



Cat RV Club Business Meeting Minutes

Perry, GA 3/21/07

The business meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Vice-president David Twilley. Kathe Letulle led with an opening prayer. Don Tallman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Twilley, Vice-President, introduced the officers present at the meeting: Kathe Letulle, Treasurer; Starr Saam, Acting Secretary and Parliamentarian; Don Tallman, National Director and Club Founder; Al Vormittag, Alternate National Director; George Saam, Nominating Committee.

David introduced the Caterpillar, Inc. Team of Suzie Adcock, Tony Kapustka and Jackie Cothren.

David introduced the following FMCA officers present who shared greetings and remarks with the club: Nelson Stubbs, Midwestern Area V.P.; Jay Blumenthal, International Area V.P.; Sunny Gillespie, Chief of Security for the Perry rally and his wife, Carole and Don Moore, FMCA President and his wife Darlene. Don Moore is a charter member of the CAT RV Club. He congratulated the club on its growth and wished the club a good time in Perry. Both Don Moore and Nelson Stubbs encouraged the members to attend the rally in 2008 in Henry, Illinois as Caterpillar, Inc. is something to see. Jay Blumenthal thanked the CAT Club for being so welcoming. He also encouraged all Cat RV Club members to attend the INTO Rally April 19-22, 2007 in Harrington, Delaware.

David asked the Tampa Rally attendees to share their experiences with other club members at the pizza and wine party following the meeting.

Carolyn Bearden, Don Tallman, Bobbi and Al Vormittag, Tampa Rally Co-Wagonmasters, were thanked by the club Vice-president for their work with a certificate for one-half off the cost of one of the next three CAT RV Club rallies.

The minutes of the last Business Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina were presented to the membership for approval. It was moved to correct the minutes to read, "a \$25.00 non-financial discrepancy was found and reconciled" instead of "a \$10 discrepancy was found but later reconciled". The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was seconded and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

Kathe Letulle, Treasurer, reported as of 8/15/2006 the beginning balance was \$41,247.69, income \$56,765.76, and expenses \$37,326.15. This resulted in a net ending balance of

\$60,687.30 as of 3/20/2007. The net loss for the Tampa Rally was (\$62.07). A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Under old business a motion was made and seconded to amend the CAT RV Club By-Laws as follows:

1. The By-Laws are amended to designate staggered officer terms. To implement this at the next election, the President will serve one year, the Vice-President two years, the Secretary one year, the Treasurer two years, the National Director one year, and the Alternate National Director two years. Thereafter all officers will be elected for a two year term.
2. The Parliamentarian will be an appointed position.
3. A Membership Chairperson will be added as an elected position.

The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

Under New Business, Don Tallman gave the National Director's report. At the FMCA International Convention in Redmond, Oregon there will be a vote on all national officer positions for a 2 year term.

David reported that over 90 new members were recruited at the Perry rally. These new members make the CAT RV Club one of the top five largest FMCA chapters. We have over 1,300 member coaches in the club.

George Saam, Nominating Committee member, reported that because the CAT RV Club is becoming a large international chapter, the Nominating Committee is looking for regional vice-presidents to help with club communication and growth. Members interested in these positions were encouraged to submit their résumés to the CAT RV CLUB Nominating Committee.

David announced the CAT RV Center Network was organized at three levels: Basic engine, Engine & Chassis and Engine, Chassis & House. He encouraged club members to patronize these centers, as they have contributed over \$20,000.00 to supporting our rallies.

Starr Saam outlined the itinerary for the "Commotion at the Ocean" rally July 23-27, 2007 at Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort in Newport, Oregon. It will occur 2 weeks before the FMCA Convention in Redmond. She encouraged club members to sign up early for this rally because it is limited to 100 coaches. Registration forms will be available in the CAT Club Newsletter coming out 2 weeks after the Perry Rally and 3 days after the newsletter is mailed on the club website, <http://www.catrvclub.org/>.

Suzy Adcock, Caterpillar, Inc. spokesperson, welcomed all of the new members to the club. She thanked members for their support and invited members to come by the CAT, Inc. booth. She then introduced her assistant, Jackie Cothren, who works closely with the CAT RV Club

executive board. Suzy spoke of the Gasparilla Fling Rally in Florida, saying that it was no easy task to satisfy 200 people for 4 days. On behalf of Caterpillar, Inc., she presented Carolyn Bearden, Don Tallman, Bobbi and Al Vormittag each with a beautiful CAT wristwatch. Suzy spoke of Don's vision in creating the CAT RV Club just 3 years ago. She told us how proud she was that it had grown so large in just 3 years.

A member asked if the club would be having any other rallies not connected to FMCA. He suggested that the CAT RV Club have regional rallies. David said that he would bring the suggestion to the Cat RV Club Executive Board.

David Twilley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the members. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M. Door prizes were given. Pizza and refreshments were served.