



Northeast Area

Newsletter

President of the Northeast
Motorhome Association

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We “hit the ground running,” along with the rest of the Executive Board.

g the doctor’s okay to travel to Florida following necessary

that has come up with many new ideas to improve FMCA. Our “Dozen Does It” program is in full swing, a



As you all know, without the great “Volunteer Teams” we

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One Family**

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and I am one of two new VP's elected in to office at the last NEAR Rally in Essex

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Two Nations... One Family... FMCA

A message from your 2010 Rally Masters, Frank & Eleanor Rizzi

to serve as Rally Masters for this year's rally, which will be held at the
for this year's

The theme for this year's rally is TWO NATIONS... ONE FAMILY... FMCA. The

conditioned for everyone's

coach visitation, and "Meet and Greet" (the Chapter Fair, again featuring

on Lake Champlain with a choice of two menus: the "Downeaster," including lobster and prime rib, and the "Galley Master," with prime rib, turkey, and

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Northeast Motorhome Association Annual Meeting August 15, 2009

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by President Paul Dubois. Paul asked that we take a minute to think about the members of our Chapters who have passed away this past year.

MINUTES OF PRECEEDING MEETING- Kathianne Taylor read the minutes of the last meeting. Kathianne asked if there were any changes to be made in the minutes. A motion was made to accept them as read and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report-Eleanor Rizzi stated as of June 30, 2009 we had \$57,627.00 in four separate accounts. We also have a loan out to the rally of \$11,000.00. This is the start up money needed for the rally. Eleanor asked if there were any questions. A motion was made to accept the treasurer report and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence- Kathianne Taylor read a thank you letter from the Vermont Canine Association for our support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Paul stated that there has not been an audit of our books.

Paul stated that last year we had a By-Laws Committee working on changing the By-Laws to a two year term for the officers and a Senior Vice President. There has been a discussion among the Board and National about going to a Regional Vice President concept. The goal is to divide the area up and each Vice President is responsible for a certain area. This way the Vice Presidents will be able to find out about any problems within the chapters before they become serious. Also we may have a better chance of improving membership. Paul stated he would like to have a chance to appoint a committee to work with the Executive Board to study the Regional Vice President concept. Therefore the recommended bylaw changes will be put aside and recheck the current By-Laws.

Paul stated that copies of the proposed By-Laws were sent to each President by Lori on May 7th, 2009.

Paul also explained that National has to approve the changes and they haven't done so yet. So we can't vote on it yet. Paul explained it takes about two months before they can approve it.

Judy Czarsty explained that when you make a change to the By-Laws you have to send it into the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for review. They make sure that you followed the National set up in the policy and procedures, for areas and chapters. The committee then sends a letter out to the area. This process can take a minimum of two months.

A suggestion was made from the floor to take what changes were proposed this year and combine them with next year's changes, then vote on them only once. Our By-Laws need to be changed. There are also no Standing Rules.

Al Canary representing the By-Laws committee made a motion to table the changes to the by-laws until next year. 16 in favor, 8 opposed and the motion is carried.

Don Eversmann explained that we don't want to get below the 100,000 membership number. So anything you can do to help us we would appreciate it.

OLD BUSINESS-There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS-

Paul stated that our rally next year conflicts with several other groups, such as Good Sam, etc. We should change the dates or we won't get the vendors the members are looking for. The vendors had a great rally here this year and would like to come back. A motion was made to authorize the board to change the rally. Seconded and all were in favor.

Paul explained that all chapters need to review their description of their chapter to include the recruitment letters going out. If you need any ideas check the Eastern Area since they have updated their descriptions two years ago.

Paul stated that Chapter Officers are not keeping up to date on email changes. He stated that he mailed something out to all Officers and got at least 15 back for the wrong addresses.

Eleanor asked for volunteers for the audit committee. Ann Archambault, Margaret and Barbara Higgins volunteered.

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Paul asked for volunteers for a new nominating committee. A letter must be sent to every Chapter President and National Directors. Volunteered were Frank Rizzi, Barbara, David Taylor, Lori Hoag, and Janice Thomas. A motion was made to accept the volunteers and was seconded.

Paul stated that since our By-Laws state we can have three or more Vice President's so we would like to add one more Vice President for a total of four.

Frank Rizzi gave a report from the nominating committee. He stated he sent letters to all the chapter presidents and the National Director. Only two nominations were made for Vice President, Dick Higgins and Bob Mills.

Frank stated that he is going by Roberts Rules of Order this year. He will start with the current officers then cover the new officers. Frank asked if anyone objects to the way he is doing it. Are there any other nominations from the floor?

The current officers have agreed to remain in office. Since Paul moved up and a new Vice President is needed so we have two openings. Frank stated that for first Vice President we have Lou Snow, are there any other nominations? None were recommended. With no other nominations will the Secretary Cast one vote for Lou Snow. For second Vice President we have Ed Hoag. Are there any other nominations? None were recommended. Will the Secretary Cast one vote for second Vice President. For third and fourth Vice Presidents the Board will decide who is actually number three and number four. For Third Vice President are there any additional nominations from the floor? None were recommended. A Motion was made to accept Bob Mills as Vice President. Secretary will cast one vote for Bob Mills. For the fourth Vice President are there any additional nominations from the floor? None were recommended. A Motion was made to accept Dick Higgins as the fourth Vice President. Secretary will cast one vote for Dick Higgins. For Secretary are there any nominations? None were recommended. President casts one vote for Kathianne Taylor for Secretary. For Treasurer are there any nominations? None were recommended. Secretary will cast one vote for Eleanor Rizzi as Treasurer. There were no objections. Therefore Lou Snow, Ed Hoag, Dick Higgins, and Bob Mills are now the Vice Presidents.