



Flexible Owners International

Supporting Flexible Bus Enthusiasts Around the Globe

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Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2023 @ 7pm EST

ATTENDANCE

President: Brian Santin
VP: Mike Middaugh
Treasurer: Melissa Coe
Secretary: Brad Wallace

Board Members: Dan Aldridge
Michele Hulet
Dave Rosique
Newsletter Editors: Larry & Erika Ferg

Absent: Richard (& Carla) Humble

1. **CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 8/27/22 (as amended) & 10/3/22**
 - a. Motion: Aldridge, 2nd Hulet. Approved.
2. **2024 Rally (Brian)**
 - a. Dates: Aug 21-25, 2024
 - b. Planning update –
 - i. 2024 Rally Survey
 1. Motion: Rosique, 2nd Aldridge. Approved.
 2. Plan to email 2024 Rally Survey to membership– include a link in the next newsletter as well
 - ii. Parade – increase time in town to 3hrs from 2hr
3. **Treasurer's Report (Melissa)**
 - a. Membership renewals are coming in. Working to move membership renewal process electronically from paper and put record keeping in digital format from paper.
 - b. Checking \$786.18
 - c. Savings \$10,680
 - i. Melissa to investigate putting the savings into a CD for higher interest rate
 - d. Petty Cash \$86.30
 - e. Look into possible stickers to send folks with their renewal – Membership Welcome/Renewal Packet development (Coe, Aldridge, Rosique, Santin) – to meet separately and report back
4. **Communications**
 - a. Newsletter update (Larry/Erika)
 - i. Content, content, content
 1. Spotlight on FOI member bus – who's up next? – Brad Wallace's 1960 Hi-Level
 2. Dave Rosique offered to send brief report on Vintage Trailer Rally in April
 3. Mike Middaugh leaves for Australia in 2 days and will be attending a Flexible Rally while there – will provide a write-up
 4. Newsletter Intro by Pres. Santin
 - ii. Distribution – email +/- snail mail
 1. Melissa & Dan volunteered to print and mail newsletters throughout the year
 - b. Facebook - *tabled*



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- i. Admin is Ronnie Brannon, ? co-admin
 - c. Website - *tabled*
 - i. Functionality, purpose, need, etc
 - 1. Bus for Sale - ? eliminate in favor of Facebook
 - 2. Newsletter most recent & archives
 - ii. Current Rob Maryo maintains -? Continue with Rob vs send out RFP
 - d. Need Board member to Chair/Co-Chair Communications?
- 5. Bylaws (Brian)**
- a. Need review / Discussion of potential adaptations/ ? separate mtg to focus on Bylaws
 - i. Combine Secretary with Communications, realign FOI roster maintenance to Treasurer
 - 1. Record mtg minutes, oversee Communications (newsletter, website, social media)
 - ii. Board of Directors
 - 1. Chairman/Immediate Past President
 - 2. Rally Captain
 - 3. Newsletter Editor
 - 4. At-Large x2
 - b. ? Modifying term limits of Officers – current terms are too restrictive, consider 3-term limit
 - c. Honorary / Life-Time Members – lack of criteria in Bylaws
 - i. Des Feary – Australian, very active ‘voice of Flexible’ on social media for past several years, passed away last fall
 - 1. Proposed to create an Award in Des’ name to be presented at the Loudonville Rally – Santin to investigate/follow up
 - d. Commercial Sponsorships
 - i. Current Bylaws include ‘no Commercial advertising’
 - ii. 2021 Loudonville Rally expenses were, in large part, covered by Corporate Sponsorships, net cost of the rally to FOI was <\$500, compared to 2022 Rally without Sponsorships cost FOI \$3500.
- 6. 2023 ‘Mini’-Rally**
- a. Leamington, Ontario (*Larry/Erika*)
 - i. May 31st Lingafelters and Maryosplan on visiting Leamington (boondocking on Larry/Erika’s property)
- 7. Next Mtg Monday, March 13th @ 7pm**
- 8. Adjournment** (motion Middaugh, 2nd Hulet)