

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2023, was called to Order by President Millie Garcia at 7:28 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Millie Garcia, 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, Mike Penn, Bob Squier, and Richard Wittington.

Establish a Quorum: President Millie Garcia established a quorum with 13 members present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: President Millie Garcia 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 explained that he had been paying for Quick Books, not the club, and that should be removed from the Treasurer's report on the next minutes. Ira Shapiro made a motion to accept the minutes with Manny Garcia's request, Millie Garcia seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manny Garcia explained that the Club's primary account and the secondary account created for Nationals still have to be reconciled once all expenses have been paid, and he will be receiving a PayPal report with a recap of all expenses. Manny reported that with membership renewals, monthly expenses such as Board meeting meals, storage rental fee and the printing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. He also informed us that all necessary documents have been sent to the accountant for the taxes.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that the membership is standing at 192 families. He informed us that there are 11 members that did not renew their membership, and he has tried reaching out to them via emails, texts and phone calls encouraging them to come back to our club. Ed also added that,

- If he, as Membership Chairman, could discretionally offer a free membership for a year with the purchase of a national membership. Millie Garcia suggested offering free club and National membership to our sponsors and the military. National already provides us with four free memberships.
- More advertising cards are needed. All board members present approved to have more cards printed.

Tomas Hernández also suggested we get new name tags for all members. Based on the cumbersome process we have, Manny Garcia suggested we do a cost analysis. Ira Shapiro asked how much it will cost and how often we need to order name tags. Jorge Feria offered to handle the name tags and will check into a magnetic name badge.

Ed Medina proposed to have a floor-length white tablecloth with our logo on the front of it for the six-foot table used for registration at our shows. It was unanimously approved.

General Membership Meeting (March 16, 2023): We will be meeting at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

Vizcaya Village Auto Show Report: Ira Shapiro informed us that it was a big success. There were 44 cars with more room to spare. We will be looking forward to coming back next winter.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show Report: Manny Garcia said it was a successful show. It was a nice, sunny

day with 100 cars present. Richard Wittington added that he was pleased with the company he was able to find for the portable toilets, it was reliable and on time. It was noted that a better layout for judging was needed.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show for 2024: Manny Garcia expressed his concern about the future of Biltmore Way shows. For 2024 he mentioned we need to figure out the cost and the number of sponsorships for the show. Ira Shapiro questioned if this show was worth the cost, taking in consideration that this is a judged Show. Ira agreed that this is a beautiful venue and he will support the club if the club chooses to stay as is but we will need to increase the number of sponsors to offset the cost. This year's expenses were \$920 for the permit, \$200 for the barricades, \$450 for the port-a-john, \$1000 for the trophies, unknown for the three policemen (one supervisor and two officers), and \$500 for the parking spaces. Ira brought up the history of why we moved our shows from Miami to Coral Gables; it was due to high governmental fees. It was suggested that we search for venues with bigger parking lots.

- Millie Garcia spoke about Zoo Miami's Cars for Conservation to benefit zoo animals that is partnered up with Cars and Coffee. She explained that choosing this place means that we will need to charge our members; this money will not go to our club but to the benefit. Millie also spoke to the Kiwanis at Calle Ocho and Luis Verona from Carnaval on the Mile but we will be having less space for the cars to place them by class and year.

- Ed Medina mentioned the Airspace Base and Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation at Tropical Park.

- Tomas Hernández suggested to have a cover charge of \$20 for a judged show as done in previous years and Ira Shapiro agreed with him.

Winston Park Car Show and Food Trucks (March 11, 2023): Ed Medina informed us that there are 60 registered cars. It will be a People's Choice type of show. The windshield cards are printed and the insurance has been received. There will be several food trucks and Infinity Sound Production will be there with DJ Tony. This will be a no cost show to the club.

Other Club Business:

-Deering Estate Car Show and Cars in the Garden – Jean Hawa informed us that the shows are expected to be November 5th for the Deering Estate and November 19th for Cars in the Garden.

-Picnic– The date of May 20th at Larry and Penny Thompson was suggested for our annual picnic. Manny Garcia questioned if we were planning to cater this event, or the club was going to BBQ. Tomas Hernández mentioned that it would be nice if past presidents were to be the cooks as done in previous years.

-Members Cruise (April 29, 2023)- Ed Medina mentioned that he has seven replies already. He mentioned that members can drive their daily cars or antiques.

-Millie Garcia proposed to give a donation of \$3,000 dollars to the Gold Coast Train Museum and \$1,000 dollars to the Military Museum for allowing our club to present our Nationals Winter Meet this past January on their premises. Chico Goldsmith made a motion to accept it, Tomas Hernández seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Frank Rubino had surgery. Tomas Hernández added that he had gone to visit him, and he is doing much better. We also were informed that Conrad Vazquez is still recuperating from his health issues.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Garcia made a motion to adjourn the

meeting at 8:54 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary