

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Board of Directors for Family Motor Coaching Inc. was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, via Zoom conference. The National President and Secretary were both present. National President Rett Porter called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Members present:

Rett Porter	National President
Gary Milner	National Senior Vice President
Kathie Balogh	National Secretary
Barbara Smith	National Treasurer
Phyllis Britz	Board Member
Jamie Erickson	Board Member
Bob Golk	Board Member
John Jacobs	Board Member
Ken Lewis	Board Member
Paul Mitchell	Board Member
Dennis Martin	Board Member
John Traphagen	Board Member
Patricia Voyna	Board Member
Jon Walker	Immediate Past National President (non-voting member)

Member not present:

Herman Mullins	Board Member
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Guest present:

Dianna Huff	South Central Area Senior Vice President
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Staff present:

Chris Smith	Chief Executive Officer (non-voting advisor)
Anne Baumgartner	Director of Marketing
Barb Feiler	Event Coordinator
Penny Gortemiller	Director of Chapters and Governance
Pamela Kay	Director of Communications
Sherry Light	Project Manager
Larry Pennington	IT Manager
Danielle Powell	Chapter Services Coordinator
Doug Uhlenbrock	Director of Events
Aaron White	Director of Membership

President Porter recognized Dianna Huff, Senior Vice President of the South Central Area, who will be sitting in on today's meeting to keep the South Central Area informed, since Herman Mullins was not able to attend the meeting.

President Porter called on the Secretary for the reading of the minutes from the meeting held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Kathie Balogh noted that minutes were approved as distributed for the Board of Directors meeting held August 27, 2022.

Kathie Balogh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

John Jacobs voted yes.
Ken Lewis voted yes.
Dennis Martin voted yes.
Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.
Barbara Smith voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Phyllis Britz voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.
Bob Golk voted yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Porter called on Chairman Gary Milner for the Convention Committee report. (Attachment #1)

On behalf of the Convention Committee, Gary Milner moved to approve the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri, for the 2024 Summer International Convention and RV Expo, pending successful negotiations. The motion was seconded.

Gary Milner noted that he and Doug Uhlenbrock conducted a recent site visit to Sedalia, Missouri. This location has been used for area rallies. They have 1,600 full-hookup sites and large buildings on the state fairgrounds. They have some concerns about the roadway leading into the property, since it is a small two-lane road, but the concern is manageable. This event would be held in the central United States. Gary also commented that he and Rodger Donnelly visited a site in Muskogee, Oklahoma, recently and noted that it would work for an area rally but not an International Convention. Gary also reported that there were no updates from the city of Redmond, Oregon. A recommendation was given to look at the Winnebago property in Forest City, Iowa. Doug stated that he had previously looked at the property in Forest City, and Lincoln, Nebraska, was chosen over Forest City because of the lack of buildings and infrastructure.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ken Lewis voted yes.
Dennis Martin voted yes.
Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.

Barbara Smith voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Phyllis Britz voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.
Bob Golk voted yes.
John Jacobs voted yes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Gary reminded the Board that in 2023 the convention locations are Perry, Georgia, and Gillette, Wyoming. For 2024, Tucson was chosen as the winter site, and they will start negotiations for Sedalia, Missouri, for the summer site. Gary also noted that Newmar will be holding a rally in Sedalia prior to the FMCA rally in 2024. He also said that Airstream will be holding an event in Sedalia following the FMCA convention. The report was accepted for file. President Porter expressed his appreciation and thanked the Convention Committee for their efforts.

Under new business President Porter addressed the convention charity for Perry. He asked Doug Uhlenbrock for a report on the charities in the Perry area.

President Porter asked Doug Uhlenbrock to bring the charities forward so that the Board of Directors could rally behind the chosen charity. Doug reported that there were several options for the upcoming Perry event charity. Doug also noted that there are various ways to participate in the charity during the event. He noted that we need people to participate in the Magic Mile. He also commented that the auctioning of pies in Lincoln went very well.

Doug shared that the options include Abba House of Middle Georgia. This group supports women and children who are in a bad way or have fallen on hard times. Others are: Friends of Perry Animal Shelter; Family Promise of Greater Houston County, an organization that supports people experiencing homelessness; Genesis Joy House, an organization that shelters female veterans; or Halo Group, an organization that works with adults with disabilities.

John Traphagen moved to select the Genesis Joy House, an organization that shelters female veterans, for the charity for the Perry, Georgia, International Convention and RV Expo. The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:


Dennis Martin voted yes.
Gary Milner voted yes.
Paul Mitchell voted yes.
Barbara Smith voted yes.
John Traphagen voted yes.
Patricia Voyna voted yes.
Kathie Balogh voted yes.
Phyllis Britz voted yes.
Jamie Erickson voted yes.

Bob Golk voted yes.
John Jacobs voted yes.
Ken Lewis voted yes.


The motion carried unanimously.

Doug also discussed the RV driving school program. He reported that the company designates a certain number of parking spots for instructors in accordance with their contract. They only bring as many instructors as they need for the number of people signed up for the class. The courses start before anyone else arrives, and the final driving class is usually Tuesday afternoon. The instructors are entitled to stay through the convention per the contract. It was noted that this is a true FMCA member benefit since we offer the lowest price for receiving the course.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Kathie Balogh
National Secretary



Rett Porter
National President

**Convention Committee
Report to the Board of Directors
October 28, 2022**

A meeting of the Convention Committee of Family Motor Coaching, Inc. was held on October 28, 2022, via teleconference.

The committee recommended the following:

- The FMCA Convention Committee recommends the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri, as host site for FMCA's 2024 Summer International Convention & RV Expo, pending successful negotiations