TYP356ne Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 6, 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: 113. Two new members total joined in January and February. Another dues remainder email will be sent soon by Carl, and a dues reminder will again appear in TubTimes. By March targeted emails will be sent to the unpaid. Last February there were 116 paid members reported.
3. Financial Report: Georg Becker-Birck: Cash Balance as of February 5, 2024, = $2,995.50. This is less than the same time last year. This balance reflects the $1,000.00 deposit already paid to Lake Pearl to hold the September 29, 2024, Club Day Date. This also includes the $3,405.60 we paid for the 41 people that attended the Holiday Party. So right now, we have at least $2,995.50 remaining for expenses for the rest of the year. Club Day will cost about $2,483.00 more than the deposit of $1000 already paid. That leaves at least $512.50 for other expenses. There could have as much as $2,214.31 in other expenses for the remainder of the year. Not included are additional membership payments or sponsor income in this calculation. At least two sponsorships at $100 each are expected though. However, there could be potentially fall about $1,000.00 short of income for this year. This indicates that, as in 2023, the Club will need to charge members for their meals at Club Day in 2024, which would provide about $1,000.00 to $1,200.00 more in income. It will depend on the Club balance in April 2024, if we will be able to provide food at the swap meet at Club expense or not this year.
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. A new tech session event has been added at European Performance Engineering (EPE) in Natick, MA on Saturday April 13 from 10 -12 PM. In addition, on February 12, 2024 at 8 PM, Georg Becker-Birck will host a Webinar on 912 seat restoration. He will promote this and send out the link for it. This event has also been posted on the event calendar on the website and it will appear in the February TubTimes.
5. Newsletter Report: Ed Tobolski: February issue- Publish date, Feb 9th 2024. To include: (1) a Holiday party follow-up article, (2) 2024 dues notice, (3) the officer election results.

 **Old/Ongoing Business:**

* + - 1. The Holiday Party seemed to go well 2 days ago with 41 people attending with 43 signed up. We were paid for 45 meals since 2 people cancelled at the last minute with two new member sign ups at the last minute taking the meals of the cancellations. Entree was good, appetizers were underwhelming and should be improved upon if we return to the same location next year. Appetizers were supposed to be passed around, not placed on a table. If appetizers are included next year, the amount should be reduced, and they should be presented.
			Peter Venuti will research possible different venue locations for next year and report back next Board meeting. We will keep the 11 AM to 2 PM time slot. Allen Sisson can speak about the electric car experience if no better speaker is found before then.
			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. Still no new information from the 356 Registry about TYP356ne being involved in an East Coast Registry Holiday.
			3. Len Cannizzaro announced the election produced the same four officers as currently serving.
			4. Carl Luck will send out another email about dues this month, and it will be published in the February TubTimes. Target emails to those not paying will start in March 2024.
			5. 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 was contacted by Greg Lane. They will meet and discuss having an event of some type in the Litchfield area. Litchfield is a further drive for most Club members; participation might not be large. Greg will meet up with Ben in the Spring to discuss. Tabled for now.
2. Ellen Beck in Lee, NH suggested cars and coffees in her area. No follow up on this yet.
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 contacted him, and he is considering speaking about this. The date and time have not been decided, maybe next year. Allen to get back to him in November/December for a possible 2025 date.
4. Ray Ashenhurst in Nashua, NH mentioned group drives and unique locations. Judy Hendrickson also in Nashua, NH wants more regional focused activity. Peter will follow up in the Spring.
5. Richard Buckles is interested in autocross and track type activity. Tom Tate reached out to him.
6. Shop tours scheduled in the winter were suggested outside of sailing season.
7. A shop tour at EPE in Natick has been arranged by John Nai on Saturday April 13th 10 am to 12 pm
8. A Webinar by Georg Becker- Birck is scheduled for February 12, 2024, 8PM
9. A day drive starting in SW Rhode Island, passing into SE Connecticut to terminate in Lyme, CT (near I-95 at Rt. 9 and Connecticut River) at the Florence Griswold Art Museum. Craig Amerigian of Jamestown, RI briefly discussed this with Greg Lane and Diane Mierz at the Holiday Party. Greg has tried to follow up with Craig, but he has not reached him yet to discuss the options.

Will be suggested for the 2025 calendar.

1. **Action 4** – Follow up with volunteers.
* Allen Sisson followed up with Garret Borque about a visit to the Owls Head Museum with a behind the scenes tour by him. Will be for 2025.
* Allen Sisson did follow up with Mike Sarli about a Cape Cod area lubricants and fuels tech session. Will be for 2025.
* Allen Sisson has not yet followed up with Lise Merrifield about her doing a RI cars and coffee.

**Action 5** – Allen Sisson has not yet followed 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?

**A.** Does anyone have any interest in maintaining or setting up a Facebook or other social media page that might attract younger members? No interest expressed by the Board. Tabled.

**B**. Perhaps Carl Luck could organize a day drive and lunch in his area of Lunenburg, MA? Theo Kindermans’ drives are in that area, so this might be a duplicate.

**C**. Allen Sisson asked Fran DeLeo about setting up a 3-day fast driving event staying at different motels. He does not feel this is something he wants to do in this area. He mentioned some events in the California area that do this. Too far for most of our members.

**D**. Greg Lane will speak to Steve Turino in Charlestown, RI about him joining their shoreline breakfast group.

**E**. Diane Mierz was contacted by Bill Silvestri about an event in the South Windsor Area of Connecticut on Monday June 10th. This would be lunch (location tbd), followed by a tour of Musante Motorsports, then a drive to a cruise-in event at Connecticut Valley Brewing Company.

Meeting adjourned 6:55PM

The next board meeting will be March 5, 2024, by video conference.

Attending:

1. Allen Sisson
2. Diane Mierz
3. Ed Tobolski
4. Greg Lane
5. Theo Kindermans
6. Tom Tate
7. George Kehler
8. Peter Venuti
9. Peter Thompson

Not Attending:

1. Carl Luck
2. Georg Becker-Birck
3. John Consigli