

Zoom Meeting Notes 9-18-2025

David Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:35P with the following present – Gary Lyons, Chris Holtzman, Rene Bollinger, Dana Kromash, Joe Kromash, Steve Tessier, Sue Cipa, Mike Smalley, Gary Lambert, Jerry Clemmer, Bruce Taylor, Nancy Craig, Chris Carroll, Clarissa Sherrow, Rusty LaMar, Janis Fowler, Elisabeth Schultz, Doug Graves, and Carol Graham.

Tim Keppler sent an update about the the FRVA IT team. The Director position is currently open and may affect the ability to update our home page with new officers.

Chris Holtzman reported the nominations for officers. The nominees are Brian Parnes for Sr. VP EA, Tina Parnes for EA Secretary, and Steve Raileanu for AVP Central Area. The bios will be posted on the website. A big thank you to Tim Keppler for his work on this. The election will be at the annual meeting in November at GEAR.

Gary rejoined the meeting and stated that RV There Yet on the Discovery Channel is doing a great job in recruiting for FRVA. They are reaching a younger demographic. There is a new committee being created to concentrate on retention and recruitment. The current membership has dropped below 50,000 to 48,600 members. Information regarding new members and expiring members has been inconsistently received by Chapter Presidents to assist in recruiting and retention. FRVA is aware and will try to fix this with the new system.

Gary asked chapters to review their chapter description online to see if it is good for recruiting. National representatives are also beginning to attend large RV rallies for recruitment.

The annual meeting will be held on November 8th at 9:45 at the GEAR rally. Both Presidents and National Directors are eligible to vote. There was much discussion about chapters who only have a President and not National Director. Janis Fowler will clarify with National if the President will have two votes because two positions may vote or if it is one vote per person. She will also check to see exactly when the

new officers take office due to the election occurring in November. There will be a meeting notice sent out and ask Presidents to notify Janis Fowler via email if there is a proxy for themselves or their National Director.

David Fowler gave a GEAR update. There are 305 registrations with a waiting list that will be used if there are cancellations. There are 14 vendors with a waiting list also. The building capacity is 700; therefore, we will limit the number of registrations. The Ladies luncheon has 130 reservations with a waiting list.

Janis Fowler reminded everyone that everything will call. Registrants will receive information from Ocean Lakes Campground and FRVA will send out a letter advising registrants to come to the registration desk for their will call packet.

The EAMA trailer is stored at Mike Smalley's house. There is always an issue with how to get it to GEAR and where to go after. Mike Smalley suggested an option to drive it to GEAR and return it to its storage spot at his home if GEAR would rent a car for him to use during the rally. There was much discussion. David Fowler, as rally master, said he would approve spending up to \$500 for a rental car during the rally.

Sue Cipa reported invitations will be sent to Chapter Presidents for the President's Roundtable discussion being held at GEAR. She stated that VPs were welcome if the Presidents could not attend.

Gary Lyons reported he is still in need of two positions for Perry – the Volunteer Coordinator and Seminar Chair. Let Gary know of anyone interested in these positions. Gary stated registrations are a little slower than previous years to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39P.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Fowler, EA Secretary