

***2023 Annual Meeting Rally  
Chattanooga Tennessee  
October 12, 2023***

***Attendees***

- 1 Abbott, Tim and Melissa*
- 2 Badeau, Edward & Leah Dippold*
- 3 Benham, John & Renee*
- 4 Bobruk, Carl P & Sheila M*
- 5 Breiner, Carl & Judy*
- 6 Burdette, Randall & Linda*
- 7 Crocker, Susan & Joe*
- 8 Dondero, Matt & Judy*
- 9 Ekberk, Ernie & Brenda*
- 10 Fedeli, Shane & Kelly*
- 11 Gesse, Gregg & Jane*
- 12 Grim, Barry L & Lucy J*
- 13 Gureasko, Steve & Pat*
- 14 Hollis, Dawn & David*
- 15 Kizer, Gregg & Patty*
- 16 Large, Gene & Tami*
- 17 Lasalle, Todd & Kathy*
- 18 McKeehan, Charlie & Peggy*
- 19 Nicklow, Chris & Siobhan*
- 20 Pappas, Steve & Lilianna*
- 21 Phillips, Marvin & Doris*
- 22 Roberts, Phil & Cheryl*
- 23 Shilling, Gary & Molly*
- 24 Shrimplin, Randy & Sonya*
- 25 Sullivan, Andy & Carole*
- 26 Wilson, Leroy & Glenda*

***Determination of Quorum***  
***21 family unit memberships, FMCA #s, present***

**2023 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome**

In place of President Mike Kneeland, Randy Burdette opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the rally and meeting. He also thanked Gary and Molly Shilling and everyone who had helped make this a very successful rally.

**Old Business**

**Approve 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

The Minutes had been published on the website and in the newsletter. Randy Shrimplin moved to approve, seconded by Cheryl Roberts. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Officer Reports**

**President-Mike Kneeland**

No report.

**Rally Vice President-Gary Shilling**

Our 2023 Rolling rally had 9 coaches which began in Shipshewana, Indiana went to Springfield, Illinois and then to St. Louis, Missouri.

Please let Gary know if you want to do a rally! The Chapter can provide insurance coverage through FMCA for rallies.

The Magic Mushroom Fest is back on for Muscoda, WI in May.

We are reviewing possibilities for a Chicago Rally in 2024, right after Memorial Day and before Dave Styf's Shipshewana Rally.

Sue & Joe Crocker have volunteered to host the 2024 Annual Meeting Rally in Magie Vally, NC. the 3rd week in October 2024.

### **Membership Vice President-Steve Pappas**

Membership is down. We are looking for ways to increase working with FMCA and trying to find incentives to increase membership using social media.

### **Secretary-Gregg Gesse**

Everyone was asked if they signed-in. The remainder of the report will be given under New Web Site Update.

### **Treasurer-Shane Fedeli**

We had a drop in new membership, we have 167 current members. The new web site will automatically send out dues notices which should help free up time for other duties.

Shane presented a financial report to the meeting. See Attached.

The Family of Friends FMCA Bluebird Chapter dissolved and gifted Vintage Birds \$10,266.02. Many members of the Vintage Birds chapter were also members of the Blue Bird chapter and vice versa. See new business below for proposed gift usage.

### **National Director-Linda Burdette**

Linda addressed the Gillette Rally, FMCA officer election results, and the Pathfinders Group for potential new FMCA members.

She also addressed the FMCA loss in membership and market research which has been done to address membership issues.

## **Audit Report**

Scott White and Matt Dondero performed review, no issues noted.

## **Survey Results**

Randy Shrimplin, the survey's author, summarized the survey results indicating your responses were heard by the board and implemented. You asked for a Fall rally, close to other rallies and for a rolling rally.

We hope to have another survey for 2024 and hope you share your ideas with the board.

## **New Web Site Update**

The new Vintage Birds web site is operational at:

<https://vintagebirds.wildapricot.org/>

The Annual Meeting Rally attendees have been used as a test group to assign passwords and address issues members have accessing the website or the website APP(lication) with their phones.

Using the phone app to access the website our members are now able to review and edit their Vintage Birds information, see when their dues are payable and access all other areas of the website. Eventually, as the officers become more familiar with the web site functions, we plan to implement thru the web site:

- Dues Notices and Payments
- Vintage Birds Rally Registration
- Vintage Birds Individual Rally Blogs
- Membership Application Completion
- Email Communications
- Newsletter Publication
- Other Ideas the Membership Request

One idea a member had was concerning the Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA:

The Blue Bird Chapter of FMCA, also known as Family of Friends, is no longer active. Many members of the Vintage Birds chapter were also members of the Blue Bird chapter and vice versa. The chapter published an award winning newsletter for several years. Thanks to Wanderlodge Gurus, we were able to recover most of the newsletters which are included in the new web site.

We will be sending all members their passwords in the near future.

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Committee Action**

Nominating Committee presented the following for election:

Election of Officers

President-Randy Shrimplin

Rally Vice President- Gary Shilling

Membership Vice President-Steve Pappas

Secretary-Gregg Gesse

Treasurer-Shane Fedeli

National Director-Linda Burdette

Alternate National Director- Gene Large  
Election of Nominating Committee

Ed Badeau  
Randy Burdette  
Mathew Dondero  
Gene Large  
Carl Breiner

Cheryl Roberts moved to close nominations, Ed Badeau seconded. Nominating committee proposed board slate unanimously approved.

### **Use of Gift from Family of Friends Chapter**

Two proposals were presented to the membership for use of the gift from the Family of Friends Chapter:

First, we will offer Family of Friends members who are not Vintage Birds members and who are still actively motor-homing a free five year membership in Vintage Birds.

Second, the new web site currently costs \$75 a month (\$900/yr.) and is paid for thru March 2025. In order to remove the web site cost from the Vintage Birds operating budget, the Executive Board proposes allocating \$18,000 to a restricted interest investment account to fund future website operating costs (\$18,000 at 5% equals \$900/yr.). These funds would only be used for website costs and would require a membership vote to change their use. Vintage Birds does this to ensure all Wanderlodge communities have access to a web presence.

Motion to approve both proposals by Ed Badeau, seconded by Gene Large. Both motions were unanimously approved.

### **2024 Annual Meeting Rally Time & Location**

Sue & Joe Crocker have volunteered to host the 2024 Annual Meeting Rally in Magie Vally, NC. the 3rd week in October 2024.

### **Other New Business**

None

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Ed Badeau moved to adjourn, Gregg Gesse seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

## Attachment 1 Financial Report

6:56 AM  
10/12/23  
Cash Basis

Vintage Bird Chapter of FMCA, Inc.  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
January 1 through October 12, 2023

	<u>Jan 1 - Oct 12, 23</u>	<u>Jan 1 - Oct 12, 22</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Gift	10,266.02	0.00	10,266.02
Membership Dues	4,435.00	710.00	3,725.00
<b>Rally Income</b>			
Chattanooga 2023 Rally	5,550.00	0.00	5,550.00
2022 Lebanon Rally	0.00	830.00	-830.00
<b>Total Rally Income</b>	<u>5,550.00</u>	<u>830.00</u>	<u>4,720.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>20,251.02</u>	<u>1,540.00</u>	<u>18,711.02</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Advertising and Promotion</b>			
Badges	24.00	192.00	-168.00
FMCA Classified Listing	105.00	105.00	0.00
Plaques 8 x 12	15.00	0.00	15.00
<b>Total Advertising and Promotion</b>	<u>144.00</u>	<u>297.00</u>	<u>-153.00</u>
Bank Charges	18.93	0.00	18.93
Computer and Internet Expenses	1,647.50	98.88	1,548.62
Miscellaneous Expense	85.00	0.00	85.00
Postage	196.70	0.00	196.70
<b>Rallies - Expense</b>			
2022 Lebanon Rally Expenses	0.00	1,426.32	-1,426.32
2023 Chattanooga Rally Expen...	750.00	0.00	750.00
Rallies - Expense - Other	1,234.24	99.00	1,135.24
<b>Total Rallies - Expense</b>	<u>1,984.24</u>	<u>1,525.32</u>	<u>458.92</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4,076.37</u>	<u>1,921.20</u>	<u>2,155.17</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>16,174.65</u></u>	<u><u>-381.20</u></u>	<u><u>16,555.85</u></u>