

March 7, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes – South Florida Region AACA

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

Meeting Location: Home of Board Member, Millie and Manny Garcia

Meeting called to Order by: Manny Garcia, 1st Vice President, at 7:30 PM

Minutes Presented by: Ira Shapiro

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

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. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the February Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chico Goldsmith. Having no further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business: Treasurer's Report – Presented by Mel Mann, Treasurer. Due to the treasurer's absence at last month's board meeting both the January and February reports were presented. A copy of the January report was distributed to the board for review as the treasurer made his report. When the report was completed, Gary Stump moved to accept the January Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Tomás Hernandez; with no further discussion, the motion was approved. The treasurer then distributed a copy of the February report for review and proceeded to present his report. When the report was completed, Jean Hawa moved to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Frank Garcia; with no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Third Order of Business: Membership Report – Presented by Philip Williams, Membership Chairman. As of the March Board Meeting our membership stands at 126 families. This figure included membership renewals and new members.

General Meeting: The monthly member meeting will continue to be held at Casavana Cuban Cuisine in the Town and Country Mall. Chico Goldsmith has asked Guy Lewis to speak to the club. Guy will bring a Mercedes-Benz previously owned by President Batista and later Fidel Castro.

Biltmore Way Classic Car Show: Ira Shapiro reported that the event was successful, with a total of 89 cars on display. The judging teams, headed by Manny Garcia as Chief Judge proceeded to judge 85 of the 89 cars on display. Mel Mann presented a recognition plaque to our show sponsor Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables. Manny Garcia presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Trophies to the winning owners in 10 different classes.

Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show: Jean Hawa reported that everything is in place for the upcoming show. As of the meeting we had 32 cars registered.

Annual Picnic: Manny Garcia reported that all was in place, the budget approved caterer is in place and the pavilion has been secured. The event will be Saturday May 6th.

Board Meeting Locations: Bob Squier requested volunteers to host the June, July and August board meetings. These dates had not been previously secured. Luis Quevedo will confirm with his wife to host the June meeting, Bob Squier will host July and Mike Penn will host August. With those three dates covered the calendar is complete.

Other Business:

Mel Mann reported that the sponsorship money from Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables for both the Coral Gables Show and the Deering Estate Show has been received. He additionally added that Infiniti of Coral Gables, part of the group that includes Mercedes-Benz would like to be further involved with our club. Mel suggested that we update the Lunch and Learn Tour the club did a couple of years ago, and have it end at the Infiniti Showroom with a dinner. Mel also reported that he spoke with Jeff Broadus, now with Grundy Insurance, about possible sponsorship monies from Grundy Insurance. A Grundy sponsorship would offset some of the loss of Heacock Insurance as an annual sponsor.

Philip Williams explained that Harry Goebel, a longtime member of the club, board member, former president and club treasurer had not renewed his annual membership. Due to advancing age, failing health and rare participation in club activities chose not to renew. In recognition of Harry's long term membership and service to the club Philip asked that we make Harry an Esteemed Member. With no need for discussion the Board unanimously agreed.

Millie Garcia proposed that we do judging classes at our general meetings. These classes would be held over various meetings and cover basic concepts of judging. After some discussion, the board agreed that we should implement the program.

Jean Hawa mentioned that the folks at Deering Estate would like to turn their event into an annual show scheduled for the same time every year. The ideal period would be later in the year when things cooled off again.

Tomás Hernandez asked about the discussions with the Fort Lauderdale Region to do a Winter National Meet for 2018. Ira Shapiro and Mel Mann both reported they had spoken Steve Moskowitz and Eddie Dauer. The Broward Region does not currently have interest or wherewithal to do the show. Both Mel and Ira also pointed out to Steve Moskowitz that it is very difficult in South Florida to find reasonably priced accommodations and venue during our peak winter tourism period.

Chico Goldsmith mentioned the car show at Zoo Miami this upcoming weekend. He also reported that the Sunshine Corvette Club was doing its annual show at Bomnin Chevrolet on March 26th and the Cystic Fibrosis Show will be on Key Biscayne April 2nd.

Frank Garcia briefly discussed the Cuba Nostalgic Show at the Youth Fair Ground May 19th – 22nd. They are looking for 15 – 20 cars from the 40's and 50's to be displayed during the show. A couple of the cars would be displayed outside near the ticket booth with the balance displayed in doors.

Sunshine: Jean Hawa reported that Nancy Baldwin was recently hospitalized and is recovering well. Ralph and Carolyn Thiele are both suffering from a very bad case of the flu and lastly that Steve Greenblatt's wife is valiantly fighting cancer. Finally, our own President Ron Mitro called in to the meeting. He reported that he was feeling much better and was on the road to recovery from his recent surgery.

Adjournment: With no further club business, Manny Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was unanimously seconded and approved, followed by the board members all thanking Manny and Millie for hosting the meeting.