

## **SOUTHEAST BUS NUTS (SEBN)**

### **SEBN Business Meeting**

**Mt. Airy, NC**

**May 13, 2017**

A Meeting of The SEBN convened at Mt Airy, NC on May 13,2017. The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bowman.

Chaplain Beverly Bowman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Ron Daniels confirmed a quorum present for the meeting.

President Bowman welcomed Eagle Club members to the joint rally. Guests were recognized, Vicky Cates, guest of Secretary Daniels and Vice President Craig Bowen's brother John. Bertha Showman was extended a warm welcome.

President Bowman called for the Secretary reading of minutes of previous meeting. Ed Fisher made a motion to dispense reading of minutes seconded by Marty Nixon. Motion passed unanimously.

President Bowman recognized members that are sick, Carol Heron had colon cancer surgery but is now improving, Syl Bowman on a feeding tube but improving. President Bowman asked that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Secretary Daniels reported 65 members comprised of 52 regular members and 13 honorary members. He further reported sending out cards to Susanne Bowman in the loss of her father, Ray Cox for his recent surgery, Lila Ashe in the passing of Leroy and Brenda Phelan in the passing of Bill. The club also made a donation to Hospice in Lakeland, Fl. In memorial to Bill and a donation to the American Cancer Society in memorial to Junior Showman. Secretary Daniels reported sending out several dues reminders by e-mail and of the loss of approximately 20 members that have not renewed SEBN dues and / or FMCA dues. He further recognized and thanked Linda Karlsson for sending out personalized letters to new members of FMCA in the Southeast US inviting them to join SEBNs. Secretary Daniels thanked George Showman for recording the minutes at the Ocala, Fl. Rally in his absence. He further informed those in attendance of receiving a letter from FMCA of the club's certification and of being in good standing based on documentation submittals.

Treasurer Bukoski presented a Treasurer's report. SEBN has approximately \$5,840.00 spread over 2 accounts with Bank of America and PayPal. Ed Fisher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Steve Siems. Motion was approved unanimously.

Webmaster Charlie Bukoski promoted members use of the SEBN website (sebusnuts.org) and the use of PayPal. Charlie suggested for all members to keep their profile information up to date on the website, update member profile, register for up-coming rallies and order name tags. Charlie stated that all Club records, rosters, etc. are maintained electronically and on the website. Charlie gave an overview of the Club website and how to update member profiles. He encouraged members to send all pictures to him to be uploaded to the website.

President Bowman recognized and thanked John Mellon and his team for hosting this rally. President Bowman explained the process of hosting a SEBN rally. Marty Nixon shared information of a possible up-coming rally at Hilton Head Island being considered for May, 2018. George Showman shared details for the Fall rally, 2017 to be held at Hoboken, Ga. in conjunction with the annual county wide flea market. He stated the rally will be held on Veteran's Holiday weekend and will have a Veteran's theme and encouraged members to bring flags, related clothing, etc. George stated his brother, mother and sister will be helping him host this rally. President Bowman shared that the New Year Eve rally will be hosted by club officers in Okaloosa, Fl. This rally will be held the weekend after the Arcadia rally. The club is seeking a host for the 2018 Valentines rally.

President Bowman introduced the club's current slate of officers consisting of Craig Bowen, Vice President; Ron Daniels, Secretary; Charlie Bukowski, Treasurer; Anke Fisher, National Director; Beverly Bowman, Chaplain; and himself as President.

President Bowman updated the membership on the windshield card being printed to place on potential member windows as an effort to attract new members and promote the club.

Ed Fisher updated the membership on FMCA's up-coming vote on July 12, 2017 to amend the constitution and by-laws to allow RV families as members rather than restricting membership to those of motor homes only. Ed asked for a show of hands that supported the FMCA membership change. A majority of present SEBN members voted to support the change in membership requirements.

SEBN Nominating Committee presented the name of George Showman to serve as National Director following Anke Fishers term. A second for the nomination by Jim Threatt with no other nominations from the floor, a unanimous vote was received by the membership. President Bowman was nominated as Alternate Director with a second from Marty Nixon, receiving a unanimous vote.

Membership present discussed an idea of a \$5.00 penalty assessment for late renewal of SEBN dues. This idea was rejected by those present. Members are encouraged to pay membership renewals prior to expiration.

Membership present also discussed the current practice of "Honorary Membership" status. Judy Bukoski explained that upon the death of a member's spouse they are given the option to remain as a full member with voting rights or to select to become an honorary member without voting rights. The majority of current honorary members are inactive. It was suggested that with an upcoming newsletter to request all honorary members to respond to the Club if they desire to continue their membership.

A discussion and suggestion was held that the club should take advantage and utilize electronic technology IE. Facebook, You Tube, Website to show club activities and attract new members.

Syl Bowman recommended for all members to wear their name badges while attending SEBN functions aide all members in getting to know each other.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ron Daniels, Secretary.