

## TYP356NE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 6, 2009

#### Organization of the Meeting

The monthly meeting of TYP356NE, attended by the Club Board of Directors, was held at the Offices of Tulis-Miller, 313 Congress Street, Boston, MA at 6:00 p.m., April 6, 2009.

**Board Attendees:** Bill Collins, President  
Tom Gentz, Vice President & Technical Director  
Jerry Tulis, Treasurer  
Ron Swenson, Membership/Newsletter  
Don Osborne, Spring Tourmeister,  
Ralph Hadley, Website Coordinator  
Peter French, Secretary (acting) & Sponsorship Coordinator  
Bob DiCorpo, Member at Large  
Len Cannizzaro, Member at Large  
Norm Brust, Member at Large  
Bill Sooter, Member at Large  
  
(absent)  
  
Dick Chiasson, Member at Large  
Greg Graham, Member at Large

#### Administration

1. Bill Collins promptly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked the attendees for coming out “in light of the torrential rainstorms of the day.” (And the lovely Boston traffic.)
2. Ron Swenson presented his Membership Report. Members at last report were 134, and current members are 142. Lapsed members number 20, and only one of those is a resignation. (Probably late in renewal; tardy renewals incur a late fee.) And, interestingly, Ron reported 4 new members, including two from Connecticut.

(A brief discussion was undertaken at this point, regarding the Club's interest in expanding by adding Connecticut members to events... but as will be subsequently reported, the Club is interested in adding new members who will add something to the Club – attend events - rather than merely driving up membership numbers.) As reported in previous minutes, we are interested in outreaching to 912 members, but under these same constraints. That being said, “WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!”

A further discussion on membership was undertaken later in the meeting (please see New Business, point 3.)

In addition, Ron presented some fascinating numbers... 1998 members 22; 1999 members 75; 2000 members 93; 2001 members 101; 2002 members 113; members in 2003- 125; 2004 members 130; 2005 members 132; 2006 members 150; 2007 members 150; 2008 members 164.

3. Jerry Tulis presented the Treasurer's Report. Monthly financials at the end of March, 2009 showed a cash balance (after disbursements) of \$6,485.30
4. Peter French, Secretary (acting), reported the minutes of the most recent meeting (February) have been disseminated, and were approved.
5. Ralph Hadley presented a Web Site update. Ralph talked about more recent updates to the site, including a reorganization of the menu list and the ongoing efforts to add to the resource directory.

The Club continues to solicit referrals from members, and the contact is Tom Gentz. This, and the planned discussion (later in the meeting) regarding the Sponsorship/Resource Directory issue led the Board into a discussion of that issue. A motion was made, and seconded, and passed resolving to leave Sponsorship as it now stands – a \$100 per year cost, and this includes one Membership to the Club.

6. Don Osborne presented an update on our spring tour to Vermont... an additional 9 confirmations have been added since the last report... that is, 39 cars will be in Stowe for the event. 35 rooms have been booked at the Trapp Family Lodge, and that equates to 75 people in registration. Some of the registrants will not be staying at the Trapp, but will join us for one or more dinners. If Don has been corresponding with you regarding details, please get back to him! (Since our Board meeting Don has been doing an excellent job in updating members, and these numbers – May 6 is the day he will be turning back any unreserved rooms in our block, so if you want to join the tour, please contact Don.)

7. Tom Gentz presented his Tech Chair update. As reported in item 5 above, he is the person to reach if Club members wish to nominate a resource. Tom reviewed, for the Board, 8 referrals received, and the Board voted to approve these for posting. Tom passed kudos to Ralph for his hard work in this project.

Tom reconfirmed the May 16 KTR session; but, once again, please refer to the Club's site to check dates/contacts on all upcoming events.

8. Bill Collins and Norm Brust presented an update on the "Do Over" of the Fall Tour to Saratoga Springs, NY May 1-3. Additional information will be sent to all members. Also, Bill has been doing an excellent job in updating members – if you not have an interest in the tour, and are not currently signed up, and did not receive his 4.21.09 email... please reach Bill immediately.

### **Old Business**

1. A Board discussion was initiated regarding the Club logo (new) and its inclusion on the web site; by unanimous vote, the new logo is what we use from now on. You'll see it on the home page, and on the regalia page... and anywhere else. (We're even working on getting the Registry up to speed.)
2. A Board discussion was initiated on 2009 Calendar update/changes. Ralph does a great job in keeping this up to date; check the Schedule of Events on the Club's site to see updates and changes, and-or contact the member in charge
3. Bill Collins initiated a discussion of proposed amendments to Bylaws of the Club. Peter French (leaning heavily of prior efforts in this topic by Len Cannizzaro, and liaising with Len) will disseminate current Bylaws and proposed amendments at the next Board meeting.

### **New Business**

1. Bill Sooter and Ralph Hadley discussed the issue of our Club's posting on the 356 site.
2. Bill Collins undertook a discussion of the Club's interest in the SCR/CT Fairfield County Concours (which is non-existent, given their admission/participation costs the Club would incur.)

4. Bill Collins undertook a discussion in the interest, on the Board's part, in using the Registry list – matched against our Membership list – to target potential new members. As discussed in Administration point 2., the Club is not out to merely increase membership size. Anything we can do to improve the activity offerings and membership participation in these – we welcome. And we DO welcome our new members, and hope they become active... and to them, “THANK YOU FOR JOINING.”

### **Future Board Meeting Dates**

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 4; location tentatively will be Ron's office, and Bill Collins will promulgate information on the location.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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