

July Executive Board Meeting

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FCRV's Executive Board met Saturday, July 9 at Ladson, South Carolina. Chaplain, Pat Conley opened with a prayer and Miss FCRV, Taylor McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent from the meeting was National Director, Shari Weber whose husband Craig underwent heart surgery earlier in the week. As of meeting time, he was recovering well. Vickie Roop filled in for Shari Weber at meetings. Just as roll call was finishing the kids from the youth building entered with a noise parade and stick horses, led by Youth Director, Karen Snodgrass. NC State Director, Fred Muckle welcomed everyone to South Carolina.

The first item of business was the Comptroller's Report by Jan Cushing. Income from July 2010 to May 2011 was \$188,898. Expenses were \$163,436 leaving a net balance of \$25,462. The yearly financial report will appear in the November issue of Camping Today. Budget Director, Bill Stirewalt reported a balance of \$283,614 in the scholarship fund. Scholarship awards this year total \$10,000. The wildlife fund has a balance of \$89,972. Grants of \$4,600 will be awarded this year. Both funds are stable and earning about 5% interest.

Marti Price, FCRV's liaison with corporate sponsor, American National Insurance, gave an update on the company's response to policy holders who lost their homes in the tornado that devastated Joplin Missouri. Within 20 hours the company had downloaded all records to a mobile office and was issuing \$5,000 emergency living expense checks. The Price's motorhome was also used as a mobile office since the business office in Springfield was damaged by the tornado. Bob and Marti attended Campvention from a motel.

Campvention Coordinator, Glen Else reported that attendance as of Saturday at this year's Campvention was 197 units and 8 camp passes. Hugh Hicks gave an update and overview of next year's Campvention in Blyth, Ontario. All will have 30 amp electric. Those registering at Campvention and those registered before January first will have a chance to win one of two free registration drawings. The 'Inukshuk', a stone sculpture in the shape of a person, is the logo for the 2012 Campvention. It was left for travelers as a sign of a path to friendship. Information on passport requirements will be in Camping Today and online at www.fcrv.org.

Glenda Sellers reported that her committee is working on plans for the 2013 Campvention, July 14- 19 at Amana, Iowa. It will be a 5 day rally with two available early days. The teen queen pageant will be Wednesday night and the teen ball Thursday night. The 2014 Campvention will be somewhere in the Northeast Region.

Shari Weber sent a report. Since March there is one new chapter chartered in Georgia, the Cruise-Aiders. Since last July, 4 new chapters have been chartered. In personnel changes, the following staff are leaving their current positions: Region 1 – Mark and Joyce Hunsaker, Utah, effective 12/31/. Region 4 – Vickie Roop, Great Lakes Regional Director, 10/1. Chuck Carlsen, Michigan State Director, 10/1, Dave and Linda Hennie, Ohio State Directors, 10/1. Region 6 – Jeff and Sharon Robinson, Kentucky State Directors, 7/15, Gerry Dantin, Louisiana State Director, 7/15, Ed and Nina Lawrence, Georgia State Director, 7/15, Bobby and Michelle Dillon, West Virginia State Director, 8/1. The following are joining the staff: Tammy Gregio, Ohio State Director 10/1, John and Linda English, Michigan State Directors, 10/1. Joyce and Paul Trew, Georgia State Director, 7/15, Doug and Jean Bondy, Virginia State Director, 8/1. The following

are changing their roles within the Executive Board: Vickie Roop, Website Director, 10/1, Dave and Linda Hennie, Great Lakes Regional Directors, 10/1, Chuck Carlsen, husband of National Corresponding Secretary. Shari Weber also thanked this year's awards committee, Will and Vodean Benham of CO, Hugh and Camy Hicks of ONT, Doug and Connie Black of IL. Dave Ludwig received special recognition for the hours he spent saving all of the National Director's documents to cd storage.

Other items presented in reports were: Glenda Sellers – Prizes were given to members who displayed FCRV decals on their rigs and wore FCRV insignia at the Iowa statewide. She also designed a newspaper ad (see FCRV website). Mike Hardison – S.E. regional will be at Lebanon, TN July 6-10. Go from there to Campvention. Dave Hennie – Great Lakes Regional on Labor Day weekend in N.W. corner \$ 20 night at private campground. Accessible to surrounding states. Pat Conley – E-mail prayer requests to conleypc@gmail.com. Donella Wilkes – Campers Actively Moving logged 4,759.5 miles this year. Joanie Stone – There will be 7 wildlife grants this year ALF Campers donated \$150. Mary Lehnerd – Trend is to collect recyclables at sporting events. Take care of quad trails. Dwight Bonifield – FCRV will be getting new radios to meet FCC requirements. Old ones will be donated to Boy Scouts. Marilyn Rausch – Each state/province should have a DASAT Director. The S is for safety. An open house and blood drive is set for Campvention. Shirley MacKenzie – Still collecting old NCHA patches. Need a Chimo patch from Canada. Old slides and movies will be transferred to dvds. Copies to the RV Museum in Elkhart. The five year state/provincial history contest will be discontinued. Marie Petersen – 28 scholarship applications requested, 15 completed, 8 awarded totaling \$10,000. Jane Alft – Due to small number of teens attending Campvention, guests will be allowed to play on team sports this year. Texas Teen Queen, Haley Varner could not make it to Campvention due to an accident. She will be sent all the items that the other girls get. Each state/province should have a Teen Director. Karen Snodgrass – There were 3 Youth of the Year entries this year. Mercedes Tenyson of Kansas was selected. 42 youth at Campvention. Ralph Brunner (for Al Jurek) – proceeds of \$4,174 were turned in from the Retiree Rally at Canton, Texas. Next year's Retiree Rally is in Tallahassee, Florida March 13 – 18. and the 2013 rally will be in Rayne, Louisiana March 11 – 13. Neva Lockett – June has been established as Great Outdoors Month. Miles per gallon standards are required to average 34.1 by 2016. 2011 is set at 27.3 for cars and light trucks. Paul Parsley – Sign up some new commercial campground members and vendors. Vickie Roop – FCRV is now linked to Google AdWords. Over 100 inputs so far. Sue Fromholzer – our new employee in the national office is Cathy.

The final portion of the meeting was devoted to nine major changes in the constitution regarding restructuring of the Executive Board. These changes which had been presented to the board several weeks before the meeting, were read by Parliamentarian, Pat Parsley with a pre-explanation by Jack Smye. The amendments include change of titles, combining the positions of recording officer and corresponding secretary into one, staggered elections, succession procedures, program director supervision, etc. After discussion and one modification, the amendments passed. The entire list of changes will be detailed and explained in an article from FCRV President, Jack Smye.