TYP356ne Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024

1. 6 PM Call to order by Microsoft Teams Video Conference. No physical meeting.
2. Membership Report by Carl Luck: Paid Members for 2024: 86. Two new members total joined in November and December. 26 people have signed up for the Holiday Party.
3. Financial Report: Georg Becker-Birck: Cash Balance as of December 31, 2024, = $3,781.73. This balance reflects the $1,000.00 deposit already paid to Lake Pearl to hold the September 29, 2024, Club Day Date. We received $2,252.24 in dues payments, $702.52 in Holiday Party payments, and $137.00 in grill badge income in December of 2023. A little less than half of the membership have not paid their dues yet; so, about $2,400.00 in dues payments will likely be paid in January/February. In 2023 we spent $3,315.84 on the Holiday Party. We should then have at least $2,865.89 remaining for expenses for the rest of the year. Club Day will cost us about $2,483.00 more than the deposit already paid. That leaves us with at least $382.89 for other expenses. We could have as much as $2,214.31 in other expenses for the rest of the year. I did not include any additional Holiday Party or sponsor income in this calculation. However, we could potentially fall about $1,000.00 short of income for this year. I think this indicates that, as in 2023, we will need to charge members for their meals for Club Day in 2024, which would provide about $1,000.00 to $1,200.00 more in income. It will depend on our Club balance in April 2024, if we will be able to provide food at the swap meet at Club expense or not this year.  
   There is a slight discrepancy as the members that have paid dues by check (approximately 40)have not been included in the financial update.
4. Website Coordinator/Event Calendar Report by Allen Sisson: The complete event schedule for 2024 is now on the Club website and has been published in the December TubTimes.
5. Newsletter Report: Ed Tobolski: The current publication schedule plan is to follow. The dates can be revised if anything changes:
6. December/January issue- Was Publish Dec 27th. It includes: (1) the details for the Feb 4th holiday party, (2) the 2024 calendar of events, (3) 2024 dues notice.
7. February issue- Publish date, Feb 10th 2024. To include: (1) a Holiday party follow-up article, (2) 2024 dues notice, (3) the officer election results.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* + - 1. Peter Venuti has reserved Sunday, February 4, 2024, which is the Sunday before the Super Bowl on February 11th, for the Holiday Party. The time will be 11 AM to 3 PM. Allen Sisson will speak about lessons learned from buying and selling all the cars he has owned. The meal and appetizers have been chosen. The cost will stay $35.00 per person to attend the party with $30.00 annual Club dues. Theo Kindermans will make up name/entrée cards to be used on the tables for the wait staff once Carl Luck provides him with that information.
      2. No new information from the 356 Registry about TYP356ne being involved in an East Coast Registry Holiday, so definitely no ECR holiday this year.
      3. Len Cannizzaro is running the Club election and has announced it to members. No ballots have been returned so far indicating the 4 current officers will be elected for 2 more years.
      4. Carl Luck has sent out an email about dues, and it has been published in the TubTimes. Carl will send out another notice this month. Judging by the many emails from PayPal, many members have been paid dues already and several have signed up for the Holiday Party as well.

**New Business:**

Georg Becker-Birk has conducted and compiled the Club survey results. 48 members responded for a 28% response rate. Georg has listed 7 actions we need to take in response to the survey results. These actions are:

**Action 1** – TubTimes feedback – Ed Tobolski has already made use of this.

**Action 2** – Ed Tobolski will follow up with the members that indicated they might write an article for the TubTimes.

**Action 3** – Event ideas –

1. Ben Cohen in Litchfield, CT said he would prefer closer events. Does he know about the CT breakfast meeting group? Can Steve Mierz provide him with a copy of the car event newsletter that he publishes? Greg to ping Ben C.
2. Ellen Beck in Lee, NH suggested cars and coffees in her area. Does anyone know her well enough to discuss her setting up some in her area?
3. Mike Sarli on Cape Cod mentioned he could possibly give a technical session on lubricants and fuels since he spent many years working in that industry. Allen Sisson could follow up with him about him doing a tech session on this somewhere.
4. Ray Ashenhurst in Nashua, NH mentioned group drives and unique locations. Has he gone on Peter Thompson’s drives? Judy Hendrickson also in Nashua, NH wants more regional focused activity. Perhaps she and Ray Ashenhurst could arrange some NH activity? Peter T will follow up.
5. Richard Buckles is interested in autocross and track type activity. Does he know about the many opportunities for that with PCA? There are not many 356s that participate in those activities with PCA, but there probably are some. Tom Tate to coordinate as he is active with autocross at the PCA.
6. Doing more with the 356 Registry and events outside of our area was suggested. We are already doing that probably as much as possible. Events outside our area we really are not in charge of. Bill Collins did arrange drives all over the US and Canada when he was president. Someone else could arrange drives like that if they want.
7. Shop tours scheduled in the winter were suggested outside of sailing season. Perhaps we should try to arrange a shop tour or two in March. Generally, the Paul Russell tour is in March. John Nai to follow up EPE in Natick, John Consigli to follow up with Rensport in Stow, MA.

**Action 4** – Follow up with volunteers.

* Allen Sisson can follow up with Garret Bourque about doing a shop tour at his shop in Maine.
* Allen Sisson can also follow up with Mike Sarli about a Cape Cod area lubricants and fuels tech session.
* Allen Sisson can follow up with Lise Merrifield about her doing a RI cars and coffee.

**Action 5** – Allen Sisson, and perhaps some others, can follow up with the members on this list who might be willing to speak at Club Day this year or at another Club event.

**Action 6** – Does anyone have any ideas for potential Club officer candidates? Allen to discuss with Ed seperatly.

**Action 7 –**

**A.** Does anyone have any interest in maintaining or setting up a Facebook or other social media page that might attract younger members? Maybe John Nai has an interest in this? Tabled for now.

**B**. Can Carl Luck organize a day drive and lunch in his area of Lunenburg, MA?

**C**. Fran DeLeo to be asked to set up a 3-day fast driving event staying at different motels.

**D**. Does anyone want to swap cars with Steve Turino in Charlestown, RI for a few hours or a day or two for him to get a better sense of how his car is performing. Greg Lane to direct him to the CT breakfast group.

**E**. Greg Lane or Diane Mierz to talk to Bill Silvestri about him organizing a CT area event.

**F**. Does someone know Richard Buckles of Littleton, MA well enough to ask if he wants to set up a shop tour or tech session at a shop he knows?

**G**. Does someone with advanced computer and video skills want to contact Michael Bolands about videotaping events for members to watch that cannot attend, and about archiving and distributing to members the Club Gmail Groups emails that do not give out any personal information. If we release our email archive someway, all the many PayPal emails about member payments will have to be deleted since those emails contain members’ exact physical addresses which some members do not want disclosed for fear of car theft. Board agreed that we don’t want to pursue this.

The next board meeting will be February 6, 2024, by video conference.

Attended:

1. Allen Sisson
2. Greg Lane
3. John Consigli
4. Theo Kindermans
5. Peter Thompson
6. Georg Becker-Birck
7. Peter Venuti

Not Attended:

1. Carl Luck
2. Diane Mierz
3. George Kehler
4. Ed Tobolski
5. Tom Tate