

# WBCCI Classic Airstream Club

## Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Golden Corral Restaurant – Farmington, NM June 30, 2015 4:00 P.M.

Following the meal, President Joel Ware thanked everyone for attending and called the annual meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. MDT. Dr. Harold Kingdon gave the invocation and Jim Haddaway led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Joel Ware introduced the Officers and Guests: President Joel Ware and wife, Kayla; Vice President Roger Brandt and Janet; Treasurer Bill Shay and wife, Pat; Secretary Susan Swearingen and husband, John; Council Member Don McKelvey and wife, Kathy; Webmaster and Newsletter Editor David McCall and wife, Beth; Past Council Member Mary Potter; Past International President and First Lady Jim & Janie Haddaway.

President Ware then asked all new members to stand and be recognized. He then asked for all charter members to stand and be recognized. He then recognized and thanked our hostess/server, Ashley.

Roll Call by Secretary Susan Swearingen:

President	Joel Ware	Present
Vice President	Roger Brandt	Present
Secretary	Susan Swearingen	Present
Treasurer	Bill Shay	Present
Council Member	Barry Heckenswiler	Absent
Council Member	Don McKelvey	Present

There is a quorum.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Secretary Susan Swearingen distributed, to the members present, copies of the minutes of the previous meeting, held July 3, 2014 in Gillette, Wyoming. The minutes were approved as distributed and filed. President Ware thanked Secretary Swearingen for her diligent and accurate efforts.

President Ware stated the checking account balance, as of May 31, 2015, was \$3,822.23. He stated that that amount has decreased a little due to expenditures for door prizes, ice cream for the annual ice cream social and our club's subsidy for the members' dinner today. We are in good financial position and expect to be able to sustain operations during the next year without difficulty. President Ware and wife, Kayla, along with Treasurer Bill Shay and wife, Pat, manned the CAC table at registration and took in a number of renewals, as well as, signed up several new members. President Ware thanked them for their efforts. Treasurer Bill Shay had no additional comments. There were no questions. The verbal report, as given by President Ware, was accepted. For today's luncheon, 49 people are in attendance.

### Reports

President's Report – President Ware stated he submitted his written report to the International Board of Trustees (IBT). The report was part of the IBT packet distributed to members at the June 25, 2015 IBT

meeting. The report was accepted, without questions. President Ware provided additional comments at the IBT meeting, that our club has had a good year and appreciated the cooperation of the Vintage Airstream Club in the first ever joint ice cream social in 2014. The second annual joint ice cream social will be held this year. In fact, the second annual joint ice cream social was held with many in attendance. The leftovers were handed out the next day, generating much good will for our club.

There were no other officers' reports.

There were no council members' reports.

Caravan Committee – President Ware stated we do not currently have a caravan chairman. We need to give some thought for future caravans, as well as, recruit someone to organize the caravans.

The Chair recognized David McCall, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. David reports that he has made numerous requests for information for the newsletter, but has received little response. David needs/wants stories of your travels, photos, family updates (weddings, new grandchildren/great grandchildren), funny incidents, places of interest, a favorite camping location, any item of interest to the rest of the membership. This all makes for a better newsletter and David's job easier.

**Unfinished Business** – None

## **New Business**

Election of Officers--Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2015-2016:

President – Joel Ware  
Vice President – Roger Brandt  
Secretary – position is open – we will be seeking nominations  
Treasurer – Bill Shay  
Council Member 3-year term – position is open – we will be seeking nominations  
Council Member 2-year term – Don McKelvey  
Council Member 1-year term – Barry Heckenswiler

President Ware asked for nominations from the floor for the Office of Secretary. There were none. However, Keith Ferry came forward and volunteered her services as secretary. The membership list was checked and verified that Keith Ferry is an active member. President Ware thanked Keith for her volunteerism. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

President Ware then asked for nominations from the floor for a Council Member, for the 3-year term position. Ernie Farinha nominated James Howard. The membership list was checked and verified that James Howard is an active member. President Ware thanked James for accepting the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

The slate of officers for 2015-2016 is:

President – Joel Ware  
Vice President – Roger Brandt  
Secretary – Keith Ferry  
Treasurer – Bill Shay

Council Member 3-year term – James Howard  
Council Member 2-year term – Don McKelvey  
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All nominees are unopposed. President Ware asked for a motion to accept and elect the slate. Motion was made by Jimmy Mooney to accept the slate as presented. Motion was seconded by Glen Lippincott. There was no discussion. The vote, by show of hands of members, was unanimous for the slate presented.

Installation ceremony of the elected slate of officers was performed by President Joel Ware. President Ware charged the new officers/council members to do their best, on behalf of the organization and members. We are here to have fun and he encouraged us all to celebrate our Airstream heritage, while moving the organization forward. Be sure to keep in mind what brought us here in the first place—beautiful Airstreams, beautiful classic-shaped Airstreams, Wally Byam’s dream of putting the entire great world at our doorsteps, a new adventure every day. He commended all to take this under their care and do well with it the next year. And let’s have fun doing it.

Next item of business is donations to Airstream sponsored projects. The projects recommended by the Council this year are Common Cents to Kids and Monument of Peace Project. We have given to these projects in the past. Last year, the Council recommended \$100.00 for each of these projects but the membership elected to give \$200.00 to each one. It is up to the membership to determine the amount of the donations. The Chair requested a motion for the giving to one or both of these projects and the amounts to be given. The Chair recognized Julian Clements, who asked if we would also be giving to the Wounded Warrior Project. President Ware stated that for reasons unknown to him, the Wounded Warrior Project was no longer an Airstream sponsored project. The Chair then recognized Janie Haddaway, who stated that next year, WBCCI President Elect Schwerdfeger would be sponsoring the Wounded Warrior Project. Janie went on to state that she still receives donations for the Wounded Warrior Project and any time she receives those donations, she sends a cover letter indicating those donations are from WBCCI. She currently has approximately \$7,000.00 in checks that she will be forwarding to Wounded Warrior Project. If anyone wishes to give a donation, she will be sure to forward it to Wounded Warrior Project. The Chair then recognized Doug Daniels, a disabled veteran, who stated research should be done to see how much of the funds actually go to/for the disabled veterans. Much discussion followed. Janie Haddaway offered that at least 68% of the funds go to/for the disabled veterans. There is much overhead expense/administrative expense associated with this project. In order to raise funds, you have to spend money. There is a lot of money spent, but there are many programs available, in which the men and women have the opportunity to participate and benefit. Janie personally knows of 2 veterans in her home county, who have benefitted from the Wounded Warrior Project and they highly recommended the project. The Chair recognized Glen Lippincott. Glen stated he, himself, is a disabled veteran. He stated that he personally knows of a disabled veteran, who was discharged due to a traumatic brain injury. His only contact from Wounded Warrior Project was periodic phone calls. They have not really done anything for him. The Chair recognized Kayla Ware. Kayla stated last year on Facebook, there were some reports about Wounded Warrior Project and the monies collected versus monies actually spent on veterans. She did some investigation and found some reports were erroneous, when in fact; more monies were spent that benefited disabled veterans. The Chair recognized James Howard. He served in the military and his son is currently serving in the military. I wholeheartedly support the project. In his investigation of Wounded Warrior Project, he found the largest portion of monies goes to the soldiers, the next largest expenditure is advertising, the TV programs you see, the gifts given out and the smallest amount of monies spent is on overhead and salaries. James will have a table at the Flea Market and proceeds will be given to Janie Haddaway to forward to Wounded Warrior Project. The Chair thanked everyone for their input. The Chair then recognized Don Thomson. Mr. Thomson is on the committee for the Monument of Peace Project. The committee is still currently selling raffle tickets for the quilt, which will benefit the project. He reports the

project is alive and well. The Monument will be impressive. It is made of marine-grade stainless steel—there is nothing like it. Fundraising for the project is over 2/3 complete. He has been told that if a corporation was doing this project, it would cost nearly a quarter million dollars. We are doing it for about \$75,000.00. Mr. Thomson went on to say, the International Peace Garden is the only place in the world where you can walk across an International border without guards—you can go anywhere in the park, either side of the border.

Julian Clements made a motion to give \$100.00 each, to Common Cents for Kids, Wounded Warrior Project and Monument of Peace Project. Mary Potter seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Chair recognized Gayle Ketchum. Gayle wished to amend the motion, by changing the amounts to be given from \$100.00 each, to \$200.00 each. Kayla Ware seconded the amendment. There was no discussion. President Ware stated we are currently voting to amend, but not yet to adopt the main motion. This is the vote on the motion to amend. The effect of the motion to amend will be to change or protect the main motion. The vote, by show of hands of members, was unanimous, in favor of the amendment, which is to change the amount from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for each donation. We now return to the main motion, which is now amended, to be \$200.00 to each of the three charities identified. There was no further discussion on the motion. The vote, by show of hands of members, was unanimous. President Ware thanked the members for their generosity.

**Announcements:** The annual Ice Cream Social was successful and held jointly, for the second year, in conjunction with the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Open House on June 27, 2015, at the VAC Tent. The intent was to enhance their event and our event, by having more people come to both events. A good time was had by all. President Ware thanked everyone for attending and supporting the ice cream social/VAC Open House.

Treasurer Bill Shay stated there was a successful ice cream social at the Region 10 Rally last year. Bill invited the region officers present, who are also members of CAC, to consider having an ice cream social at their region rallies to promote CAC. If they choose to do this, CAC will reimburse their expenses for the ice cream social, up to \$100.00 for each region rally. If the region officers wish to do this, please notify Bill, provide him a receipt and a request for reimbursement, and he will process a check. Bill stated we don't have any evidence this helps us (CAC), but good will is good will. Kayla Ware offered that a person does not need to be a region officer, in order to sponsor an ice cream social on behalf of CAC at a region rally.

**Door Prizes Drawing** – Winners of the 4 Sam's Club insulated bags were Jimmy Mooney, Gayle Ketchum, Mary Kingdon and Joe Long. Winners of the 2 Classic Airstream flags were Bill Lawrence and Don Thomson.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m. MDT.

Susan M. Swearingen, Secretary