TYP356ne Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2023

1. 6 PM Call to order by Microsoft Teams Video Conference. No physical meeting.
2. Membership Report by Carl Luck: Paid Members: 170. We have one new member this month.
3. Financial Report: Georg Becker-Birck: Cash Balance as of August 29, 2023 =$4,872.84. This is after paying a $1,000.00 deposit paid to Lake Pearl already to reserve the October 1, 2023, Club Day date.
4. Website Coordinator/Event Calendar Report by Allen Sisson: The entire 2023 Event Schedule is posted on the Club Website currently.
5. Newsletter Report: Ed Tobolski: Tub Times will be published about September 1, 2023.

 **Old/Ongoing Business:**

* + - 1. Diane Mierz and Greg Lane have sent several promotions for their September 7th to 8th fall tour in North Central CT. The promotional materials look great. At last count there were 15 participants signed up in 8 cars.
			2. 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 may speak on some topic at the Holiday Party unless hopefully a better speaker can be found before then.
			3. Ed Tobolski will discuss plans for Club Day scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023. He has already sent out one promotion for the event. Len Cannizzaro, with the help of Ed and Peter Venuti, has prepared what looks to be an excellent presentation of the cars he has owned over the years to be presented at Club Day.

The cost to get 45 copies printed should be about $250. Len will not be paid for his presentation, but he will be awarded a nice gift honoring his 25 years of service to the Club in various capacities.

 Assuming we do basically the same food as last year and get 50 people, the total cost should be $4652. That is about $1000 more than last year. $350 of the difference is the monitor and $250 for the printed handouts for Len’s presentation.

We currently have $4872.84 in the treasury, and since we have already paid $1000 to Lake Pearl. Those attending Club Day this year will pay $20.00 per person. If we get 50 people attending that will leave about $2,652.00 in the treasury for Holiday Party expenses in February 2024 plus, of course, dues payments we will collect by then which should add about $4,900.00 more.

Lake Pearl will accept a check on October 1st at the event for final payment. Georg Becker-Birck or Ed Tobolski will sign the Club check at the event and make the payment.

**New Business:**

Michael Branning, the President of the 356 Registry, contacted me saying the Registry has a committee (headed by VP Michael Puldy) which is researching taking a much more proactive role to make multiple Registry Holidays happen each year.  Some of the things being researched are to contract with a large national company that specializes in organizing large group events.  (They find the venue for the event lodging and other group accommodations plus arrange for the group dining events and help negotiate the contracts.) The 356 Registry would provide insurance, sponsorship money, and is considering taking on a different level of financial responsibility to reduce the risk to potential organizers. They would provide a cookbook on how to organize a holiday, provide website and registration help, and generally help standardize all things that are necessary for every holiday, so organizers don’t have to “reinvent the wheel”.  The goal is to recruit groups of members to organize Holidays and to have a rolling 3-year calendar of at least 2 Holidays planned for every year.

It would be up to the hosting regional Club, such as TYP356ne, to plan all the event activities such as the event drives, people’s choice Concours, and technical sessions. They would procure sponsors and goodie bags, design the badge, and plan all the specialized touches that make each Holiday unique.  He wanted to know if there was a core group in our Club that would be willing to consider organizing an East Coast Holiday in the next 3 years. He was not looking for a firm commitment at this time. I told him that it is likely that our Board members would be willing to take this on if the Registry does provide additional support as described above. The year we do this we will probably not have a Spring and Fall tour since all our efforts would be directed toward the East Coast Registry Holiday that year.

This was discussed. It was pointed out that this would be a huge amount of work to organize. It was thought that we may not have enough members interested in volunteering for this. Tom Tate, who headed the East Coast Holiday in 2012, could not be at the meeting today. We need his input. It was decided more information needs to be obtained from Michael Branning as to how large our Club is relative to other regional Clubs, how many people generally attend Holidays, and how many local volunteers are generally needed at the local level to run these Holidays. After obtaining this information we will discuss it again at the next Board meeting in October and likely at the Board meeting in November as well.

The next board meeting will be held in person on Club Day 10 AM to 12 PM on October 1, 2023.

Attending:

1. Allen Sisson
2. Ed Tobolski
3. Greg Lane
4. Peter Thompson
5. Peter Venuti
6. Georg Becker-Birck
7. George Kehler
8. Diane Mierz

Not Attending:

1. Carl Luck
2. Theo Kindermans
3. Tom Tate