

FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS OWNERS CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING
ALLEGAN, MI
JUNE 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Bertling. There were 39 coaches in attendance at the event.

FCOC officers in attendance were President Steve Bertling, Sr. Vice President Steve Jeanneret, VP of Administration Kim Batorson, VP Area West Steve Batorson, VP Area Operations East Abe Shalley, Treasurer Tom Bernardi, VP Membership Earl Benzenhafer Publication Editor Cindy Feindel, Secretary Pattee Perez

President Steve Bertling introduced each of the Board Members and what their position are on the Board. Steve asked that the minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting in Branson MO be waived, minutes were published on the web as well in the magazine. Motion was made by Roy Hopper to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Sally Bernardi. Motion passed.

Pattee Perez gave the Nominating Committee Report. Elections are held every year at the annual business meeting. Half the board on odd numbered years and half on even numbered years. The following individuals were submitted by the Nominating Committee which consisted of Ed Hessemer, Laura McCormick-Clark and Chris Perez for the 2025 elections:

President	Steve Bertling
Secretary	Pattee Perez
Webmaster	Rita Smith
VP Operations West	Steve Batorson
VP Membership	Earl Benzenhafer

President Steve Bertling asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none a motion was made by Kathy Hopper to accept the slate of officers as presented, motion seconded by Bill Feindel. Motion passed.

Tom Bernardi gave the Treasurers report. The 2024 tax return has been filed. 2017 tax return still outstanding with the IRS. Membership is down from 5,000 to 4,000. We took our first equity loss in 4yrs partially due to FCCC cut back in sponsorship. FCCC is no longer paying us the \$50.00 per coach that attend our events. The cost of postage has increased, as well as publication cost, administration and event cost. In 2024 the membership dues were increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00 which helped to offset that. Over all the club is in good standing. The Financial Statements are available for all members to review at this meeting.

Steve Bertling added that part of that is due to the lack of our Business Development person that dropped out for personal reasons, Steve let the membership know that he is currently speaking with members on filling that position, if any member is interested please let Steve know.

Tom Bernardi addressed the membership for a vote on a proposal to change the current Standing Rule, authorized President expenditures. The addition to the current Standing Rule will be in Bold below. The Board reviewed at the Executive meeting on Sunday and approved it, it now needs to be voted on by the members.

Standing Rule change

A. President

Authorized to expend available treasury funds for Club day-to-day operational needs such as conducting events, publishing newsletters, and other expenses that can be considered required in order to maintain the Club functions.

However, the President is only authorized to expend treasury funds for non: reoccurring operational expenditures or replacement of Club assets over \$1000.00 after Executive Board majority approval, Additionally, no expenditures recommended by the Executive Board, listed in the Club minutes will be made without prior approval of the club President.

Motion was made by Neil Wingate to approve the change to the Standing Rule, seconded by Bill Feindel. Motion passed.

Jan Bertling made a motion from the floor that we vote on giving our Emeritus Member Roy Hopper a Life Time membership for all the years he has spent serving our club. Motion was made by Sally Bernardi to accept Jan's motion on the Life Time Membership, seconded by Linda Murphy. Motion passed.

Roy Hopper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Bernardi. Motion passed meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pattee Perez
Secretary

