

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:30 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Tomás Hernández, 1st Vice President Al Padilla, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Jorge Feria, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ed Medina, Ira Shapiro, and Bob Squier and guest Volker Ribniger.

Establish a Quorum: President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 13 members of the Board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the February's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the minutes, Ed Medina seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for February from the club's bank account. He added that with membership renewals coming in, new members, monthly expenses such as board meeting meals, coffee and dessert at the general meeting, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina informed us that we had 203 families but after hearing the passing of one of our members, we now have 202 families. Ed said that after speaking to some of the members that did not renew, he learned that those members found the cost of membership to be too expensive and complained that the club do not give things away to the members for that cost. Thomas Kosky said that he had the same reaction from those he spoke with at a local car show (non AACA show). Ed proposed to put together a welcoming package for those new members that join our club. Both Manny Garcia and Ira Shapiro mentioned sending a welcoming letter to provide club information and inviting them to come to the General Membership meeting.

General Membership Meeting (March 21, 2024): Jorge Feria said that he has not been able to contact anyone for next month's guest speaker. Tomás Hernández said that to have a good turnout in our general meeting we need to find a good speaker. Benjamin Cardonne suggested having either a mechanic, an appraiser, a restoration guy, or someone from Hagerty as a guest speaker in the future.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show report: Tomás Hernández said that this show was one of the best shows we have ever seen. He reported that there were 111 cars. He also thanked Ed Medina for all his efforts in making this show happen. He also thanked all the nice judges for participating. One City of Coral Gables Commissioner posted on Instagram about our show and his desire to

have us next year. The club was credited for one police officer that did not show. We were also credited for the incorrect delivery of the regular public toilet instead of a handicapped one. Tomás thanked Williamson Cadillac for donating six cases of water. Ira Shapiro inquired about the show expenses. Ed Medina stated that since not all the expenses have come in, he will have to report the total expenses later.

Winston Park Car Show (March 16, 2024): Ed Medina reported that everything is looking great. There are 54 cars registered for the show. He said that he will stop accepting applications when the count gets to 60 cars. He also said that trophies are in already and food trucks are in order with the HOA.

Miami Springs River Cities Festival (April 13 & 14, 2024): Ed Medina mentioned that he passed out flyers at the Biltmore Way Auto Show and will do the same at the Winston Park Car Show.

Other Club Business:

- Vizcaya Farm Village - Ira Shapiro stated that he is looking for the car show date when the weather is cooler.
- Club Picnic – The Larry & Penny Thompson Park was decided for our venue. Tomás Hernández suggested to have the picnic as early as possible to avoid high temperatures. The month of April was chosen.
 - Ed Medina learned that Hershey region offers scholarships and he proposed that we give a \$1,500 scholarship and have National manage it, making it available to an individual who is interested in the restoration of antiques. Some members reminded Ed that our club has done that in the past, with Robert Morgan (\$500) and MacPherson (\$500) among others. Ed also said that he will print out all guidelines for scholarships. Ira Shapiro said that by doing so, it will bring our club's name high with National.
- Tomás Hernández informed us that National Board Members would like for us to prepare a south Florida drive tour in the future.
- Manny Garcia said that we should set a driving event or an over-night trip to go to different museums, and if necessary, rent a Greyhound bus to accommodate all members that want to participate. Tomás Hernández said we should have a committee and present a budget.
- Manny Garcia mentioned that he was approached by the owner of a private school in Homestead who would like to have a fundraiser with our club holding a car show. More information/details are needed.
- Ben Cardonne mentioned that the British Car Club has an event this coming Sunday in Broward County.

- Ira Shapiro mentioned that he will be looking for a date for our members to go to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens for a tour. Ed Medina asked Ira to keep him informed.
- Oscar Castro has rejoined our club.
- Ed Medina asked about the Moda Miami event held the same day as our Coral Gables car show, which also conflicted with Amelia Island. Ira Shapiro reported that it was incredible, especially with the finest high-quality cars coming from all around the country. It was the first show of its kind held at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and was sponsored by RM Sotheby's Auction House. It will return next year.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa reported that:

Tomás Hernández' aunt passed away in New Jersey.

Rob Staple passed away on February 23rd.

Ross Battaglia's wife, Betsy, fell, hit her head and broke both legs.

Maurice Hawa will have a bone marrow biopsy and will be waiting for the results.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary