

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2023, was called to Order by 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández at 7:34 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

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

Establish a Quorum: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández established a quorum with 10 members present.

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. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Squier seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Treasurer Many Garcia who presented a reconciliation statement from both the club's primary account and the secondary account; he also added that our club has already paid Nationals and once all expenses have been paid, we should be able to combine both accounts. Tomas reported that with membership, new and/or renewals, monthly expenses such as Board meeting meals, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. Tomás added that the storage rental fee has increased.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina who informed that we have 194 families at this moment. He also mentioned to Tomás that we should be looking for a guest speaker for our next membership meeting. Al Padilla stated that he has found a guest for the next meeting and probably for May's meeting also.

General Membership Meeting (April 18, 2023): We will be meeting at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173 with a special guest speaker from AAA.

Winston Park Car Show and Food Trucks Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina that it was a successful show with 66 cars present. All participants

were very pleased judging each other's cars. Ira Shapiro added that the show was very well organized.

Memory Lane Auto Show Ft. Lauderdale (April 6-9, 2023): Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina that there were already 20 cars registered and that he needs helpers.

Club Picnic (June 3, 2023): Tomás Hernández reported for Millie Garcia that the picnic will take place at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, Pavilion #4. Millie had suggested talking about a budget per person, whether we order or cook the food ourselves. Tomás reminded us that in previous years it was customary for the president and past presidents to do the cooking but if we were to order food we needed to move quickly. Ira Shapiro recommended having a cover charge of \$5 per person to assure a commitment from the people who have signed up because with the increasing amount of membership families we might need to reconsider a bigger location. Tomás Hernández said he was going to talk to Ed Medina to send a reminder to all club members. Jean Hawa said she would check with Flanigan's about catering.

Other Club Business:

-Members Cruise (April 29, 2023)- Ed Medina told Tomás Hernández that he has 20 cars registered already.

-Cars 4 Conservation- Jean Hawa explained that this is a very worthy fund raiser event, but despite of having a great turnout especially with huge number of modified cars, this is not the kind of show that fits our club. Mike Penn added that Lucid, another electric car, was a huge hit with the spectators.

-Jean Hawa brought the April 2023 issue of *Old Cars* (formerly *Old Cars Weekly*) which honors the hobby's top club publications and editors. *Sidelights* has received a Golden Quill Award in the Regions and Chapters 2022: Compact category.

-Jorge Feria brought a name tag sample and explained the cost difference between the different materials and types: hard and soft plastic and brass and silver metallic. He said he will be looking into more appropriate choices for our members.

- Tomás Hernández mentioned that he received an email from Hulon McCraw who was looking at a roster of AACA Nationals Meet winners and noted that many South Florida car owners have earned Senior National Awards but only a few have earned a Grand National Award. Because of that, he suggested that the South Florida Region

consider having a Grand National Show in 2026. Tomás stated that the only requirement is having a senior award. It would be an easier but smaller show with perhaps 70-75 cars, and no HPOF.

Sunshine Report: Tomás Hernández informed us that Manny Garcia is in the hospital getting ready to have a heart procedure. Jean Hawa added that Ed Medina had a fall and is recuperating.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary