



SOUTHEAST
BUS NUTS



SEBN General Business Meeting- Hoboken, GA-10/27/2012

The General Meeting of the Southeast Bus Nuts was called to order by President, Charlie Bukoski at 10:15 AM.

- A moment of silence was observed for those members who have passed away since our last meeting, followed by the invocation given by Beverly Bowman.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Beverly Bowman.
- President Bukoski reported that the minutes from the 4/21/2012 meeting were posted on the website for member's review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Steve Siems to accept the minutes as posted on the website, and the motion was then seconded by Mike Heron.
- Secretary's report was presented by secretary Judy Bukoski.

Secretary Bukoski reported current membership is 114 and that all but four members are receiving updates and newsletters by e-mail. New members were announced as being: David and Harriet Jones, Michael and Joan Fryer, Steve and Brenda Jackson, Ben Cart, and Richard and Dolores Wilson, along with naming their home towns.

Secretary Bukoski again reminded members that initial membership fee of \$35 includes current annual dues and name badges for two persons.

A special thanks was given to Linda Karlsson for her work on the newest pictorial roster.

Secretary Bukoski then reminded members that their 2013 dues are now due and payable and that a sheet is posted on the bulletin board with dues dates posted for their review. She added that she and the treasurer will be available to accept 2013 dues following the meeting.

It was announced that get well and friendship cards were sent to Wynn & Kathy Silver and informed the membership that cards will be passed for signing for: Wynn & Kathy Silver, Lynn and John Silver, and Fran Showman following the meeting.

Jack Campbell was asked to provide a medical update on Wynn Silver and Bertha Showman gave an updated report on Luther Delp. The secretary asked the members to please call or e-mail her to notify of any illnesses or surgeries so cards can be sent in a timely manner.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Nixon estimated a current bank balance of \$4816 along with approximately \$2800 in the Pay Pal account. He estimates a balance of approximately \$3985 following this rally. A motion was made by Steve Siems and seconded by Beverly Bowman to accept the treasurer's report as read.

- **National Director's report:**

Bertha Showman, our National Director, reported that she attended the National FMCA Reunion Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. She reported the following:

1. The provider of the FMCAssist program ended its free program on 9/30/2012. The committee then obtained 3 bids and decided, due to cost, that the new policy would now need to be voluntary participation. The cost would be \$85 per year single and \$105 for a family. She added that this was voted on and passed.
2. The 88th Family Reunion Showcase will celebrate FMCA's 50th anniversary in Gillette WY on June 19-22nd, 2013.
3. FMCA office staff is down from 53 to 37 and salaries have been reduced. The operating budget has been reduced by 17% and the budget for 2013, as passed, will have an approximately balance of \$50,000. This and future rallies was totally under volunteer members and will continue this way in the future. Also, Governing Board Members will also no longer be re-imbursed their rally fee as was done previously.
4. The Policy and Procedure Committee brought 14 proposals to be voted on. 12 were passed, one returned to committee and one (Stipends and Financial Enumeration) was deleted entirely.
5. With reference to "Towables", under Article 3; Membership, it was voted to NOT PERMIT membership to towable units.

- **Webmaster report:**

President Bukoski announced the change of our website name to: SEBusnuts.org. He added that rally and member information has been updated and walked the membership through the log on process and how to update their information. He added that dues and rally fees can be paid on line with a credit card or through PayPal.

- **Nominating Committee Report:**

Mike Heron reported the following slate of officers for January 1, 2013-December 31, 2014:

President: Charlie Bukoski

Vice-President/ Treasurer: Marty Nixon

Secretary: Judy Bukoski

President asked for a vote to accept this new slate of officers. The new slate of officers was accepted by a majority vote of members present.

- **Newsletter & Communication Director Report:**

Mike Heron reported that he needs stories and pictures for the upcoming newsletter.

- **Rally Reports:**

- President Bukoski thanks the rally hosts, Debbie Spear and Mike Heron.
- Debby Spear reported that 35 buses are attending this Halloween Rally
- Brian Bowman reported on plans for the Valentine Rally to be held at Tropical Palms Resort in Kissimmee FL on Feb 14-17th.
- President Bukoski announced the following rally schedule:
Arcadia Rally 2013: President's Reception at 3 PM on 12/30/2012
Spring Rally at Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA: April 16-19, 2013
Halloween Rally 2013: Costley Mill, Conyers, GA
Comments were presented by a few members with regard to their displeasure in not returning to Twin Oaks park next Halloween.
Additional comments from members stating it may be time to try a new location.

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:**

1. President Bukoski presented the current standing rules along with proposed changes to rally organization with regard to responsibilities of the Rally Host, Treasurer, and Communications Director. Discussion followed and concluded with a motion to table the changes for the time being. Motion to table the issue made by Andy Metro, and seconded by Jack Campbell. Motion passed.
Dick Makuska then suggested the board E-mail members with the changes for an on-line vote.
An amendment was presented by Steve Siems followed by discussion as to how an on-line vote would be handled. President Bukoski stated he would prepare the information and present it to the board for acceptance, and determine whether this will be the best way to handle this issue. The amendment was seconded by Jack Campbell. Subject tables.
2. Dues:
President Bukoski presented the issue of rising costs to the membership, and reported to the membership that the board has discussed the issue of raising membership dues from \$10 per year to \$15. Jack Campbell made a motion to raise membership dues to \$15 effective as of 1 January, 2013. Motion seconded by Beverly Bowman. Motion passed.

- There being no further business, Beverly Bowman moved the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Jack Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.

Minutes submitted by Judy Bukoski, Secretary