

ARPCA BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

November 9, 2023

Pete's European Techniques

Call to Order: Gus Vasilakis, 7:03 PM.

In attendance: Gus Vasilakis, Drake Core, Tim Gustafson, Tom Uehling, Jay Malobicky, Kevin Rhule, Mary Jo Dockman, Rob Windsor, Tom Mueller, Andy Schor, Matt Wimer, Linda Scanlon.

Linda Scanlon moved to approve the minutes from October, seconded by Kevin Rhule. Approved.

Financial Update: Tom Uehling reported. Tom reviewed the financial reports for October; year-to-date and by breakout activity. Tom commented that we received our last quarterly membership check from PCA. PCA sends us 5 deposits per year, four for membership and the fifth is discretionary. Historically the discretionary payment is very stable but this year it was about \$3k less than in the past. Tom attempted to get an answer to why this was but just got corporate talk with no real explanation. Tom said that advertising income exceeded what was budgeted. Also, we realized about \$3,800 in interest. Tom Mueller moved to approve financials, seconded by Kevin Rhule. Approved.

Membership: Terri Mattock submitted her report before the meeting. At the end of October there are 898 Primary members and 520 Affiliate members for a total of 1,418 members. For October, we welcomed 3 new members. There is a total of 8 test drive members. We currently have 61 PCA junior members. There were 0 transfers in and 3 out of our region. There were 12 lapsed renewals. October anniversaries included the following: 47 members celebrated anniversaries of 5 years or more and 15 with less than 5 years. Member Michael Tranovich celebrated his 45th anniversary, Andrew Formica his 44th and Ralph Gaudio his 43rd.

Communications: Larry Sachs was not present. Gus announced the deadline for November/December issue will be November 16.

HPDE update: John Rattenni was not present. No report.

Social: Jay Malobicky reported. The Holiday Party scheduled for November 18 and registration closes November 16. The Mid-Winter Party is scheduled for February 3, 2024 at Blackout Tinting. The All-Member Dinner is scheduled for March 22, 2024 to be held at Edgewood Country Club. Linda Lorenz has stepped up to chair both events.

Jay reported that the PVGP weekend is scheduled for August 3-4 2024. The Pitt Race weekend is July 14-15. Arrangements are in the works to possibly hold the traditional PVGP Friday Road rally on the Saturday of Pitt Race weekend and conclude the rally at Pitt Race in time for a parade lap and a barbecue event at the track. Details to follow. Andy Schor moved to accept Jay's report, seconded by Tom Mueller. Approved.

ARPCA Women's Group update: Linda Scanlon reported. The all-member cocktail party at Diamonds Direct was a great success. Proceeds from the Diamonds Direct event will go to Rosedale Technical School. The Treasure House event that was cancelled is being re-scheduled for a later time. Linda commented that there was a walk-in guest at Diamond Direct without registering. This started a

discussion that Jay brought up previously about establishing a club policy that would allow charging MSR accounts after the fact for unregistered attendees. Further discussion to follow.

PTC: Tom Mueller reported. The final lunch tour is December 5 at The Kaufman Tavern in Zelienople. 2024 planning is in the process. Please make your suggestions for venues. Also, suggestions on what charity to use in 2024 are welcome.

Old Business: Kevin Rhule reported on the Fall Road Rallye, Der Herbstfahrt 300, held on October 21. It was a great success and all had a good time. The Rallye ended at The Wooden Angel Restaurant for a great dinner. The Scenic App worked well and the walkie talkies helped keep communications open.

New Business: Rob Windsor volunteered to chair the nomination committee to solicit candidates for election of officers in December. The slate will be published in an email blast. Rob will work with Scott Ishler and Frank Bresz to set-up the ballots on MSR.

Jay brought up a potential meeting venue suggested by Craig Spink. Craig is involved with the *The Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum* and they are willing to host the club. This will be followed through by Tim Gustafson.

Closing: Andy Schor moved to close the meeting and seconded by Kevin Rhule. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Gus closed the meeting with a warm thank-you to Pete Delmer (and Frank) for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting: December 14, 2024 at Sewickley Porsche.

Submitted by Tim Gustafson