

**MINUTES of the
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
RICHARD M. BORCHARD REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
ROBSTOWN, TEXAS
JANUARY 23, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI) Board of Trustees (IBT) was called to order by International President Joe Perryman on Friday, January 23, 2015, at 0932 A.M. in the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas. A live streaming of audio of this meeting was authorized on wbcci.org with a link to <http://wbcci.Primcast.com/wbcci>. A statement concerning the restrictions on re-broadcasting of the streamed audio followed.

Since Reverend Dr. Kingdon, Religious Services Coordinator was unable to attend, the Invocation was presented by John Boutwell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by International 1st Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger.

Euna S. Ridenour was appointed as Recording Secretary. The appointment was agreed to by unanimous consent. Euna S. Ridenour will be the Recording Secretary.

International Recording Secretary Euna S. Ridenour called the roll of officers:

International President Joe Perryman – present
International 1st Vice President Jim Schwerdfeger – present
International 2nd Vice President Richard Girard – present
International 3rd Vice President Jim Cocke – present
International Recording Secretary Euna S. Ridenour – present
International Treasurer Adolf Knopp – present
Immediate Past President John Stumpf – excused
Region 1 President Ernie Bauer – present
Region 2 President Pat McFadden – present
Region 3 President Matt Hackney – present
Region 4 President Marjorie Lotz – present
Region 5 President Monte Barksdale – present
Region 6 President Lonnie Carver – present
Region 7 President Gail Harrower – present
Region 8 President Glenn Waters – present
Region 9 President Andy Selking – present
Region 10 President Carol Ortiz – present
Region 11 President Roger Pruter – present
Region 12 President Robert Stansbury – present
Parliamentarian (non-voting) Carolyn Florence – present
Trustee, Justin Humphreys - absent

The secretary reported a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: An agenda was approved.

MINUTES: The reading of the minutes of the July 5, 2014, IBT meeting was dispensed with and was approved as distributed and corrected. A correction was made to the minutes. Jay Thompson was listed as Region 3 President. Matt Hackney is the Region 3 President.

OFFICER REPORTS: President Joe Perryman reported an opinion survey of almost 1,500 members had just been completed and stated the results would be published in the February issue of News & Views and the Blue Beret. A digital directory has been completed and it can be downloaded to your Smart Phones, telephones, tablets or whatever device you like. Cindy Reed, the Corporate Manager retired and was replaced by Lori Plummer. Deb Mann left to pursue other opportunities, and she was replaced by Tara Hodges. Lori Plummer will be at the International Rally. Filemaker, the new database, has replaced the obsolete system at headquarters. Registration at the International Rally is at 320. Based on what has traditionally happened over the last five years, registration usually grows by about 30%, so we expect to have between 400 and 435 at the International Rally.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Euna S. Ridenour read the resignation letter from Vickie Courtney dated December 23, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adolf Knopp read his report. The report covers the period of July 1 – December 31, 2014.

Net Ordinary Income	\$ 167,134.25
Total Assets	1,348,788.03
Rally Net Income	102,817.35

The summarized accountant's review report of June 30, 2014, was also provided. Monnier & Co., the CPAs also prepared our federal income tax returns for the year June 30, 2014.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jay Thompson stated that John Stumpf was present for the interviews via speaker phone and John asked that Jay express his sorrow for not being able to attend. Jay provided the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee Report and announced the following candidates have been certified as Qualified Candidates for the following positions:

President:	Jim Schwerdfeger
1 st Vice President:	Richard Girard
2 nd Vice President:	Jim Cocke
3 rd Vice President:	Barry Bell
Treasurer:	Richard Turner
Recording Secretary:	Euna S. Ridenour
Member Nominating Committee:	Helen Bourgeois
Member Nominating Committee:	Patti Reed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Oral Reports were presented by the Standing Committee Chairmen at the IBT Seminar/Forum which preceded this meeting. The IBT members had the written reports before them.

- A. Blue Beret – Cecelia Stansbury: She had no additions or changes to her report.
- B. Budget – June Ryan: June thanked the President for the opportunity to serve and thanked Adolf Knopp and Lori Plummer for assisting her.
- C. Caravan – Chuck Kiple was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.
- D. Community Service – Janet Kendig was absent and no report was received.
- E. Constitution and Bylaws – Don Shafer: He had no additions or changes to his report.
- F. Electronic Communications – Damon Beals was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.
- G. Ethics and Grievances – Barry Heckenswiler was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.
- H. Family and Youth – Linda Amme was absent and there were no additions or changes to her report.
- I. Historical – Tim Kendziorski was absent and no report was received.
- J. International Rally Site 2015 – Joe Perryman’s report was given earlier under Officer's Reports.
- K. International Rally Site 2016 – Jim Schwerdfeger’s provided a report under Comments.
- L. International Relations – Jim Elmlinger was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.
- M. Legislative – Richard Jirus was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.
- N. Lifetime Membership Fund – Richard Girard stated that there is a significant difference between the Treasurer’s report and his report. The difference is because of a CD that is earning 2.5 percent, and we didn’t want to break it at this point.
- O. Marketing – Fred Richardson was absent and there were no changes to his report.
- P. Membership – Helen Bourgeois: Helen stated the total number of members as of this morning was 5,543 members.
- Q. National/Special Events – Marquee Mooney had no changes to her report.
- R. Planning Guides and Merit Awards – Karin Kurkowski was absent and there were no additions or changes to her report.
- S. Public Relations and Rally Promotions – Hazel Knopp: There were no additions or changes to her report.
- U. Technical – Howard Lefkowitz was absent and there were no additions or changes to his report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. International Peace Garden – Gail Harrower: Gail stated that this monument started as a thought and now it is real and by the time we get to Farmington, you will see the monument. We have received quite a few donations at this rally, and we would like to thank everyone for them. Don't forget to buy your tickets on that brand new Chevy car and the 16 foot Bambi trailer. If any member knows of a good corporate sponsor to get donations, please forward that information or contact them.
- B. Wounded Warrior Project – Janie Haddaway: Janie stated that in 2014, the member contributed \$21,196 to the Wounded Warrior Project. Over the past two years members of WBCCI have contributed over \$71,196. Janie thanked all members who made contributions. There are members that have donated directly to the Wounded Warrior Project. Janie stated there would be an article in the Blue Beret and if members want to continue to donate to Wounded Warriors they could continue to send checks made out to Wounded Warriors to her at her home address, and she would send the funds to Wounded Warriors.

Pat McFadden stated that the Watchung New Jersey Unit because of not getting the check to him, they sent \$1,000 directly to Wounded Warriors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Girard read the motion from the July 5, 2014, made by Robert Stansbury and seconded by Matt Hackney.

I move that Article IV, Section 5, of the Bylaws dealing with lifetime membership be amended by the insertion of the following **“not receive,”** striking ~~paying the~~, inserting **“by payment of a”** and inserting **“from July 5, 2014, until reinstated by the IBT. (Existing Lifetime memberships are not changed by this deferral of the right to purchase a lifetime membership.)”**

Article IV, Section 5:

Members may **not receive** a lifetime membership by ~~paying the~~ **payment of a** one-time fee for lifetime international dues **from July 5, 2014, until reinstated by the IBT. (Existing Lifetime memberships are not changed by this deferral of the right to purchase a lifetime membership.)**

This motion was seconded at its original presentation.

Richard Girard stated that the Lifetime Membership Fund Committee supports the defeat of this motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

18 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED – The Motion was defeated by a
unanimous vote of 18 members.

Motion #1: Richard Girard read Motion #1.

I move the International Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Lori Plummer for the position of Corporate Manager of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

This motion did not require a second since it came from the Executive Committee, a committee of more than one.

Motion #1 passed with unanimous consent.

Motion #2: Richard Girard read Motion #2.

I move to strike out the entire section of Bylaws and Policy, Article IV, Membership and Membership Privileges, Page 7, Section 4 and renumber the remaining sections.

Article IV, Membership and Membership Privileges, Section 4 currently reads:

~~The Board of Trustees shall have authority to award a lifetime membership to a Past President of the international club and said award shall be deemed to include the spouse of such Past President. When such a lifetime membership is awarded, the one-time fee, based on the average of the ages of the awardee and spouse in the year of the award in accordance with the established schedule of fees for lifetime international dues shall be transferred from the general fund to the international club to the lifetime membership fund.~~

This motion does not require a second since it comes from a committee of more than one.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

12 YES 5 NO 0 ABSTAINED. Motion #2 passed.

Motion #3: Richard Girard read Motion #3.

I move to amend the **BYLAWS AND POLICY** to remove the reference to the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership program. These are the Articles, etc., that require amendment:

Article III – COMMITTEES – STANDING COMMITTEES – GENERAL DUTIES – POLICY N by striking out “~~or for the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership program.~~”

Article III – COMMITTEES – STANDING COMMITTEES – GENERAL DUTIES – POLICY N would then read:

- N. Lifetime Membership Fund To administer the Lifetime Membership Fund; to meet at least once per year at the call of the Chairman of the Standing Committee; to review on an annual basis the financial status and the viability of the Lifetime Membership Fund and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for adjustments to the one-time fee for Lifetime International Dues. ~~or for the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership program. (1/19/96)~~

AND,

ARTICLE XVI -- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – Policy – Financial Management - #2 by striking out ~~“or the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership program.”~~ And ~~“pursuant to the provisions on Article IV, Section 4, of the International Bylaws.”~~

Article XVI – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – Policy – Financial Management 2. Would then read:

2. The Lifetime Membership Fund shall provide that in case of the dissolution of the International Club or the transfer of the control of the International Club from the Board of Trustees ~~or the discontinuance of the Lifetime Membership program~~, the funds remaining in said Lifetime Fund shall be returned, on a prorated basis, to the then Lifetime Members in good standing in the International Club, except recipients of Life Member Awards, as awarded by the Board of Trustees ~~pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 4, of the International Bylaws~~, shall not be entitled to share in the distribution of the balance of funds. Any portion of remaining fund balances, as determined by audit to be attributable to such Life Member Awards, shall be returned to the General Fund of the International Club. (1/15/99)

This motion does not require a second since it came from the Lifetime Membership Fund Committee.

Don Shafer stated that in relation to the present Constitution and Bylaws this is not correct, because if the Lifetime Membership Fund is discontinued then the members became “regular” members and would have to pay the standard dues unless there are provisions made to change the rules.

It was determined that the rational contained the conflict and was not part of the motion.

Motion #3 passed with unanimous consent.

Motion #4: Richard Girard read Motion #4.

I move that **Article IV Sec. 11, C & D** be changed by deleting the “12” in **Sec. C** and insert “6”, “twelve” in **Sec. D** and inset “6”. Delete ~~“and/or for the current year and the subsequent year if payment made on or after July 1 of the current year.”~~ In both **Sec. C & D**. and insert in both **Sec. C & D**, after “June 30.” **“Payment by lapsed members after July 1 will include both the current year’s dues and the dues for the following year.”**

Article IV, Sec. 11 C:

C. Membership of regular members in the international club, and in any unit or chartered body thereof, shall be terminated on December 31 if dues are not paid electronically to WBCCI Headquarters or to and received by the unit treasurer on or before December 31. Any membership so terminated may be reinstated anytime within the succeeding ~~12~~ **6** months by payment of unit and international dues for the current year anytime between January 1 and June 30. ~~and/or for the current year and the subsequent year if payment made on or after July 1 of the current year.~~ **(6/27/14) Payment by lapsed members after July 1 will include both the current year's dues and the dues for the following year.**

Article IV, Sec. 11 C will then read:

C. Membership of regular members in the international club, and in any unit or chartered body thereof, shall be terminated on December 31 if dues are not paid electronically to WBCCI Headquarters or to and received by the unit treasurer on or before December 31. Any membership so terminated may be reinstated anytime within the succeeding **6** months by payment of unit and international dues for the current year anytime between January 1 and June 30. **Payment by lapsed members after July 1 will include both the current year's dues and the dues for the following year.**

Article IV, Sec. 11 D:

D. Membership of a member at large in the international club shall be terminated on December 31 if international dues and the established surcharge are not received at International Headquarters on or before December 31. The membership of a member at large so terminated may be reinstated any time within the succeeding ~~twelve~~ **6** months by the payment of international dues and the established surcharge for the current year any time between January 1 and June 30 ~~and/or for the current year and the subsequent year if payment is made on or after July 1 of the current year.~~ **Payment by lapsed members, after July 1, will include both the current year's dues and the dues for the following year.**

Article IV, Sec. 11 D will then read:

D. Membership of a member at large in the international club shall be terminated on December 31 if international dues and the established surcharge are not received at International Headquarters on or before December 31. The membership of a member at large so terminated may be reinstated any time within the succeeding **6** months by the payment of international dues and the established surcharge for the current year any time between January 1 and June 30. **Payment by lapsed members, after July 1, will include both the current year's dues and the dues for the following year.**

The motion was seconded by Matt Hackney.

Motion #4 passed with unanimous consent.

Motion #5 was withdrawn by its maker at the Seminar.

Motion #6: Robert Stansbury withdrew this motion and asked the President to establish an International Rally Site Committee and stated he had several volunteers for the committee.

The President stated he promised the board that he would do this if this motion was withdrawn, so he would appoint a five person committee. The names will be given to the board later.

Motion #7: Robert Stansbury read Motion #7.

I move that **Article III, Sec 7** be deleted and replaced by a new **Article III, Sec 7**.

Delete the following:

~~**Sec. 7 Bylaws** All standing committee chairmen shall file a half-yearly report to Headquarters for presentation to the IBT. The deadline shall be no later than December 1 and May 1 of each year. (7/5/93)~~

Add a new **Sec. 7:**

Article III, Sec.7: All standing committee chairs will submit a half-year report to the IBT's annual business meetings by December 1 and May 1 of each year. The reports will be published on the website WBCCI website in a downloadable format and sent electronically to all members of the IBT prior to the mid-winter and annual business meetings. The chairs of the standing committees or committee member may be at the meetings to answer any questions arising from the report by either the IBT or the members in attendance. The reports need not be read aloud at the meetings. Members of the committee shall have the privilege of submitting a minority report on issues of concern.

The motion was seconded by Matt Hackney.

12 YES 4 NO 1 ABSTAINED Motion #7 passed.

Motion #8: Robert Stansbury read Motion #8.

I move that **Article III, Sec. 2, and 3** of the WBCCI Bylaws be deleted and replaced with new Sec. 2, and 3 below.

Delete the following:

~~**Sec. 2 Bylaws** All members of standing committees shall be approved by the Executive Committee. No program will be undertaken by such committee unless approved by the Executive Committee and funding for such program included in the annual budget. (7/5/93)~~

Add a new **Sec. 2:**

Article III, Sec. 2: The chairs of all standing committees, except the International Rally, International Rally Site and Lifetime Membership Fund, shall be appointed by the International President and approved by the Executive Committee. Each appointed committee chair will serve for one year and may be reappointed by the incoming International President. A standing committee will undertake no program unless approved by the Executive Committee and funding

for such program included in the annual budget. The President shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in the chair position occurring by reason of death or resignation.

Delete the following:

~~**Sec. 3 Bylaws** All standing committees shall consist of a chairman and as many members as the President shall deem necessary. The Chairman of each Committee shall be appointed by the President. The President shall fill by appointment, any vacancy occurring by reason of death or resignation. (6/22/92)~~

Add a new **Sec. 3**

Article III, Sec. 3: All Standing Committees should have a minimum of two additional members selected from the membership by the committee chair. Names and contact information of the committee chairs shall be published in the WBCCI directory and website to allow members to contact the chairs directly and volunteer for any committee based upon their interest, experience or expertise. The chair may also invite members to serve on their committee and in the event of a vacancy occurring by reason of death or resignation the chair shall advertise the opening and select a replacement member.

The motion was seconded by Pat McFadden.

14 YES 3 NO 0 ABSTAINED Motion #8 passed.

Motion #9: Richard Girard read Motion #9.

I move that the IBT allow a contract to be signed for rental of the fairground facility at Escanaba, Michigan, for the 2017 International Rally.

The motion was seconded by Gail Harrower.

Motion #9 was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Region Merit Awards were presented by President Joe Perryman to the following Region Presidents and Past Region Presidents:

Region 2 – Patrick J. McFadden

Region 4 – Marjorie Lotz

Region 5 – Barry Bell

Region 6 - Lonnie Carver

Region 7 – Linda Agre

Region 8 – Glenn Waters

Region 9 – Linda Knezek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All members of the IBT were invited to make introductions and promote Region functions.

There being no further business and, without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 P.M., January 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Euna Sansoucie Ridenour
International Recording Secretary

These minutes have been reviewed by President Joe Perryman on January 29, 2015.