

SOUTHEAST BUS NUTS (SEBN)

SEBN Business Meeting

River Vista Resort Campground

Dillard, GA.

Saturday, October 6, 2018

A meeting of The South East Bus Nuts (SEBN) convened at River Vista Resort Campground at 9:20 AM. The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Bowman.

A round of applause was given to Vice President Craig Bowen and wife Beverly Bowen for hosting the rally.

Chaplain Beverly Bowman led in prayer followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bowman recognized members in attendance and guests Frank and Ginny Callan.

President Bowman introduced officers: FMCA National Director George Showman and Bryan Bowman as Alternate Director; Vice President Craig Bowen; Secretary Ron Daniels; Chaplain Beverly Bowman and Communications Director Mike Heron. The Advisory Board was introduced: Vicky Cates, John Showman, Judy Bukoski and Mike Heron.

President Bowman informed the Chapter of current vacancies on the Board: Treasurer, Webmaster and Nominating Committee Chairman due to the untimely death of our beloved Charlie Bukoski. A discussion was held of term vacancy protocols, as per By-Laws and SEBN rules.

President Bowman summarized actions taken at the Hoboken, Ga. Rally: Darlene and Manny Montesino is overseeing SEBN Facebook page, Club Membership voted to change By Laws to require a minimum of three rallies per year rather than four, also the original person stepping up to host a rally to receive the benefit of being exempt of paying the rally fee, Beginning with the next SEBN President, the president will be allowed to attend one of the two FMCA National rallies exempt from paying rally fees as a benefit. The membership voted and approved, at the recent Sun N Fun Rally, to allow the Rally Host to be onsite two additional nights prior to rally at no charge.

Secretary Ron Daniels gave the Secretary's report: 65 active members (56 regular and 9 honorary). Members present voted to dispense the reading of minutes from the Hilton Head business meeting conducted Saturday, May 19, 2018. The minutes are on the SEBN Website and are distributed via SEBN Newsletter. Secretary Daniels stated he will be filing required documentation to re-certify SEBN Chapter with FMCA for 2019.

President Bowman presented the financial report, in the treasurer's absence with a bank balance of \$11,112.38. He further stated PayPal can accept credit card payments and is our easiest means to accept payments. Future checks, regardless what they are, should go to a soon to be determined mailing address that will be posted on SEBN Website ([www. SEBusNuts.org](http://www.SEBusNuts.org)). Members were informed to not mail any correspondence to the current address on Website, as this address has been closed.

President Bowman stated that the late Webmaster's business partner Bill will assist with the website in the interim. Member Linda Karlson was appointed to assist. The website is utilized to reach out to potential new members, renew dues, maintain member contact information, post and pay rally fees, post up-coming rally attendees, order name tags, gallery of member photos, past rally photos, business minutes history, rally host guide, rules and by-laws and generally our Chapter lifeline.

President Bowman asked if we have any experienced website builders within the Chapter or of any family member or other connections with experience. He further asked if SEBN needs to revamp or add other features to our current site. George Showman suggested to check with FMCA on website suggestions. Website budget considerations was also discussed. President Bowman asked membership to keep their contact information current.

Mike Heron, Newsletter Editor reported newsletter comes out approximately one month after every rally. The newsletter serves as a tool to boost attendance that is primarily distributed by e-mail. Mike encouraged members to submit articles, travel stories, for sale items and photos for upcoming publications.

The Nominating committee currently consists of Mike Heron and Bryan Bowman. Mike reported on the committee's incoming slate of officers for the two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2019: Craig Bowen, President; Manny Montesino, Vice President; Ron Daniels, Secretary; Beverly Bowen, Treasurer; George Showman, National FMCA Delegate and Darlene Montesino, Chaplain. President Bowman made a motion seconded by Herb Bates to accept the nominations. The motion passed unanimously. Per SEBN By-Laws the Chapter President will appoint committee chairs and advisory board.

Darlene and Manny Montesnio updated us on the workings of the Chapter's Facebook page. They shared plans to post rally pictures, feature member coaches and member profiles. This is

our fastest method to share news and activity of the Chapter business. Members were encouraged to join and actively utilize our Facebook page: SE(space) Busnuts. This is not a public site thus members should log in and ask for an invitation to join. Members are asked to post information, pictures on your travels, bus news, new grandbabies, sickness, etc.

The Chapter recognized Chaplain Beverly Bowman for 30 years of service to SEBN.

Incoming President Craig Bowen reported our next rally will be held in January, 2019 at the Great Outdoors resort at Titusville, Fl. He asked the membership for help in conducting this event. The Spring 2019 rally will be at Pametto Cove in Cleveland, SC hosted by Kyle and Mike Herron. President Bowman encouraged members to step up and host future rallies. He stated our primary existence is to hold rallies! To make it more easier on the Hosts: Administration does the signups / finances and Communications does the publicity. Host needs only to reserve a venue, arrange for co-hosts, arrange meals, tours and entertainment. The "SEBN Rally Hosting Guide" is posted on the Website.

Vice President Craig Bowen reported on details and showed actual examples of new embroidered clothing for membership. He stated an embroidered SEBN Logo will be done on your clothing for \$18.00 or embroidered Logo patches for \$23.00.

It was reported that FMCA is active, alive and well with benefits to members growing.

A discussion occurred on establishing a Chapter policy on refunding rally cancellation fees. This was tabled to allow for SEBN Board discussion and recommendation.

Linda Karlson made a motion seconded by Beverly Bowman for future interim Board and Committee vacancies be filled by SEBN Executive Board. This motion passed unanimously.

A suggestion was made to log in and post your bus / coach length on website under member contact information. This will assist in assigning camp sites for future rallies. Linda Karlson requested to be notified of bus / coach length to be included in pictorial directory.

President Bowman informed members of the Executive Board decision that each year the Chapter President at his / her sole discretion may award to any single or family member in good standing the "Bukoski" trophy in recognition of outstanding service, volunteerism, or leadership. The trophy will be awarded at the Fall "homecoming" rally.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes submitted by Ron Daniels, Secretary.