TYP356ne Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 5, 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: 141. 38 members are still not paid. Three of our four sponsors have paid. SpeedSport Tuning has not paid yet, but said they will do shortly. Two new members total joined in February and March. After mid-March targeted emails will be sent to the unpaid.
3. Financial Report: Georg Becker-Birck: Cash Balance as of March 4, 2024, = $3,619.47. This balance reflects the $1,000.00 deposit already paid to Lake Pearl to hold the September 29, 2024, Club Day Date. So right now, we have at least $3,619.47 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 $1,136.47 for other expenses. We could have as much as $2,214.31 in other expenses for the rest of the year. Additional membership payments and the final sponsor income have not been included in the 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.
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 TubTimes.
5. Newsletter Report: Ed Tobolski: March issue- Publish date, March 23rd 2024.

**New Business:**

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      2. Going forward the refund policy will be to encourage paying for 2 years in advance for extra dues payments but refunding immediately if requested for a PayPal dues payment. A refund will be immediate for duplicate Holiday Party payments made in error via PayPal prior to restaurant notification of the total attending with meal selection. As in the past, there will be no Holiday Party refunds after the restaurant has been notified of the attendance number. A refund will only be issued for a check payment of any type at least 10 days after that check has been deposited in the bank.
      3. Members may ask for or offer items for sale in TubTimes as a classified ad at no charge. They may also offer items for sale or ask to buy a specific item using the Club email list. However, the Club policy has been, and still is, that a commercial vendor cannot ask to buy or sell items in the TubTimes or using our email list. A commercial vendor can join our Club as a Sponsor paying the $100.00 sponsor fee. That allows them to run a business card size ad monthly stating what services their business provides or what their business wants to buy. That would include an ad saying something like: Wanting to buy a 356/912 in any condition. The reason for allowing this is that it lets the members know they would be selling their car to a business that will very likely resell it for more rather than keep it for personal use.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

Peter Venuti was not present for the meeting, so no updates on possible change of venue for Sunday, February 2, 2025 Holiday party. The time will be 11 AM to 2 PM. Allen Sisson can speak about the electric car experience if no better speaker is found before then. The meal and appetizers need to be selected. Hopefully 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.

Still no new information from the 356 Registry about TYP356ne being involved in an East Coast Registry Holiday.

Carl Luck will start targeted emails to those not paying dues or sponsorship after mid-March 2024.

Greg Lane will follow up on Georg Becker-Birk’s excellent webinar on seat rebuilding. As a result of the Webinar Greg met at Carl’s home and learned from Carl how to use a Rivet-nut tool to repair his driver’s seat hinge. Greg would like to send out Carl’s photos and a description of the rivet-nut device and how it works Georg will add Carl’s photographs to his presentation. Carl will also write an article for Tub Times, not necessarily in combination with Georg’s article about seat restoring.

Greg Lane followed up with Craig Amerigian of Rhode Island regarding a possible 2025 day-drive from RI into southern Connecticut. They will meet sometime in the next few months to explore possible tour routes into Connecticut starting from Voluntown, CT.

Greg Lane has been in touch with member Ben Cohen in Litchfield, CT, regarding his wish to have a tour run in his vicinity. Greg will meet with Ben sometime in the next few months to explore roads in his realm for a possible day-tour in 2025.

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

Meeting adjourned 6:20PM

Attending:

1. Allen Sisson
2. Greg Lane
3. Theo Kindermans
4. Diane Mierz
5. John Consigli
6. Peter Thompson
7. Ed Tobolski
8. Georg Kehler
9. Georg Becker-Birck

Not Attending:

1. Carl Luck
2. Peter Venuti
3. Tom Tate