

BOARD MEETING –

6:15: Roy Sheely opened the meeting.

Briefly covered were:

1. The minutes from the mid-month Skype meeting were approved.
2. Lesley Collins gave a MEMBERSHIP REPORT. We had acquired 8 new members since the last meeting bringing our total to 36.

We were reminded that all members including the founding members need to have a full membership application on file as well as signature releases in order to participate on Mountain Miata Club drives.

3. Gail Sheely gave a FINANCIAL REPORT. Current club bank balance is \$547.79.
4. Georgiana Deane discussed club merchandise and stated that she and Lesley had good response and inquiries at their booth at Miatas at the Gap. The venue provided good opportunities for networking and attracting new members. They sold 2 hats and 8 T-shirts. Georgiana has arranged for a special vendor to be present at our September meeting.
5. James Deane discussed upcoming events:
 - Miatas at Mentone , AL (Rocket City Miata Club) August 15th.
 - Abingdon, VA September 5th (overnight) to see the play 'Forever Plaid' at the Barter Theater on Saturday and to bike the Virginia Creeper trail on Sunday.
 - Nashville Track Day, September 18th & 19th.
6. Dr. Ellen Rudolph reminded everyone that there were updates on the club website.

THE MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY ADJOURNED TO SOCIALIZE IN THE PARKING LOT AND WILL CONTINUE AFTER THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

7:00 Roy Sheely opened the meeting and welcomed the new members and Lesley passed out name tags and lanyards.

James Deane and Roger discussed upcoming events:

- Miatas at Mentone , AL (Rocket City Miata Club) August 15th.
- Abingdon, VA September 5th (overnight) to see the play 'Forever Plaid' at the Barter Theater on Saturday and to bike the Virginia Creeper trail on Sunday (Jean Nelson, David Nelson, and Fred Ellis).
- Nashville Track Day, September 18th & 19th.

Roger will give a slide presentation next month on his experiences with the Nashville track day from last year.

Georgiana discussed MM club merchandise and gave out door prizes of Miata Corporate merchandise for correct trivia quiz answers.

PROGRAM –

Fred Ellis gave an excellent overview on the different models of Miatas and their origin and evolution.

AFTER DINNER THE BOARD MEETING CONTINUED:

We discussed the Skype format for the mid-month board meeting and whether it may not be the most productive way to meet.

We had discussion on improving our board member communications both prior to board meetings through emails and during board meetings. We discussed the need to effectively voice our individual ideas and concerns on matters relating to the club in a less rigid meeting atmosphere. Both James Deane and Ellen offered suggestions on the topic noting that both skype and emails have been somewhat problematic of late.

Lesley made a motion that we begin meeting at 5:30 before our regular Membership meetings (rather than 6PM) to give us more time to conduct business and have more complete discussions. The Board voted to give this a try.

Roger requested that we try to coordinate our communications through him when notices are sent to the general membership to cut down on the number of emails people receive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM