

MINUTES - AlfaSeeYas Chapter Meeting

January 21, 2021

Black Rock RV Village, Brenda, AZ

The meeting was called to order by President Larry York at 9:24am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry York.

Your AlfaSeeYas Chapter Officers are:

- Larry York, President
- Randy Scott, Vice President
- Suzanne Conner, Secretary
- Ray Zimmermann, Treasurer (Not Present)
- Marvin Berry, Chapter National Director
- Dale Manners, Chapter Alternate National Director (Not Present)
- Jeannette Harper, our volunteer Webmaster and Newsletter Editor (Not Present)

Old Business:

Copies of the minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting at Black Rock RV Village in Brenda, AZ were handed out. Linda Pearson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Marvin Berry. Motion adopted.

Due to the 2020 AOC Annual Rally being cancelled, the annual audit of the Chapter's financials was conducted May 24, 2020 remotely using electronic means. The Audit Committee consisted of: Craig McDowell, Linda Pearson, and Lou Holveck. The Committee found that the Chapter's financial records were complete and in order, and there were no recommendations for improvement. Their audit was documented in a letter prepared by the Audit Committee Chairperson, Craig McDowell, coordinated with the Committee members, and submitted to me on May 29, 2020. A copy of this letter was provided to Ray Zimmermann for his files. This report can be reviewed by contacting Sep Whaley our incoming Secretary/Treasurer. A special thank you goes out to Ray for continuing to maintain and organize the Chapter's financial records in a manner that allowed the Audit Committee to conduct their on-line review with minimal effort and time, and also to Craig, Linda and Lou for volunteering and conducting the audit.

New Business:

A quick update about the 2021 FMCA Budget. In the recent Chapter newsletters, I have provided some insight and updates on the development of the 2021 FMCA budget. The latest is that the Executive Board has been able to reach an agreement that will result in a budget that is in the black, dues will remain at the current level, and FMCassist will remain as a no additional charge benefit to the members. The only difference in FMCassist is that there is a different service provider. Chubb will be the provider in lieu of Seven Corners. I have a copy of the summary of services provided. Replacement cards were in the handout provided and are available to download and print on the FMCA website.

The AlfaSeeYas Chapter 2020 -2021 Nomination Committee consists of:

- Jeannette Harper (Chairperson)
- Mark McGuire
- Leigh Conner

Thank you for your efforts in pulling a slate of officers together for the election.

Larry conveyed his appreciation to the outgoing officers for all their hard work and support provided to him over the past two years: Randy, Suzanne, Ray, Marvin, and Dale. Larry presented the new Chapter Officers for the 2021-2022 term:

- Mark McGuire, President
- Randy Scott, Vice President
- Sep Whaley, Secretary/Treasurer
- Marvin Berry, National Director
- Mike Kirk, Alternate National Director (Not Present)

Larry turned over the meeting to incoming president Mark McGuire.

Copies of the annual treasurer's report were handed out. There were no questions. Marvin Berry moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Scott. Motion adopted.

National Director's report was given by Marvin Berry. Marvin plans to attend the FMCA Summer Convention in Gillette, WY where he will represent us at the Governing Board Meeting and INTO Area Business Meeting. Our Alternate National Director will also be attending and will monitor and observe those meetings.

Pictures, stories, articles, jokes, tech tips, information, etc. are needed for the newsletter. Please contact Jeannette Harper.

Miscellaneous Information:

For those that may not have heard, Diana Manners and Jack Stanley have passed away. Condolences go out to their families.

Rally Guidelines for Wagon Masters has been published on our website. The guide provides tips to novice as well as seasoned wagon masters in preparing, organizing, and executing a rally. Two significant changes:

- ANY contracts required to be executed for a rally, must be cleared in advance by the FMCA legal team which requires a 60-day lead time.
- A COVID Waiver & Release of Liability form must be completed and signed by each rally attendee and a copy of all forms must be sent to FMCA headquarters.

Chapter's Standing Rules have been revised and are available on our website.

2021 Rallies and Conventions:

- March 10-13 – FMCA Spring Convention in Perry, GA.

- **April 18-25 – AOC Annual Rally, America’s Best Campground, Branson, MO (Pre-Rallies April 14-18 at the same park) – Randy reported that this rally has been canceled**
- April 19-23 – INTO Area Rally, Lebanon, TN
- June 9-12 – Great Lakes Area Rally, Allegan, MI
- June 24-27 – Northwest Area Rally, Longview, WA
- **July 7-10 – FMCA Summer Convention in Gillette, WY. Marvin Berry, our National Director, will be attending and representing us at the Governing Board meeting and INTO Area Business Meeting. In addition, Mike Kirk, our Alternate National Director, will be attending the convention and will be monitoring and observing the same meetings.**
- July 29-Aug 1 – Northeast Area Rally, Syracuse, NY
- July 16-19 – Midwest Area Rally, Manchester, IA
- **After Labor Day (September 6th) – AlfaSeeYas Chapter Rally, Eagle Nest, NM – Randy Scott gave information about the campground and the area**
- Sep 29-Oct 2 – Eastern Area Rally, Lewisburg, WV
- Oct 6-9 – South Central Area Rally, Hutchinson, KS
- **Oct 20-23 – Rocky Mountain Area Rally, Tucson, AZ**

Useful web sites:

- Our Chapter Website - www.alfaseeyas.com
- RVillage – FMCA and Alfa Owners
- Facebook pages – Alfa Motorcoach Tech Group (public), Alfa Owners (closed site – apply to join), Alfa Motorcoach Owners (closed site – apply to join)
- Groups.io <https://groups.io/g/alfaseeeya> replaces the three Yahoo Groups forums. Apply to join. Sponsored by the AlfaSeeYas Chapter and the Alfa Owners’ Club Oversight Committee.

Chapter dues are \$10 a year (multi-year renewals are appreciated) – contact Sep Whaley. Please stay current with Chapter **and** FMCA dues.

Please consider hosting a rally. There are several incentives for wagon masters and co-wagon masters when hosting a rally such as: You get to pick when and where the Rally will be. You will be reimbursed by the Chapter Treasury for your site rent/fees for the nights stayed starting the night prior to the start of the rally through the last night of the rally. Your rally fee will be waived. And, if this is your first rally as an AlfaSeeYas Chapter Wagon Master or Co-Wagon Master, you will receive Chapter jackets.

For AlfaSeeYas hats, jackets, and name badge holders, see Randy Scott.

Drawing for door prizes: Arnie Burr won two FMCA insulated cups and Dan Gentry won an FMCA roll up blanket.

Adjournment: Larry York moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Linda Pearson. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 9:48am.

Sep Whaley, Secretary/Treasurer