



Flexible Owners International
Supporting Flexible Bus Enthusiasts Around the Globe

Object of the organization: Fellowship with other Flexible owners and Flex enthusiasts.

FOI Board Meeting October 3, 2022

ATTENDANCE

President: Brian Santin

VP: Mike Middaugh

Treasurer: Melissa Coe (*absent*)

Secretary: Brad Wallace

Board Members:

Dan Aldridge

Michele Hulet

Richard (& Carla) Humble

Dave Rosique

Newsletter Editors:

Larry & Erika Ferg

1. **7:00pm CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 8/27/22**
 - a. Noted omission of new FOI Board members – Dave Rosique, Michele Hulet, Richard Humble, and Dan Aldridge
 - b. Brian to send last mtg's minutes out as George Showman, past secretary sent them to the outgoing Board but not the current Board. *Plan to approve 8/27/22 minutes at next FOI Board mtg.*
2. **2024 Rally (*Brian*)**
 - a. **Dates: Aug 21-25, 2024**
 - i. Mohican Adventures has become much busier over the past few years and no longer allow large group reservations between Memorial and Labor Day. However, due to long-standing tradition/relationship with FOI they have agreed to continue the Flexible Rally on Aug 21-25, 2024
 - ii. Brian will try to move up one week for children resuming school if Mohican Adventures will accommodate this request
 - b. **Rally Captains: Brian & Crystal Santin, Cheryl Bowen, Kathy Jeffries**
 - c. **Planning update –**
 - i. Flexible Rally item storage now by Santin's as Kenny Utterback is moving and doesn't have capacity to store coffee pots, misc. items
 - ii. Questions posed:
 1. Why have some of the older FOI members not come to the Rally recently
 2. What would folks like to see in the rally?
 3. Retirement has allowed some members to attend (Dave, Dan)
 - a. End of summer dates work better for some, not for those with school age children
 - iii. Brian to compile Survey questions to poll FOI membership about desires for Rallies, how best to meet our memberships' needs
 1. Michele to send Brian 2022 Rally participants' emails
 2. Larry/Erika to send Brian Newsletter email list
3. **Treasurer's Report (*Melissa/Brian*)**
 - a. Bank account transfer to Huntington Bank completed
 - b. 2022 Rally cost wrap-up – Michele estimated it at \$3,500



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- c. Recent expense update – none that Brian is aware of. Melissa to provide update at next mtg
- 4. **Newsletter update (Brian/Larry)**
 - a. Brian, Larry & Erika Ferg discussed the Fergs continuing as Editors, and they agree to do so on a publication-by-publication basis. Biggest issues have been that they have not had content provided to them to produce the newsletter. Therefore, the FOI Board & Officers will collectively assist with content creation as outlined below
 - b. Proposed Newsletter layout
 - i. President message
 - ii. Board mtg minutes
 - iii. Spotlight on FOI member bus
 - 1. First one will be Brad Wallace's bus
 - iv. Travel tips / Funny stories
 - 1. Santin trip to Upper Peninsula, MI
 - 2. Dan Aldridge & the Humbles attended Random Acts of Camping recently
 - 3. TOADs and histories of them – Dave Rosique
 - v. DIY projects on your Flxible
 - vi. Why do you Love your Flxible?
 - c. Value/Purpose of the newsletter – different than social media (more day to day) whereas the newsletter has more comprehensive info for Flxible enthusiasts
- 5. **Website -**
 - a. Functionality, purpose, need, etc. – *focus of 2023 Q1 FOI Board mtg*
 - b. Current Rob Maryo maintains -? Continue with Rob vs send out RFP
 - c. ? what is the website traffic
 - d. Provide link to Facebook page
 - e. Need Board member to Chair/Co-Chair
- 6. **Bylaws (Brian)**
 - a. Need review – more to come
- 7. **2023 'Mini'-Rally**
 - a. Ontario in summer 2023 (home of Larry & Erika Ferg 1hr East of Detroit)
 - b. Custom Coach Rally – hosted by Mike Middaugh in Plain City, OH
 - c. Joshua Tree Rally – Jan 12-15, 2023, hosted by Charlie Lemar/Lynn Diaz (951-233-4331)
- 8. **8:00pm Meeting Concluded**
- 9. **Next Mtg - Jan 16 or 23, 2023**