

TYP356ne

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 1, 2010

Organization of the Meeting

The regular meeting of TYP356ne - the Club Board of Directors - was held at The Fours Restaurant, 166 Canal Street, Boston, MA at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 2010.

Board Attendees: Tom Gentz, President
Ralph Hadley, Vice President
Peter French, Secretary/Sponsorship
Jerry Tulis, Treasurer
Ron Swenson, Newsletter Editor
Greg McManus, Assistant Spring Tourmeister
Bob DiCorpo, Event Coordinator
Tom Tate, Technical Coordinator
Norm Brust, Director at Large

(absent)

Allen Sisson, Membership Chairman
Bill Sooter, Website Coordinator
Don Osborne, Spring Tourmeister
Bill Collins, Member at Large
John Favalaro, Director at Large
Louis Frate, Director at Large

Administration

1. Tom Gentz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and thanked all for attending.
2. Peter French reported the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Board of Directors meeting, having been distributed in advance of this meeting, and as no changes were directed by the Board members individually, Peter requested they be approved by the Board. So Moved, Seconded and Passed (MSP).
3. Jerry Tulis reported the Club's balance: \$5,208.37 as of the end of February, and this is impressive in light of the Winter Party disbursements of \$5,234.10 in January. An interesting historical perspective: 2009 cash balances at this time were \$5,692.47 (no Winter Party subsidy), \$3,166.97 in 2008, \$1,572.55

in 2007, and \$3,455.43 The clear message derived from these numbers is: The Club is in a strong financial condition. As to this report, MSP with thanks to Jerry for his continued fiscal guidance.

4. Allen Sisson, Membership Chairman, was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting, but subsequently filed this report: "I am sorry I missed the Board meeting this evening, but I had to do an emergency surgery and did not finish until 8:30 p.m. As of today, there are 174 members currently listed as active. 132 have paid their dues; thus, there are 42 members that have not paid. I plan to send individual emails to these 42 members in about a week asking them if they want to renew. If they have not renewed by April 1, 2010 I will place them on an inactive list and take them off the mailing list. I will send Ron those names at that time to delist from the newsletter mailing list." (Secretary's add-in notes; Bob DiCorpo has done a fine job notifying members who have not paid – but who have taken space restricted slots in upcoming events – that they will "lose their place in line" for these events if they do not pay their dues.)

Old Business

1. Tom oversaw a general discussion of the Planning Meeting Schedule update, and Bob DiCorpo reminded members (via these minutes, and he will use other ways) that some of the events have participant limits. New events discussed during this meeting will be posted on the Club web site as final confirmation is received, and as soon as events are oversubscribed, notification will appear on the Club site.
2. Ron Swenson and Tom led a discussion regarding TYP356ne nametags. After an enormous amount of work on the part of these two Board members, there was no clear Board direction regarding options for a final name tag solution. An alternative was suggested by Ralph Hadley: Tom & Ron will put out their suggestions to the Club membership to determine a consensus. MSP.
3. In Don Osborne's absence, Greg McManus presented an update of the June 4-6 Spring Tour (Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, New Hampshire). We are at 33 now, and Don will get out another email to all members. (A subsequent email from Don indicated Bill Collins had offered to help with this event as necessary.)
4. In Bill Collins' and Bill Sooter's absence, Norm Brust delayed the driver's agenda report (a protocol to give each event coordinator so that participants are briefed in a consistent and comprehensive way) until the next meeting.

New Business

1. Bob DiCorpo led a discussion of posting links describing events in advance. It will be the responsibility of the event coordinator to promulgate this promotional piece.
2. Next, Bob led a discussion of the May 1st , May 15th , July 24th , and August 14th events and the desirability of moving those events from Saturday to Sunday. It was resolved that the May 1st event would be held, as planned, on May 1st but the other three events will now be Sunday events (May 16th , July 25th , and August 15th).
3. Tom Tate led a discussion of the 2012 East Coast Holiday and the interest among Board members in having TYP356ne run this event. It was decided to delay further discussion on this topic until the next meeting, as Bill Collins had a huge amount of information to impart on this topic.
4. Next, Bob described the new item which he envisions being placed on the Club's home page. It will be a promotion of the next upcoming event... possibly entitled "Next Event." This idea met with great Board enthusiasm; MSP.

Future Board Meeting Dates

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 5 at The Border Café, 128 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803 (telephone) 781.505.4417

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter French, Secretary
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