

**TYP 356 NORTHEAST**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 11, 2006**

**Organization of the Meeting**

The regular meeting of the TYP 356 Northeast Club Board of Directors was held at the offices of CBT, 110 Canal, Boston, MA, at 10:15 AM, on November 11, 2006.

**Attendees:** Bob DiCorpo, President  
Larry Bingaman, Secretary  
Ron Swenson, Membership/Newsletter  
Tom Gentz, Technical Director  
Dick Chiasson, Member at Large  
Greg Graham, Member at Large

**Absent:** Bill Collins, Vice President  
Jerry Tulis, Treasurer  
Peter Crawford, Events Chairman  
Ralph Hadley, Website Coordinator  
Len Cannizzaro, Member at Large  
George Huff, Member at Large  
Jim O'Hare, Member at Large

**Guest:** Rainer Cooney

**Administration**

Bob DiCorpo welcomed Rainer Cooney and then commented that this Board meeting was open to all members, as all Board meetings are, and was scheduled on a Saturday so non-board members could attend and provide input on the Club's 2007 activities. He then noted that the Club's regular planning meeting would be held in January.

Next, Ron Swenson, Membership Chairman, reported there are 148 members in the Club, which includes three new members. New members who joined and paid their membership dues in October 2006 would have their membership extended through 2007.

Discussion ensued on whether the 2007 dues should be increased for members as well as the fee for vendors to advertise in the newsletter. It was decided to keep the member dues at \$30 per year and the fee for vendors to advertise in the newsletter would remain at \$100 per year for a strip ad and \$200 to sponsor a Section of the newsletter. Also, it was decided that Brian Horvitz would remain an Honorary Member in recognition of his dedication and work on the Club's website.

In the absence of Jerry Tulis, Treasurer, Ron Swenson distributed and commented on the Club's financial report through October 2006. He reported that total receipts to date were \$10,146 and that disbursements to date were \$10,181 and highlighted certain items including the F-1 event, the Spring Tour, and the upcoming Board and winter functions. Ron noted that with the projected expenditures and cash on hand, the balance in the Treasury at year end was projected to be \$800 to \$1,000. Discussion ensued on the Club's non-profit status and it was decided that Bob would discuss with Jerry Tulis and have a review of the matter at the February Board meeting.

Larry Bingaman distributed the minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting and they were approved as submitted.

### **Event Scheduling and Planning**

Dick Chiasson reported on plans for the Club's winter Holiday Club Party to be held in January 2007, and commented on the two sites under consideration, the Stockyard, which is the site of prior Holiday Parties, and F-1 in Braintree. The cost would be \$35.00 at the Stockyard, or \$5.00 more than last year, and the cost at F-1 would be about the same. Dick will further investigate the two venues, make a decision on which one is best suited for the event and send an email to the club's members with details on the party.

Bob next discussed the combined December Board meeting and party, possible dates, and sites under consideration. Bob noted that in addition to the 13 Board members, vendors or members that hosted an official event at their business or home would also be invited to the event and the Club would pay for their attendance. Discussion ensued on the invitation list and the site and it was decided that Club members and their spouse/partner who hosted an event would be invited. Bob will send an email invitation to those individuals.

Bob then commented that the Los Angeles Toy, Literature and Swap Meet scheduled for early 2007 in California could now be held on the same weekend, as it had been in prior years. He will keep the Club informed as he has more information.

### **Governance**

Bob then reviewed a suggestion he had received from a Board member about having a Member-at-Large vacate the position after a two-year term. Discussion ensued on the merits of having term limits for a Member-at-Large; Board members in attendance voted against the idea with two proxy votes in favor of the change. It was agreed by the Board members that those who

now serve do so because they want to and if they were asked to leave after a two year term, it would hurt the Club. Bob noted that in the By-Laws the term for a Member-at-Large is two years, but there is no stipulation regarding how many two-year terms they can serve. Members may step down at the end of their term if they choose to, but that no one will be forced to as agreed by the Board. It was also decided that in the future, if there are Club members who would like to become Board Members-at-Large they could be added to the Board.

Next, discussion ensued about Board meetings being open to any member who would like to attend and how to encourage attendance. Ron suggested that to facilitate attendance by non Board members, that the 2007 Board meeting dates be posted on the Club website, to which the other members agreed. These dates will be set at the planning meeting, to be held on January 28, 2007, at the Burger King facility in Waltham, MA.

Greg Graham suggested that Club members be given a Membership Package at the beginning of each year that would include a letter to thank the member for renewing a membership and would include a reminder that all Board meetings are open to all members. He also suggested that all new members be given similar information with a schedule of Board meetings. Discussion ensued on how to increase attendance by non Board members and it was suggested that at least one Board meeting be held in the South Shore area and one in southern New Hampshire to provide geographical diversity.

Discussion then turned to the annual Planning meeting, which is also open to all Club members. Bob noted that the purpose of the meeting is to not only decide on the Club's regular monthly agenda, but to receive input from non Board members who attend regarding the types of events and functions of interest for next year, critique this year's events and comment on any other topics of importance to the Club.

### **Website**

Ron commented on the transition of the website from Brian Horvitz to Colin Blake and the Club's practice of sending the Webmaster an appreciation gift during the Holiday season. Discussion ensued on the appropriate gift level in light of the extra work done this year and Bob agreed to handle the matter at the amount agreed to by the Board.

Next, Ron led a discussion on the editorial content on the Website and in the Newsletter and the need to avoid a duplication of news and highlights in both media. Ron suggested as a solution that the Website have many photos of Club activities with little text, and refer members to the Newsletter, which would have more comprehensive reporting of Club news, events and

activities, but with few pictures. That, he suggested would keep the Website current, drive readership to the Newsletter and would synchronize the editorial and photography between the two media.

Discussion ensued on the distribution of the Club Newsletter and it was noted that currently it is sent to the other U.S 356 clubs and the 356 Registry. It was suggested that the Newsletter should also be sent to Hemmings Motor News, the CT 912 Club President, the Canadian 356 Club and KAM Motorsports.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting, which will include a Holiday celebration, will be held at 6:00 PM, on December 20, 2006, at the Stockyard Restaurant, 135 Market Street, Brighton, MA.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bingaman, Secretary

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