 2nd VP respectively. Chris and Vernon both requested a more casual ceremony around a campfire. Region 7 will sponsor cake and ice cream following the ceremony.

Ginger brought up the Amendment vote currently in process by the International Club regarding the financial officer position. She requested everyone present encourage their contacts to vote on the amendment.

Larry brought up questions he had regarding the new agreement with Harvest Hosts portal for the Clubs’ courtesy parking program. Cost to Club? Per Ginger \$10,000 to design and set up. It is unknown whether this is an annual fee to the Club or a one-time charge. Chris stated he will check into it. The program is not up and running yet.

Vernon asked why the Treasurer is a member of the Executive Board at the individual Club level, but not at Region level. It was explained that this is per the International Club Constitution.

Ginger asked if the 1st rallies this summer went okay? Everyone replied in the affirmative.

Announcements:

Ginger stated a new Airstream dealership was opened in Marquette, MI earlier in the month. Ginger stated she was there as the Club Representative for the opening events. Those buying new Airstreams get a 1-year Explorer membership in the Airstream Club, Intl. Those receiving these memberships must still pay individual Club dues if they choose to join a specific local club during that first year. MN free rally certificate was brought up (first rally free after they join MN Club – only applies to the rally fee and not to additional expenses for the rally or camping fees).

A Zoom meeting in July was discussed, and the mutual decision by members was that it was not needed at this time.

Chris brought up that he will not be available for the August 22nd IBT meeting and requested that Chuck or Vernon attend. Chuck stated he can attend that day.

Ginger stated she has enjoyed being R7 President for the past 2 years. She suggested incoming Club presidents be invited to the next R7 Zoom meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Kay Olsson

Recording Secretary, Region 7

The minutes were approved via email by the Executive Board on 7/15/24

