

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009
SPARTAN CHASSIS INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER
OF FMCA
AT LETZ'S ON THE SQUARE, PERRY, GA

President Robert Hefta called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM at Leta's on the Square, Perry, GA. There were 84 members, representing 43 coaches, and 4 guests. Beth Czech sang the blessing. The meal followed with a beautifully decorated cake to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Spartan Chassis International Chapter of FMCA.

President Hefta introduced Harry "Sonny" Gillespie, Vice President of the International Area (now called INTO), and his wife Carole Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie thanked the chapter for inviting he and his wife to our luncheon. Mr. Gillespie also stated that he would be presenting our chapter with it's 20th Anniversary Certificate at the INTO Meeting on Wednesday morning.

Jerry Frank made a motion approving the minutes of the July 15, 2008 business meeting as printed. Bernie Dobrin seconded that motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Judy Yockey presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 11, 2009. A copy of the report was attached to the Agenda. Jim Anten made a motion approving the report as to filing. Jerry Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried.

As SCIC's National Director, Bernie Dobrin reported that since the economy was down so was FMCA's income and that costs had increased. The budget for FMCA will be reviewed in July at Bowling Green, OH. FMCA does have a "rainy day fund" with hopefully enough money that FMCA would not have to cut member benefits or increase dues. Mr. Dobrin also discussed the Candidates' Forum, which had been held on Sunday, and the President's Forum, which had been held Tuesday morning. As we all know, FMCA's membership is down and it has been suggested that we all try and recruit one new member. We were reminded we receive a \$10.00 certificate for each new member we recruit. Mr. Dobrin encouraged us to support our commercial members and encourage our friends to attend rallies and conventions. Dr. Dobrin stated the next INTO rally would be held in Quartzite, AZ.

Scott Brady reported on the Hop, Skip and Jump rally that will be held following the FMCA Convention. Mr. Brady also gave a short report on the Pre/Post SCIC Rally in Petoskey, MI. The Pre/Post rally will cost \$100.00 per coach, and an additional \$50.00 per couple if you want to eat lunch in the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Hosts for the Pre-rally will be Jerry and Sena Frank. Hosts for the Post-rally will be Scott & Wanda Brady and Bob & Carol Hefta.

Paul Krug from Spartan explained that due to the economy Spartan would not be holding the Homecoming; instead SCIC will have a rally named the SCIC Service Week. In order to attend you must be a FMCA member and a SCIC member. Registration for this

rally should be done online and Kim Peterson from Spartan service will e-mail you with your service appointment.

President Hefta stated that the next FMCA Convention would be held July 20-23, 2009 in Bowling Green, OH. The SCIC Luncheon and Business Meeting will be held on July 21, 2009 at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Maggie's Creative Foods, 25481 Dixie Highway/ Highway 25, Perrysburg, OH.

Judy Yockey reported on the July 24-26, 2009 SCIC Post Rally, Maumee Bay State Park, Oregon, OH. Hosts for the post rally will be Allen & Judy Yockey and Randy & Karen Stano.

President Hefta stated the 2010 FMCA Conventions will be held in March 22-25 in Albuquerque, NM and August 11-14 in Redmond, OR. President Hefta asked if anyone is willing to host or help host those post rallies. No one volunteered for Albuquerque, NM, but Scott Brady stated that he and Wanda would host the post Redmond, OR rally in Baker City, OR.

Under Old Business we reviewed a by-law revision we had discussed in St. Paul, MN. The revision reads as follows:

- C. INITIAL APPLICATIONS: Applications for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and National dues (unless already an FMCA Member). If an initial application is accepted after June 1, the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.

Bernie Dobrin moved that we accept the by-law revision. Sena Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed.

According to a motion dated March 20, 2006, we have to review the reimbursement for the President and National Director when they attend the FMCA Conventions. A suggested motion was read. After discussion and revision of the motion, Bernie Dobrin moved that we accept the motion to read as follows:

“The President shall receive \$500.00 reimbursement for attending each of the two International Conventions for a total of \$1,000.00 yearly. If the President is unable to attend an International Convention and the Vice President attends in his place, the Vice President shall receive the \$500.00 reimbursement for that Convention.

The National Director shall receive \$500.00 reimbursement for attending the International Convention/Business Meeting. If the National Director is unable to attend the International Convention/Business Meeting, and the Alternate National Director attends in his place, the Alternate National Director shall receive the \$500.00 reimbursement for that International Convention/Business Meeting.

The Treasurer shall receive \$500.00 reimbursement for attending one International Convention per calendar year.”

Jim Anten seconded that motion. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the above motion and what would happen if a couple each held an office that would receive reimbursement. Bernie Dobrin moved to add this provision to the motion as follows:

“Only one reimbursement shall be allowed per family per FMCA International Convention. ie If a family has more than one officer receiving reimbursement they shall only be paid one reimbursement per FMCA International Convention.”

Jerry Frank seconded that motion. The motion carried.

Under New Business Jerry Frank made a motion to give Scott and Wanda Brady lifetime membership to the Spartan Chassis International Club. Jim Anten seconded that motion. The motion carried.

At the July 2008 meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Anten, Mr. & Mrs. Bowen, and Mr. & Mrs. Rose volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. Jim Anten reported the election of officers will be held at the July SCIC Business Meeting. The nominating committee has been unsuccessful in obtaining members willing to become officers of SCIC, and if anyone is willing to run for office to contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

President Hefta reported that approximately two-thirds of our members have not renewed their membership and by the end of March they will have to be dropped from our membership. Dick and Grace Harris, our Membership Directors, have suggested we send out post cards reminding our members to pay their 2009 dues. The cost of having the post cards printed and sent out would be approximately \$300.00. Marlene Dobrin moved that we authorize the Harris to have the post cards printed and mailed out. Nancy Anten seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul Krieger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Seale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gordon Taylor from Spartan reported on what was happening at Spartan. Spartan is still building fire trucks, but both the motor home chassis business and the government contract for military vehicles are down. Mr. Taylor said the decision to cancel Spartan Homecoming was very, very difficult, but he hoped the SCIC Service Week would be successful.

Door prizes were awarded. Five motor home plaques were given out from SCIC. The lucky members were Edward & Gail Avance, George & Millie Worden, Kent & Nancy Miller, Ed & Sandy Miller, and Wayne & Nixie Miller.

Submitted for filing

Carol Hefta, Secretary