

1/25/2010 MM Membership and Board Meeting Minutes – DATED: February 15th 2010
Puleo's Alcoa, TN

BOARD MEETING –

5:35 Fred Ellis opened the meeting (Presiding until we select an acting president).

In attendance were Board members: Fred Ellis, Carolyn Jones, Debbie Ellis, Jean Nelson, James Deane, and Georgiana Deane.

Also present: Janet Benson

Absent: Lesley Collins – Membership coordinator, Ellen Rudolph – Webmaster, and Gail Sheely – Treasurer.

Briefly covered were:

- 1) Fred wanted input from the board members on the format of the board meetings so that they could be more efficient and fruitful. Board members will be encouraged to contact the president ahead of time if they have a special issue which they want to bring up to include in the agenda. He will ask each board member at the beginning of the board meeting if they will want to give a report to the membership that night and will ask them to give a brief synopsis of what they will report, but do not have to duplicate the entire presentation.
- 2) The date for **Membership dues** will be extended to the February meeting. People can write a check or pay through paypal from the website. 29 members have renewed and we have 20 outstanding memberships that have not yet paid their 2010 dues.
- 3) Georgiana Deane gave a report on upcoming meeting **activities**. Plans for future meetings include a presentation on the use of the forum, a semiannual bake sale, an MM Birthday party for the February meeting, and she will try to organize a presentation by Paul Toney of Twin City Mazda. Invited speakers will be asked to give a 15-20 minute presentation. Members will also be encouraged to give 5 minute accounts of events (these short recaps should be coordinated through James Deane).
- 4) Georgiana requested that we set up a **budget** of Petty Cash for operating funds to purchase supplies such as paper plates and hostess gifts for special events. Jim made a motion that we allot \$75.00 per quarter at the first of each quarter. This was approved by a vote of 6:0. Receipts will be kept and turned in to the treasurer. Additional special purchases such as a screen for slide presentations can be paid for with monies from special fund raising activities such as the Madam Miatas bi-annual bake sales. Proposed items would be presented for board approval and prioritization of needs.
- 5) Georgiana has put together a list of 16 proposed events by members and each member will vote for their top 3 favorites at tonight's meeting.
- 6) **PO Box** so that MM has an official address. Debbie will obtain a PO Box at the Weisgarber Post office. The board approved 6:0 to allot up to \$45.00 for a 1 year contract. We will get two keys (1 for the secretary, 1 for the treasurer).
- 7) **2010 Event Schedule:** James discussed upcoming events; Chocolate fest Sat Feb 13th, Goose Creek Mar 20th -21st, Miata's at the beach (miata.net).

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:37.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

7:05 Fred opened the meeting and welcomed our new members:

Mike and Sandi Smith, and Mark and Gay Henegar.

- 1) **Dues Reminder:** The deadline will be extended to the February meeting. People can write a check or pay through paypal from the website.
- 2) **Events:** James reported that he had 15 major events on the calendar and that he will work on developing quarterly schedules with suggestions from the membership.
February 13th: Chocolate Fest.
March 20th - 21st: Goose Creek and Trail Magic.
- 3) **Dream event Vote:** Georgiana presented an alluring list of 16 events submitted by members (as Jim stated they were all excellent ideas). The votes were tallied and the top 3 events were awarded.
 - I. Townsend Area ending up at the Nelson's
 - II. Colditz Cove Natural Area
 - III. Gambling in Cherokee North Carolina
- 4) James Deane announced that the 1000th forum post was made by Tim Kimbrough.
- 5) Fred Ellis gave a five minute presentation on the installation of a Remote Radar Detector Receiving Unit into the fog light of a 2006 MX5.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.