## Minutes AlfaSeeYas Chapter Business Meeting January 7, 2017 Emerald Desert RV Resort, Palm Desert, CA

President Ray Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members in attendance.

Ray introduced the officers of the club who were present. He also welcomed three first-time couples who were in attendance: Bob and Sep Whaley, Kelly and Nancy Edwards and Neal and Bernadette Jackson.

Ray thanked Wagon Masters Dale & Diana Manners and Doug & Mary Barr for all their work in putting on a successful pre-rally.

## **Old Business**

The minutes from the previous business meeting held at the Emerald Desert RV Resort on January 12, 2016 were approved as presented by Secretary Diana Manners.

Lori Zimmermann, Chapter Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report for 2016. Twenty-eight new members joined the chapter in 2016 and 78 did not re-new their membership. The chapter membership currently stands at 193. Members were reminded to stay current on their dues, both for the chapter and FMCA.

## **New Business**

Ray announced the results of the recent voting for chapter officers: All current officers were unopposed and were re-elected for new two-year terms. The next election will be in 2018 - - it is not too early for members to think about volunteering to serve as a chapter officer.

Review of 2016 activities. Ray discussed highlights of chapter/Alfa activities from the previous year to include: the January 2016 post-rally in January, the AOC National Rally at Yuma in April, and the joint AlfaSeeYas/Alfa Sunrisers rally in Branson in May. He encouraged members to step up to organize more get-togethers, especially in other areas around the country.

Arnie Burr served as the chapter's National Director representative to the FMCA Governing Board at the FMCA International Convention in Massachusetts in August 2016. Arnie provided a summary of the Governing Board meeting.

2017 Events. Ray mentioned upcoming events this year, including the FMCA International Convention in Chandler, AZ in March, the Chapter outing at the Fontana, CA NASCAR race also in March, the International Area rally in Branson, MO in May and the FMCA International Convention in Indianapolis, IN in July.

Ray announced that Jeannette Harper has volunteered to take over design and maintenance of the Chapter website; members should look for the new site to be on-line shortly. We are still looking for a newsletter editor to take over those duties from Jean Maddux. Chapter members are also encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter.

The January pre- or post-rally in conjunction with the FMCA Western Area rally has been a long-time tradition and Ray asked for member input or what changes might be desired and whether we should consider other parks. We also need volunteers to be wagon masters. Next year's event would most likely be a post-rally starting January 14<sup>th</sup>, since a pre-rally would start too close to New Year's Day.

Randy Scott mentioned that he had AlfaSeeYas jackets and hats for sale.

Ray asked if there were any additional agenda items – there were none. We then had the door-prize drawing, at which the Barrs won the 2-year certificate for dues and the Pearsons won a beverage cooler.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am