

CAT RV Club Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2005

Perry, GA FMCA Convention

President Don Tallman called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. One hundred and eighty-two members were present. Phil Griffin led the salute to the flag. Les Jensen gave the benediction.

Phil Griffin read the minutes of the last meeting. One paragraph was corrected. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Added by Carol L. McCoy per information from Don Tallman, President: "Phil Griffin presented Standing Rules to the membership. A copy was posted; a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Standing Rules as they are corrected. (Please note attached.)"

Tom James, Treasurer, gave the financial report. (See attachment).

Don announced that the Nominating Committee candidates are: Jim Moir, Rich Shamory and George Saam. It was moved and seconded to accept these three as the Nominating Committee. The membership unanimously approved the motion.

Don introduced Wally McCorkle who has had a lot of experience with the computer. With the Club's approval he initiated a Yahoo CAT RV Club discussion web site where questions could be posted; readers could answer, etc.

The Club received a proposal to set up a formal web site from Rudy Morris. Rudy is the Web Master for the Freightliner Chassis Owner's group. He is willing to put it all together, at his cost, approximately \$120 per year. Several agreed this was a bargain as applications for membership, information on rallies, plus other vital information could be posted for all to see. And, the web site will be monitored for appropriateness. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. The web site's name is still to be decided and will be published in the newsletter. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

George Saam nominated Brett Wolfe to fill out existing term of the late Vice President Royce Bishop. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

Don introduced Suzie Adcock from Caterpillar. She thanked the CAT RV Club for being Caterpillar ambassadors. Suzie introduced Rob Martin and Jackie Cothren who will work closely with the club through their offices at Caterpillar. She encouraged the membership to attend the Peoria Rally where there will be a couple of factories to tour. She would like 3 to 4 ladies to work with her on planning of the women's events. The dates for the Peoria CAT RV Club Rally are August 1-5, 2005.

Don announced that the club is working on obtaining CAT jackets at Caterpillar's cost, for new members.

The first 100 sign-ups for the Peoria Rally will get CAT shirts for both the pilot & the co-pilot. The shirts will have the CAT RV Club logo embroidered on them.

Don introduced Tom Schneider who, along with Guaranty, was a co-sponsor of the Gaffney Rally. He furnished several prizes for the drawings, smoked salmon for a social & organized the CAT Bean Bag Tournament.

The Club will post the big Caterpillar banner at each meeting. Any co-sponsors will have smaller signs or banners. Don will ask Caterpillar to have a technician at each rally for technical information.

Don then introduced Max Durbin, our international area FMCA vice-president and his wife Joanne. He was happy to attend our chapter meeting and was gratified to see the size of our membership. FMCA believes that the CAT RV Club encourages joining and remaining in FMCA, which has lost membership, maybe because of a small rise in dues. Max encouraged the membership to participate in the FMCA "Gimme 5" program, which is an incentive program for bringing in 5 new members. Incentives include a road atlas (\$19.00 value) and 5 coupons for Camping World (\$50.00 value).

The meeting was formally adjourned at 4:58 P.M. by president Don Tallman. Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Starr Saam, Acting Secretary
FMCA CAT RV Club