

BOARD MEETING –

5:42 Roy Sheely opened the meeting.

In attendance were Roy Sheely, Gail Sheely, Debbie Ellis, Roger Stewart, Lesley Collins, Jean Nelson, James Deane, Georgiana Deane, and Ellen Rudolph.

Briefly covered were:

1. The minutes from the September meeting were approved and have been posted on the website.
2. Dr. Ellen Rudolph presented a letter and signature gifting of the website of Mountain Miatas of East TN. It resides in its entirety on hosting space purchased by the board of directors. This new hosting space is located at www.FastDomain.com. A copy of this letter is at the end of the minutes. She also gave us a CD copy of the website to store in a Safe Deposit Box.
3. FORUM RULES. There was discussion about the October 13th impromptu meeting at Calhoun's. (Minutes from that meeting by Fred Ellis are attached) At that meeting Roger Stewart presented a draft of Rules for the Mountainmias.net forum. The rules were discussed; minor changes were made in the wording and the board approved the rules and that the forum should go live to the membership. There was disagreement about whether this was an official board meeting or an impromptu meeting as the Board of Directors had not been notified 10 days before the meeting. We voted again at *this* board meeting (10-26-09) and approved the rules, which are posted at the end of these minutes. Notification to the general membership of the opportunity to join the forum will be announced at tonight's membership meeting.
4. Lesley Collins gave a MEMBERSHIP REPORT. We now have 50 members. Lesley will prepare a notice to be sent to the membership by the Communication Director for how to pay their dues.
5. BYLAW CHANGE. There was a discussion about whether the forum administrator should be an elected position or a volunteer position. James Deane did not want to continue with this position if it were considered an elected position. Roger affirmed that the bylaws required all positions to be board positions and elected by the membership. Debbie made a motion to change the bylaws to allow for non board member volunteers as long as there is accountability to the board. Debbie will draft this change with the help of Roger and the board. We will give written notice of the proposed changes to the membership no less than 14 days prior to the next meeting, where the members will be able to vote for this amendment. (see p. 14 of bylaws)
6. MEETING VENUE. Ellen and Georgiana proposed that we involve the membership in making a decision as to where to move our meetings to accommodate our growing group. Our November meeting will be at Puleo's Grille in Alcoa. Our December meeting will be held at Calhoun's in Knoxville at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Pellissippi Parkway. Members will vote for their preference at the December meeting.
7. Georgiana Deane went over the Survey results from last month's meeting. There were a lot of suggestions given and in general the membership thinks the board is doing a good job.

6:30 the board meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

7:15 Roy Sheely opened the meeting.

No new members were in attendance. The membership drive will continue through our November meeting.

Our treasury now stands at \$99.31.

Our annual dues of \$25.00 should be paid by our January meeting.

James and Georgiana Deane discussed upcoming events and activities:

- Devils Triangle (in costume), then Scary Movie Night at the Nelsons, October 31st.
- Rogersville via Sneedville and Tazwell, November 28th.

Members were reminded to refer to the website for more information and details concerning driving events.

Jean Nelson discussed MM club merchandise (one hat left) and Georgiana gave out door prizes of Miata Corporate merchandise.

Roger announced:

- that we needed 10 cars to enter the Dec. 4th Xmas parade
- the Xmas party will be the following evening Saturday Dec. 5th at Susie and Gerry Harms.

PROGRAM –

James Deane discussed access to the computer based forum (www.mountainmiatas.net) and welcomed interested members to join.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 (Location: Calhouns West)

Board members in attendance: Roy Sheely, Lesley Collins, Georgiana Deane, Jim Dean, Roger Stewart, Jean Nelson, Ellen Rudolph and Fred Ellis (recording minutes for Debbie Ellis)

Note: Board member Roger Stewart left the meeting early.

Board meeting began at 6:30 pm

1. Roy opens the meeting
 2. MM Forum Operating Regulations
 - a. Draft Regulations is attached as well as a copy of the approved Regulations
 - b. Item 1
 - i. Following discussion Roger makes a motion to vote in favor of version B
 - ii. Leslie seconds the motion
 - iii. Vote is six in favor of version B and one vote against therefore the motion is passed.
 - c. Item 2 Unchanged
 - d. Item 3
 - i. Jim recommends to remove Item 3 to allow discussion of Board members but no vote will be taken using this format nor via email.
 - ii. Roger recommends leaving Item 3 intact with the knowledge this item can be removed later if necessary.
 - iii. Item 3 discussion is tabled for the moment
 - e. Item 4
 - i. Wording is changed from personal criticism to derogatory comments
 - f. Item 5 Unchanged
 - g. Item 6
 - i. Jim makes proposal that the Forum Administrator is not an elected
 - ii. Roy suggests this is a technical position rather than a policy position.
 - iii. Ellen makes a motion to eliminate the last phrase (and is an elected position)
 - iv. Lesley seconds the motion
 - v. Vote is unanimous in favor of the motion.
 - h. Item 7
 - i. Lesley makes a motion to combine Item 3 and Item 7 into one Item. Placing the sentence from Item 3 on the end of the sentence contained in Item 7.
 - ii. Ellen seconds the motion
 - iii. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
 - i. Item 8 Wording change to add and or moderator.
 - j. Item 9 Wording change to substitute will not to may not.
 - k. Item 10
 - i. Change of wording to the following: Official communications to members will continue via the two established channels, the MM website and email distributions from the Communications Director.
 - l. MM Forum Operating Regulations
 - i. Ellen makes a motion to approve the MM Forum Operating Regulations
 - ii. Lesley seconds the motion.
 - iii. Vote is unanimous in favor of approval.
3. MM Website
 - a. Utilize fastdomain.com as the host server for mountainmias.com and mountainmias.net.
 - b. Webmaster and Forum Administrator will have equal access to both domains.
 - c. Lesley makes a motion to approve
 - d. Georgiana seconds the motion
 - e. Vote is unanimous to approve.
4. MM Forum
 - a. Jim makes a motion to open the forum for use by MM Club members
 - b. Georgiana seconds the motion
 - c. Vote is unanimous in favor of the motion
5. Adjourn the Meeting
 - a. Roy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Jean seconds motion
 - c. Vote is unanimous in favor of adjournment
 - d. Meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Fred Ellis

MM Forum Operating Regulations (voted and approved at 10-26-2009 board meeting)

1. Forum is for MM members only (viewing and posting)
2. Member's 'real name' must be in the signature block and be automatically placed on all their posts and responses
2. No derogatory comments of other members is allowed
3. Forum administrator will remove any inappropriate posting at their discretion, and must report and provide copies of each removal to the Board at next meeting
4. Forum is totally owned and financed by Mountain Miatas and forum administrator is accountable to the Board.
5. Forum will never be used for, or in place of, Board meetings. No hidden forums or Board-only forums will exist.
6. Forum administrator and or moderator will monitor posts at least every other day.
7. Members who join MM and only use the forum may not be allowed to renew their membership the following year.
8. Official communications to members will continue via the two established channels, the MM website and email distributions from the Communications Director.