



SOUTHEAST BUS NUTS

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Note: excluding routine motions for acceptance of minutes, treasurer reports, etc.

- November 1, 1997 Approved – Bylaws were changed to add a designation of “Associate Member” as 1) a member who does not meet the bus ownership requirements of Section 3, Paragraph A; 2) an Associate Member will have all benefits and responsibilities as a Full Member, except that an Associate Member will have no voting privileges and will not be eligible to hold any Chapter office.
- February 14, 1998 Approved – Small badges or tags will be made to identify hosts, co-hosts, helpers and indicating the year and place they served. (Further note, at the 10/31/98 meeting, it was mentioned these will be paid for by the chapter.)
- April 24, 1999 The minutes reflect that the “Board of Directors composed and presented a position statement as to “qualifying coaches”. There is no record in the minutes (as printed in the newsletter) as to the content of the position statement.
- Criteria for a meeting/rally location was stated as: 1) 50-60 sites with water and electric; 2) use of climate-controlled building; and 3) kitchen facility with tables and chairs for 100-125 people. [Note: this was changed on 2/15/2003 and again on 2/19/2005]
- October 30, 1999 Approved – Vote was made for giving a free rally to the newsletter editor in recognition for three years service in that capacity.
- April 29, 2000 Not approved – a proposal to amend the bylaws restricting new membership to bus owners using their current conversion, with current associate members being grandfathered and members who downsize could continue membership.
- Approved – Members who have not paid dues by February 1st are delinquent and will be dropped from the roster. [Note: previous delinquent date was April 1st.] [Further note: delinquency date changed back to April

1st due to FMCA requirements incorporated in new bylaws adopted October, 2006.]

Approved – the Chapter will continue subsidizing future rallies by \$10 per registered coach until the treasury balance reaches \$1,000. [Note: this was changed to \$2,000 by vote on 10/28/2000]

Approved – the Chapter will provide \$100 per rally from the treasury for the purchase of a maximum of five door prizes; and this motion will remain in effect until the treasury is drawn down to \$1,000. [See note above re minimum treasury balance of \$2,000]

October 28, 2000 Approved – 1) the \$10 subsidy approved 4/29/2000 is to apply only to those current members of the club in good standing as of February 1st; and 2) the \$1,000 treasury balance previously approved was changed to \$2,000.

February 10, 2001 Approved – Change in bylaws to provide that the election of officers will take place at the October rally instead of the April rally.

Approved – the February rally should be held on the weekend following the FMCA SEA's rally to avoid conflicting dates. [Note: this was rescinded 2/23/2002]

October 27, 2001 Approved – the Chapter will pay all rally fees for the newsletter editor. [Note: this was rescinded on 11/01/2003]

Approved – the cost of badges is to be submitted by new members along with the applications; badges for new members to be ordered by the Secretary.

February 23, 2002 Approved – Forget about trying to accommodate the dates of the FMCA SEA rally held in February each year.

February 15, 2003 Approved – If a member is in good standing at the time of his death, his widow should continue to receive newsletters and any other correspondence at the chapter's expense.

Approved – As a criterium for rally facilities, there must at least be a building to accommodate the members but no requirement for other services (i.e. water, sewer and electric). [Note this requirement was abandoned by motion on 2/19/2005]

April 26, 2003 Approved – the Chapter will reimburse the chapter chaplain for the purchase of greeting cards for sick members.

- November 1, 2003 Approved – In a continuing effort to reduce the treasury balance, the chapter will absorb the 2004 membership dues for members in good standing.
- Approved – motion to rescind the policy of paying rally fees for the newsletter editor.
- April 24, 2004 - Minimum balance to be maintained was changed from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
- February 19, 2005 - Membership agreed to drop the rule to require all rallies must have a covered building.
- October 28, 2006 - Membership voted to approve Revised Bylaws (in FMCA format) and Standing Rules (Policies & Procedures) as proposed and described in the January-February 2006 newsletter.
- February 17, 2007 - Membership voted to authorize a one-time contribution of \$250 to the Southeast Area (SEA) FMCA to help fund the purchase of school buses to be used as tram service for the SEA Brooksville rallies.
- Membership voted to authorize the chapter president, in the event of the death of a chapter member, to use his or her discretion in sending flowers to the family of the deceased chapter member or a donation to the favorite charity of the deceased, and limiting the expenditure not to exceed \$50.
- October 26, 2007 - On the topic of rally registrants who cancel late or fail to attend a rally, it was agreed the person should receive only a partial refund, and that only the camping portion of the fee be refunded, since food is guaranteed at least a week before the rally. It was also decided that future registration materials should state that a full week's notice is required for a full refund. (10/26/07)
- Rally hosts are to receive a cash advance in the sum of \$250 for various out-of-pocket expenses, all of which must be accounted for after the rally. (10/26/07)
- November 1, 2008 - At the General Membership meeting held on 11/1/2008, it was decided that the chapter's 20th anniversary of its founding should be celebrated at the next Halloween Rally. It was agreed that the chapter treasury would purchase commemorative coffee mugs for the occasion, and that each rally participant next October would receive one. It will be the president's discretion as to what the mug says, what style mug, etc. An effort will also be made to ask FMCA if any of the original charter members from 1989 are still alive. If so they will be invited and thanked for their initiative in starting the chapter. (11/1/08)
- April, 2010 - Motion made and passed to hold the 2011 Spring Rally at Palmetto Cove campground in Cleveland, SC.

- October 31, 2010 - Motion made and passed to accept slate of officers presented by Nominating Committee; motion made and passed to appoint Nominating Committee for next election. Motion made and passed to accept the Chapter Representative and Alternate Representative.
- February 19, 2011 - Motion made and passed to amend the Chapter's Standing Rule 5 (Membership) to clarify that the surviving spouse of a member deceased while in good standing will be offered a choice between maintaining a paid membership or accepting an honorary membership. (As opposed to the honorary membership being mandatory.)
- February 11, 2012 -- Motion made by Steve Siems, seconded by Jack Campbell, that a hard copy of the pictorial directory be printed and mailed to each member along with rally and website information in order to reach out to those members who may not be getting the newsletters via e-mail.
- October 27, 2012 Motion made by Jack Campbell to raise chapter annual membership dues to \$15 (an increase from the current annual dues of \$10) effective January, 2013. Motion seconded by Beverly Bowman and passed.
- October 22, 2013 Motion made by Marty Nixon to revise the Standing Rules with regard to rally host responsibilities. Motion seconded by Ed Fisher and passed. The rally host is responsible for selecting a suitable rally site, making reservations and deposits, and coordinating meals, catering & entertainment. The Treasurer will manage the finances for the rally (i.e. collecting rally fees, providing "front" money, and paying the bills); the Treasurer will keep the rally host apprised of the registrations. The Communications Committee will promote the rally through newsletters, the SEBN website, and other web sites as appropriate.
- December 30, 2013 Motion made by Ed Fisher, seconded by Steve Mann and passed by vote of members present to accept the proposal of Chapter President Bukoski that the SEBN chapter no longer require ownership of a converted bus to become a Regular Member and to eliminate the category of Associate Member.
- Motion made by Steve Siems, seconded by Herb Bates and passed by vote of members present to require only one general membership business meeting each year, instead of two.
- 2014 & 2015 No motions
- April 16, 2016 - Motion by Beverly Bowman that the chapter resume holding a "New Year's" rally in view of the fact that the big New Year's rally in Arcadia is no longer being held, but that the SEBN rally take

place on the first weekend after the New Year's holiday. Motion seconded and passed.

November 10, 2017 Motion made by Darlene Montesino, seconded by Jack Campbell and passed, that the chapter Standing Rules be amended to require a minimum of three chapter rallies per year instead of four.

Chapter president announced that SEBN Officers and Advisory Board implemented a policy to allow a Primary Rally Host to attend their hosted rally without a rally fee, in an effort to encourage member to host rallies. (Note, the minutes of this meeting do not reflect that this was formally voted on by members.)

Chapter president announced that SEBN Officers and Advisory Board implemented a policy to allow an SEBN president to attend one National FMCA rally during said president's 2-year term, at the chapter's expense. (Note, the minutes of this meeting do not reflect that this was voted on by members.)

January 6, 2018 Motion by Charlie Bukoski, seconded by Herb Bates and passed that the chapter will bear the camping expense for any rally host to be on-site at his/her hosted facility for two days prior to the rally he/she is hosting.

October 6, 2018 Motion made by Linda Karlsson, seconded and passed, that Board and Committee vacancies resulting from death or serious illness be filled by appointment by the SEBN Executive Board.

The Chapter President announced that the Board has approved that each year the Chapter President in his sole discretion may award to any single or family member in good standing the "Bukoski Trophy" in recognition of ourstanding service, volunteerism, or leadership. Said trophy to be awarded at a Fall "homecoming" rally.