

FRVA SOUTHEAST AREA Executive Board Meeting, March 9, 2025, 2:36 pm

President Bill Dees called the meeting to order. Attendance was verified by Carolyn Dees, Acting Secretary. The following members were in attendance: Bill Dees, Domingo Soto, Randal Caruthers, Jim Duncan, Jan Hollis, Rosie Deffinbaugh, Kimberly Farrell, Patricia Voyna.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting had been distributed. There being no corrections, they are to be filed for future reference.

Randal Caruthers presented the treasurer's report. Ending cash balance as of 3/9/25 was \$179,901.05. We have an additional \$207,636.17 in a certificate of deposit maturing this month. It will be rolled over at a rate of 4.0%. He is in the process of preparing to file our taxes. The 2024 SEA rally netted a profit of \$50,000. There being no further discussion, Treasurer's report will be filed for the future reference and audit.

President's Report:

Bill recognized past dignitaries who were in attendance at this meeting: Connie Pool, Past National President 2007-2009. Jim Duncan, Past SEA President 2013-2017. Betty Duncan, Past SEA President 2017-2021. Patricia Voyna, Past SEA President 2021-2023.

Bill sent out a list of chapters who did not certify by the December deadline to each of the Area VP's so they could contact their chapters and assist them in completing their certification. Florida Roll'n Gators, Florida Tailgators, Magnolia Travelers, Northeast Florida Campers, Sand Dollars, Sandpipers, SE Country Coaches, and Tenn-Tom Travelers. Chapters verified as Inactive and will be reclassified as Dissolved are Florida Tailgators, SE Country Coaches and Tenn-Tom. SEA has 34 chapters in good standing. That is the most chapters for an area except for the INTO area.

Gary Hill had been our Webmaster and Facebook administrator. Gary has done an excellent job of creating our new Web Page, however, due to his health situation, Steve Fortin from the Central Florida Roadrunners has volunteered to take over these responsibilities. Steve has already forwarded the old Website information to the new one. <https://SEAFRVA.COM>. Steve's wife, Karen, is President of the Central Florida Roadrunners. Any updates should be sent to Steve at skfortin1637@yahoo.com. His phone number is 813-455-8048.

Area Regional VP Reports:

Jim Duncan/Alabama reported the Magnolia Travelers are down to 8 coaches. The North Alabama RV'ers have 15 members and 9 are in attendance at Perry. The Friendship chapter is

still active. He will be visiting the Coaches for Christ in October. He made a suggestion for future rallies. Contact your local County Extension Agent for their presentation of seminars in your area.

Kimberly Farrell/North Florida visited the Sun Wheelers chapter. She attended the Tri-Chapter Pre-Rally and met Bob Weithofer, National VP. She received feedback from members complaining that the seminars presented at the FRVA International Conventions are exactly the same as other conventions.

Laurie Wilson/Central Florida was working and not able to attend the meeting.

Rosie Deffinbaugh/South Florida reported that one of her chapters had been having trouble with IRS Form 990. However, their secretary was able to resolve it. She contacted her delinquent chapters and got them certified.

Jan Hollis/Georgia is learning about the chapters in her area since she is new to this position. She is getting reports on officers in her chapters.

Rhonda Kleinpeter/Mississippi was working and not able to attend the meeting.

Domingo Soto/SEA Sr VP, no report.

Patricia Voyna/Past President commended the current Executive Board of doing a fabulous job.

Old Business:

By Laws Committee: (Carolyn Dees, Betty Duncan and Gary Smith). With the changes and re-branding currently underway Bill Dees has asked the committee to wait until updates have been completed to make their recommendations. These should be ready by our next annual meeting in February at the SEA Rally.

New Business:

Nominating Committee 2025-2027 (Bob Nebel, Chairman, Kathie Bruhn, MS, Jim Mattern, FL, Brenford Mickey, GA and Pam Caruthers, AL). Bob stated he is having problems with communications with the officers. Requests for information were not received. He has the forms and will have them completed after this meeting.

Audit Committee 2025-2027 (Kimberly Farrell, Robin Slabe and Fred Deffenbaugh). Will set a time for the audit for completion by our Annual Meeting March 15th.

Comments and discussion from the floor:

- Jim Mattern, ND, The Villages Rovers, suggested we lower the minimum numbers of members required for a chapter to be considered active.
- Bernie Harchar, President, The Villages Rovers suggested that smaller chapters will give more voice for members. He also noted the Governing Board members need to be more informed, Rosie noted she gets information monthly.
- By-laws changes need to go to ALL members.
- We are losing 50-60 members per day. Bill Dees noted that it is about 1,000 per month.
- Bernie inquired about why we can't set up Zoom meetings for members who can't attend in person.
- Jan Hollis asked how do areas make recommendations to the Executive Board? Bill advised that he could take recommendations from the areas to the Executive Board.

Future Conventions and Rallies:

2025 FRVA Convention – Gillette, WY July 16-20, 2025

2026 FRVA Convention – Perry, GA March 18-21, 2026
Sedalia, MO July 1-4, 2026

2027 FRVA Convention - Perry, GA March 17-20, 2027
Gillette, WY July 14-17, 2027

2026 SEA Rally Planning Session Lakeland FL September 21-28, 2025

2026 SEA Rally – February 4-7, 2026

Bill reminded everyone that our Director's Meeting is Saturday, March 15th at 3:30pm in the Reaves Arena

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dees

Carolyn Dees, Acting SEA Secretary