



Freightliner Chassis Owners Club Business Meeting

St Paul, Minnesota – July 17, 2008

President Bill Buck called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. There were approximately 150 FCOC members in attendance. After the general announcements, Ken Hawk gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill introduced the officers present; Ron Sliger, Executive Vice President, Dorothy Casada, National Director, Priscilla Buck, Secretary, Tom James, Treasurer, Roy Hopper, Alternate National Director, and Ken Hawk, Immediate Past President.

Next to be introduced was Sonny Gillespie who is the newly elected President of INTO replacing Jay Blumenthal and also Vice President of FMCA.

Bill announced that Charlie and Ruth Hoffstaffer who have been the Caravan Organizers for many years are retiring, and hoped there would be someone interested in taking over. Charlie has indicated he would be happy to assist the new person to get them started. Let Charlie or one of the club officers know if you would be or know of someone who might be interested in taking on this responsibility.

Bill introduced Katherine and Larry Henley, together with Martha and Pete Palasota. Katherine is the past Executive Vice President and Pete the past Treasurer. Bill asked all the Veterans, First Timers, and past Rally and Assistant Rally Masters to stand to be recognized. Bob Harbin and wife Hermisia were introduced. Bob is the President of Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation.

Tony Sippel, FCCC RV Product Manager was asked to introduce the Freightliner support team. He said a few words and then introduced everyone including Jonathan Randal the Director of Sales and Marketing and Jennifer Edwards, the new Marketing and Communication Manager for FCCC. Also introduced were Pat and Tommy Smith, together with Donna and Jim Lamb who are Ambassadors for FCCC, and two representatives from Cummins.

Joe Costigan and wife Mary who were in charge of Security at the INTO rally in Oshkosh were recognized by Bill. Joe said a few words regarding the great job our club members did at the INTO rally and thanked everyone who helped.

Last, Bill recognized Charlene Williams for doing a wonderful job with the 50/50 raffle at Tucson.

President Bill asked that the reading of the minutes of the Pomona, California business meeting be waived as they were published in the last newsletter, plus on the web site. A motion was made and seconded, there was no further discussion. Motion carried. Bill asked if there were any corrections to the minutes and there were none. The minutes were accepted as published. Next was the Treasurers report. Tom James read off all the figures from the latest report for the period January through May of 2008. Bill asked if anyone had any questions. There were none so the report was filed as read.

Dorothy Casada, National Director was asked to give a report on the FMCA Governing Board. She said at the last meeting, they had a balanced budget so the FMCA dues did not have to be increased. Plus, they are keeping the MEDEX program. Dorothy is retiring from her duties as National Director. She said she has done it for many years and it was time for someone else to step in. She enjoyed it, and said we had a good club and thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Ron Sliger, Executive Vice President, asked if there were any volunteers who would be interested in running a rally. There were no volunteers from the floor.

Jay Blumenthal, the outgoing National Vice President of INTO introduced his wife Donna and thanked everyone for all the help he had been given during his time in office. President Bill thanked Jay for serving the last few years and told him he did a great job.

Bill presented the slate for the new nominating committee members, whose job is to find new officers for the club. There are currently three members who plan to remain on the committee, and four club members are interested in being added to the committee. They are: Barbara Knutson, Linda Slycord, Charlene Williams, and Bud Munzer

Bill asked if there were any additional nominees from the floor, there were none. He also asked if there were any objections in electing the nominating committee as presented. A motion was made that we accept them as stated. Was seconded, no further discussion, motion carried. President Bill congratulated the newly elected nominating committee members.



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FCOC Executive Board member's election: Slate of Officers.

Ron Sliger – Executive Vice President Tom James – Treasurer Roy Hopper - National Director
Mary Costigan – Alternate National Director Robert Smellie – VP of Newsletter

There are two new offices being created as members of the Executive Board: They are.

- VP of Area Operations - The job will be to work with the area coordinators and help them establish rallies and coordinate efforts between the areas and the FCCC.
- VP of Communications – The job will be to tie all of our communication methods together, e.g., database, website, newsletter, e-blasts, and to ensure that club members are made aware of time-sensitive information in a timely manner.

Club members being nominated to fill these two officer positions are:

Bob Smith – VP of Area Operations
Steve Batorson – VP of Communications

The slate of officers will serve 2 year terms starting 1 January 2009. President Bill asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none, and asked if there were any objections to electing these officers as presented. A motion was made to elect them as presented. Motion was seconded with no further discussion. Motion carried.

Bill mentioned that in the past we had a Vice President Webmaster, (Rudy Morris), but Rudy has retired. The Executive Board made a decision that this position be an appointed position rather than an elected one. The new webmaster is Rick Kennedy. Bill also brought up the following topics for the membership:

- We have 9 areas, which are the same areas as FMCA, and Area Coordinators are still needed. The purpose is to have more rallies closer to where people live.
- The Keeping in Touch database is available to find out about upcoming club activities. FCOC members are encouraged to check it out every 2 to 3 weeks and bring your personal information up-to-date as needed. There will be a new box added in the database to check off any skills you might want to share with the club. You can also elect to receive your newsletter electronically rather than through the mail.
- The Freightliner Chassis Owners Club has a new logo that can be seen on the website and appears in this newsletter. The club has also been incorporated.

Bill introduced Bob Harbin, the President of FCCC. Bob explained that the market was tough right now but it's not just the RV business that is suffering. FCCC is a member of the Daimler family and is a big operation. They are very profitable in some parts of the world right now. In Brazil, they are #1 in the bus and heavy truck builders, and Brazil's economy has grown 25% this year. Bob emphasized that we can rest assured whatever coach you buy on a Freightliner Chassis, they will be there for us, will continue to support the efforts of the club, and will work hard for the owners. If anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Bob.

Bob Harbin introduced Jonathan Randal, Director of Sales and Marketing, who had a few remarks. He thanked everyone for their patronage and business. He explained that FCCC is working on a marketing strategy of "what does the brand stand for – what's the vision - what's the promise" from a marketing point of view. This is where the "Driven By You" tag line comes from. Jonathan then showed a video explaining their new marketing plan.

Kathy Rundgren, the newly re-elected Vice President of INTO, and our representative, said if anyone had any questions or comments to let her know. She is looking for volunteers for the Perry, GA rally in March of 2009, and asked volunteers to let Donna Blumenthal know if you are interested, as Donna is heading this up.

Barbara Higgins, the newly elected Senior Vice President of INTO also had a few words. She asked if anyone in their travels spots a coach on a Freightliner chassis, which does not have a goose egg, meaning they are not FMCA members, to tell them about it. By getting new members, we can keep the budget up and the dues cost down.

Bill reminded everyone about the Pizza party the next day at the Freightliner tent. Bill said he did not have anything further, and asked if anyone had any additional business. If not, asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded with no further discussion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Secretary,

Priscilla Buck