

January 5, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes – South Florida Region AACA

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

Meeting Location: Home of Board Member, Jean Hawa

Meeting called to Order by: Ron Mitro, President, at 7:18 PM

Minutes Presented by: Bob Squier

In attendance: President Ron Mitro, 1st Vice President Manny Garcia, 2nd Vice President Chico Goldsmith, Treasurer Mel Mann, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Tomás Hernandez, Gary Shanock, Bob Squier Philip Williams, Gary Stump, Mike Penn, Cindy Endres, and Luis Quevedo.

First Order of Business: Accepting the minutes of last month's board meeting. The Chair asked if everyone present had read the minutes of last month's board meeting; if so and if there were no questions, comments or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Manny Garcia made a motion to accept the December Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tomás Hernandez. Having no further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business: Treasurer's Report – Presented by Mel Mann, Treasurer. A copy of the December report was distributed to the board for review as the treasurer made his report. When the report was completed Luis Quevedo moved to accept the December Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chico Goldsmith; with no further discussion the motion was approved.

Third Order of Business: Membership Report – Presented by Philip Williams, Membership Chairman. As of the December Board Meeting our membership stands at 147 families. Philip reported that the renewals are coming along nicely.

General Meeting: Chico Goldsmith told us that a friend of his, Aramis Romero, will bring his 2½ ton military truck to the meeting and talk to us about its restoration.

Art Deco Weekend: Mel Mann reported that the 2017 Art Deco Classic Car Fest, January 14th – 15th, will be like last year's event. There will be no parade. The show field will run from 5th Street to 10th Street. Cars for Saturday will be 25 years and older with no other restrictions. On Sunday, the vehicles will be 25 years and older in factory original condition or restored to factory specification, and no Hot Rods, Modified or Street Rods. He has 20 trophies to be awarded on each day; with one being Best Of Show. He called for volunteers from the board to be at the show and to indicate if they would be there on Saturday or Sunday. He asked that the tent, chairs, table, signs, banner, and fire extinguishers be brought each day.

Biltmore Way Classic Car Show: Mel Mann said that the fees to Coral Gables have been paid, and arrangements have been made with the police for the day of the show. Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables is the show sponsor again this year. The cars will be divided into 11 classes for judging. Ira Shapiro will be the chief judge. He noted that we are in need of volunteer judges for the day. The show is on Sunday, March 5th.

Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show: Jean Hawa reported that everything is set for the upcoming show for the cars that are pre-1960. She was happy to report that Mercedes-Benz of Cutler Bay would be the show sponsor again this year. Jean also told us that the Deering Estate would like to make this a reoccurring show on the same weekend each year. The show is on Sunday, March 12th.

Holiday Party: Manny Garcia reported that he and Millie had a wonderful brunch at the Miccosukee Golf and Country Club and suggested that we hold the holiday party there this year. He informed us that there is no minimum number of guests, antique car parking with security will be provided and that a section of the dining area will be roped off for our use. The total cost per person will be \$50 with the club picking up \$25. At the next board meeting he will present the budget for this event. Mel Mann suggested that participants in Memory Lane should be given invitations to attend the holiday party at the club's expense. Manny Garcia made a motion to have the holiday party on December 3rd at the Miccosukee Golf and Country Club and set the cost per person at \$50 with the club picking up \$25 and a gift expense not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Tomás Hernandez; with no further discussion the motion was approved.

Progressive Dinner: Manny Garcia said that he was looking into two vendors to cook onsite the main course for the dinner. At the next board meeting he will present the options and a budget. Two members have already volunteered their homes for this event; Rick and Diane Ash and Jay and Cheryl Mullinix.

Other Business: Jean Hawa reported that thanks to Luis Quevedo and Elite Aero Space a check for \$1,000 was presented to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to be put toward the purchase of a new golf cart for weddings. She also mentioned that the Cars in the Garden Show is booked for October 29th.

Annual Picnic: Manny Garcia also brought up the annual picnic. He suggested that we keep it at the Indian Hammocks Park and we use the same caterer, Candy Bistro. Manny Garcia made a motion that we hold the annual picnic at Indian Hammocks Park on May 6th from 11 AM to 3 PM with a budget of \$1,100 that can be adjusted depending on the final count of members attending. The motion was seconded by Gary Stump; with no further discussion the motion was approved.

National Show: Mel Mann told us that he has been approached by AACA National requesting that we put on a national show on the first weekend of March in 2019. They have offered to provide a Chief Judge and a Registrar for the show. A long discussion followed that included finding a venue, hotels, a show chairman, the number of volunteers involved, and the tremendous amount of work that has to be done prior to, during and after the show. It was the consensus of the board that we would not be able to host a national show unless we could find a suitable venue, reasonably priced hotels during Florida's winter tourist season, and a chairman.

AACA National Museum: Mel Mann discussed the background regarding the relationship between the AACA and the museum that we all read about in the letter that national sent to every member. Ron Mitro suggested that the club send a letter of protest to the museum. He added that all the board members names be put on the letter that will be drafted by the club secretary. Ron Mitro made a motion to create and send the letter. The motion was seconded by Mel Mann; with no further discussion the motion was approved.

Ft. Lauderdale Show: Jean Hawa mentioned that the Ft. Lauderdale Region is holding an antique car show at the historic Sample-McDouglad House in Pompano Beach on Saturday, January 21st from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Sunshine: Jean Hawa announced that Bob Squier and she received notification from National AACA that each are being awarded a National Award for the website (Bob) and newsletter (Jean) to be given out at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in February.

Ron Mitro thanked Jean and Maurice Hawa for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment: With no further club business, Ron then made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. The motion was unanimously seconded and approved.