

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 7, 2023, was called to Order by 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández at 7:29 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past President Ira Shapiro and Board Members, Jorge Feria, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Ed Medina, Al Padilla, Bob Squier, and Richard Wittington.

Establish a Quorum: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández established a quorum with 11 members present. He thanked everyone for their help the with the Nationals Meet.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of last month's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Manny Garcia made a motion to accept the minutes, Al Padilla seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manny Garcia reported that as of January 31, 2023, our club bank account is in order. He added that with the check from our sponsor Rick Case, membership renewals, monthly expenses such as Board meeting meals, Quick Books, storage rental fee and the printing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. He added that with the shipping to Nationals of the trophies and merchandise, the secondary account created for Nationals is also in order.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that the membership is standing at 181 families. He informed us that there are 16 families that have not renewed their membership, and he has sent emails encouraging them to come back to our club. When Richard Whittington asked why the membership increased so much, the answer was that the advertising cards and the ease to apply or renew membership online helped in the 60% increase of new or renewed members plus the number of Mustang owners that were added to our club lately. He was asked about the new members who have not supplied their national membership number. Ed said he is working on it.

General Membership Meeting (February 18, 2023): Jean Hawa mentioned that

with the increase of membership, it will be a good idea to have a general membership meeting program explaining the process of how our club works. Manny Garcia suggested inviting a Master Judge to help understand the rules, especially to new members, when bringing a car to a show. Ed Medina added to have a separate day to do this, and Ira Shapiro agreed, also changing the General Membership Meeting to a Saturday instead on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Manny Garcia concluded that we should set up a committee; Ed Medina volunteered Jean Hawa to create it.

As for our February's General Membership meeting, Manny Garcia, a Master Judge with many years of experience, volunteered for Saturday, February 18, 2023. This will be a general overview orientation meeting to educate participants what the judges are looking for when judging a car, such as lights, tires, fire extinguishers, after market additions, etc. The club will be meeting at 13500 SW 134 Avenue, Miami, FL 33186, Warehouse A2 at 10 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

Art Deco Car Show Report: Ira Shapiro reported that it was a great show. Because it was a cold and windy Saturday, only 30 of the 73 registered cars showed up. On Sunday all 64 cars registered were present. Daniel Ciraldo, Executive Director, Miami Design Preservation League, came and spoke to Ira Shapiro to thank him for the big turn out and successful show. We were very pleased to announce that all the trophies were sponsored by Williamson Cadillac.

Nationals Winter Meet overview: Since Millie Garcia was not present at the meeting, Manny Garcia informed us that it was an overall great event with many positive compliments about the social events and the food, including a very complimentary thank you from Hulon McCraw. People who had a chance to visit Our Backyard Museum were very pleased as well as when they visited Wings over Miami Museum, the Military Museum, and the Gold Coast Railroad Museum where we hosted our event. On the other hand, some folks said we should have taken in consideration traveling distances. The venue brought mixed reviews. While some people appreciated the preservation of the Railroad Museum and its trains, others were less satisfied with the show field. Despite the Museum's historical reputation, its lackluster appearance was not favorable for showing off the elegance and beauty of the antique cars. The unevenness of the terrain at the show field and the tent made some folks feel uneasy and insecure when walking.

Other complaints were the lack of trash cans and bathrooms, not having an assigned handicap bathroom and the walking distance where the bathrooms were located. Tomás Hernández mentioned that while visiting other National Shows the bathrooms were never close to the show field and seldom have portable bathrooms.

Some guests complained because they had to pay to come in to see the car show not

understanding that the show was free but the train museum for the public had an entrance fee if they chose to go in. Ira Shapiro expressed his thoughts to consider a better venue if there is another event. Ed Medina said that with this show we have created a good relationship with the Mayor of Miami-Dade County. Tomás Hernández presented a check from Lace Food Service to Manny Garcia for the donation of the center pieces used for Saturday's Award Ceremony.

Vizcaya Farm Village (February 12, 2023): Ira Shapiro informed us that there are 37 confirmed cars, 12 on a wait list, maximum car capacity is 45. We will need a table, chairs and a tent. There will be no trophies given. He will be bringing coffee and pastries to the show. All cars need to be in place by 9 AM and leave by 3 PM.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 5, 2023): Richard Wittington spoke with Andy Leavy who he said is on top of everything. He also added that we have 94 entrees already. Richard mentioned that since the City of Coral Gables is not committing to the car show providing the portable toilets, he would like to contact the same company we used for Nationals; he will be contacting Mike Penn for that information. Ed Medina would like to be involved and requested the information for the rental company as well. Rubenstein Law will be a sponsor for the show.

Other Club Business:

Cars in the Garden: Jean Hawa informed us that the Fairchild Garden contact has not agreed to a date yet.

Sunshine Report: Al Padilla informed the Board that his wife Miriam Padilla has been recuperating from a knee fracture. He also reported that former member Tony Valera passed away last year.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary