



SOUTHEAST
BUS NUTS



SEBN General Business Meeting- Arcadia, FL-12/30/2013

The General Meeting of the Southeast Bus Nuts was called to order by President, Charlie Bukoski at the annual President's Reception at 3:05 PM.

- President Bukoski introduced guests and stated that 32 SEBN coaches were present at this rally.
- President Bukoski reported that the minutes from the 10/22/2013 meeting were posted on the website for member's review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Marty Nixon to accept the minutes as posted on the website, and the motion was then seconded by Linda Karlsson.
- **Secretary's Report:**
New members, Denise & Ray Aldridge were introduced. It was reported that multiple cards were sent out to ill members since our last meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
A current estimated bank balance of \$4800 was reported. A motion was made by Linda Karlsson to accept this motion and seconded by Ed Fisher.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
 1. President Bukoski stated that due to declining participation , we have been unable to obtain a quorum for the purpose of holding a business meeting at our last two rallies. The bylaws require 25% or 15 voting members to be present to conduct a business meeting.
 2. In addition, it was stated that our bylaws also require a minimum of two business meeting per year. He added that national reduced FMCA requirements to one business meeting a year. Also, the decline in folks converting coaches is causing our membership to dwindle and there are few new converters in sight. A regular membership would then only require a member to comply with the basic FMCA criteria.
 3. Therefore, we need to modify our bylaws to accommodate these changes. President Bukoski stated that he had posted the required 30 day notice on our website and via E-mail prior to this business meeting.
 4. President Bukoski proposed an amendment to change current bylaws and standing rules to eliminate the requirement to own a converted bus in order to qualify as a regular member.A

motion was made by Ed Fisher to eliminate the associate membership category, to result in having only regular and honorary membership categories. Motion seconded by Steve Mann. Motion passed.

5. President Bukoski proposed that we reduce the required general meetings to one a year.
6. A motion was then made by Steve Siems to reduce the number of required business meetings to one per year. Motion seconded by Herb Bates. Discussion followed with some members suggesting that holding meetings often would allow members to express personal thoughts and ideas as well as maintain social contact. Electronic meetings were also discussed, however, some members felt that personal contact was more effective for our purposes. Following the discussion, motion passed.

- **Additional Comments:**

Guest, Ray Howell, President of the Southeast Cruisers, suggested the possibility of joint rallies sometime in the future. He will also provide us information about their rallies to be included in our newsletters to give our members an opportunity to join the Cruisers as certain events. It was noted that several of our members are also current members of the Cruisers.

- **Upcoming Rallies:**

-Valentine Rally 2014: Feb 14-17 at Lazy Days. Hosts: Ed & Anke Fisher and Bob & Sandi Thomas

-Spring Rally 2014: April 24-27 in Charleston SC. Hosts: Mike & Carol Heron, Marty Nixon & Debbie Spear, Howard & Ellen Best, Ron & Pam Daniels.

-Halloween Rally 2014: Nov 6-9 at Hoboken GA in conjunction with the Friends of Twin Oaks Bluegrass Meeting. Hosts: Don & Sharon Wilson, Andy & Anna Metro, & Howard & Ellen Best.

There being no further business, Linda Karlsson moved the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Ed Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

Minutes submitted by Judy Bukoski, Secretary