

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Hawk at 5:05 p.m. with approximately 300 people in attendance. Ken opened the meeting with a message from Dorothy, thanking everyone for all the prayers, cards, and Emails during her recent illness and cancer treatment. Ken went on with the meeting by requesting that all members be sure to sign in, and an invitation to any new members to join the club. Ken gave a brief explanation of the focus of the club and reminded everyone that Freightliner Corporation picks up the cost of the first year of membership for all new coach owners. (Freightliner Chassis of course).

Olen Massey gave the invocation, which was then followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Ken highlighted the agenda for today's meeting and then introduced the officers who were present; Executive V.P. Bill Buck, Treasurer Tom James, V.P. of Membership Chuck Belba, V.P. of Newsletter Bob Smellie, Acting Sec. (for Priscilla Buck) Ginny Belba, and our National Director for FMCA Dorothy Casada. Ken mentioned that Bob Smellie had won an award for the club's newsletter and the group thanked Bob by a round of applause.

Ken then introduced Tony Sippel, the Freightliner Corporation Product Manager for the RV market, who in turn introduced the staff from Gaffney, SC beginning with President Bob Harbin. Dean Schaper, who is retiring, was recognized and Dean introduced his replacement at FCCC- Jonathan Randall. Bob Harbin updated the group about the successes Freightliner Corporation is having in the RV market, and his personal commitment to improving our RV experience. Bob and his family are here with their motorhome and will be going on to the FCOC Rally in Yakima, Washington. Ken presented FCOC badges to Bob and his wife Hermisia.

Jonathan Randall, the new Director of Sales/Marketing spoke to us and stated that he was looking forward to the challenge of his new job, and working with the club. Ken recognized Dean Schaper for his ongoing support. Dean in return thanked the members of FCOC for the years of friendship and took us back in time to the formation of the club in the days with Irv Steele as the first President.

Jonathan went on to thank the staff of FCCC, Missy Gray, Pat Childers, & Larry Dorer, Justin and Jeremy, the tech reps from Gaffney, and David and Meredith Fellingham, the Freightliner representatives for the West Coast. Jonathan reported that all programs in place now should continue. In addition they are looking towards finding preferential interest rates for new motorhome purchases. All those who volunteer from the club to help in the FCCC booth were thanked as well.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's report by Tom James. Tom stated that the club has Total Cash on Hand of \$175,809 at the present. However, this amount includes approx. \$40,000 of future prepaid dues as well as the money to be paid out for the Yakima Rally expenses. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Dorothy Casada gave her FMCA report and stated the newly elected FMCA officers as follows;

Connie Pool, President
Nelson Stubbs, Sr. Vice President
Doug Key, Treasurer
Joanne Durbin, Secretary

Dorothy went on with her report to state that FMCA has about an 85% rate of retention of members, and that a great deal of their discussion was spent on the budget and a big issue, the cost of pins. Upcoming Rallies are scheduled- Feb. 2008 – Pomona, CA; July 2008 St.Paul Minn., July or Aug 2009 Bowling Green, Ohio.

The next order of business was approval of the minutes from the last meeting and as published in the newsletter; motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Ken recognized those people in the audience from our support companies, and asked Susie Adcock, from Caterpillar to come forward. She was made an honorary member of the FCOC club.

Ken discussed the importance of the newsletter, our most important contact with our club members. It is critical that we keep our member information up to date, and he requested that everyone become familiar with “Keeping In Touch,” the computer program to help us stay current. A member’s zipcode is the password for the first time one enters the program, and then each person needs to make the change for a password of their choice. Ken reminded us all that it is costly for us to receive the newsletters back from the post office with the incorrect address. We pay between \$.89 - \$2 on these returns. Ken asked each member to take the responsibility to make sure we keep updated on any changes. Hopefully, before long we will be able to pay dues and rally fees online.

Ginny Belba was called upon for a Nominating Committee report. Ginny first called out the names of the committee – Bud Trash, who was present at the meeting was recognized, absent members are Al Moore, Bob Tomme, Ted Lokenberg, Bob Reed, Gerry DeHeer, and Hal Croyts. A request from the committee to the membership was that anyone who is interested in serving in any leadership position, to please contact members of the Nominating Committee.

The election of officers followed - Nominations opened for each office, the candidate nominated by the committee, nominations opened to the floor for any additional nominations, nominations were closed and the vote taken. There were no nominations from the floor and each officer was elected by unanimous vote. The results of that election process are;

President	Bill Buck
Executive Vice-Pres.	Ron Sliger (vacated seat by Bill Buck-1 year)
Vice-Pres. Membership	Chuck Belba
Secretary	Priscilla Buck

Congratulations to those elected – a two-year term beginning January 1, 2008, with the exception of Ron Sliger who is finishing the 1 year remaining term. Ginny concluded her report by thanking those individuals for serving the club, and also requesting that the Executive Board consider the suggestion made by the Nominating Committee – to add additional members to the Board by way of additional Vice-Presidents.

The next item of business was the by-laws change which was proposed and printed in the newsletter. This is simply a change **that will affect new members only- to make the anniversary date correspond with the date a member’s payment of dues is received.** This will ease the job of renewals by spreading them over the calendar year. **Additionally, there were other proposed changes to the by-laws to correct grammar and spelling errors, and to provide additional clarification of a family unit.** A motion was made to approve these by-laws changes, the motion was seconded, and approved by acclamation.

At this time, President Ken introduced our International V.P., Jay Blumenthal. Jay spoke to the group and mentioned the upcoming convention in June 2008 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He

thanked Bill Buck for the great job in security for the last FMCA International Rally. Jay stressed the importance of clubs to step up and assist the International Group in their rallies.

The Yakima Rally was discussed; there are still openings at this time. A map with directions will be shown on the overhead projector during the refreshment time following this meeting.

Additional new business consisted of the area coordinator for the South/East region, Marty Sherlock, a Past President of FCOC. volunteered, and Ken appointed him to fill this position. Ken discussed the role of the areas and stressed to the membership that we are not breaking up the club; FCOC will still be one big club, and hopefully the areas will help in hosting rallies for the main club.

Ken concluded this meeting with a thank you to the membership for the last six years as President. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Belba,
Acting Sec. For Priscilla Buck