

CHVA 2009 National Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2009



Meeting called to order by President B.K. Showalter at 4:03 pm.

Board members present: Bob Higday, Kevin Stilley, Tony Romano, Harvey Williamson, and Gordon Moseley.

B.K. thanked those in attendance for coming and expressed appreciation for the room set-up. He pointed out that Gordon Moseley and Larry Becker would be termed out from the board, and that it is important other members be encouraged to stand for election to the board.

B.K. provided the Treasurers report in the absence of Gary Bossuot. Income was \$8,309. Expenses were \$7,381. The treasury balance is \$7,495 not including CD's in excess of \$50,000.

B.K. gave a plug for Sunflower Region Kelly Flores' new book titled *American Cars '46 to '59*. It will make a great gift.

Harvey Williamson proposed that we should place a small ad in *Old Cars Weekly* to promote the 2010 National Tour. He pointed out that we have gained several new members as a result of tour ads. Discussion about other ad possibilities followed.

Paul Snyder reported that Charlie Smith our AEV editor has been honored with an award from *Old Car News*.

Recording Secretary Bob Higday had no report to make.

B.K. pointed out the need to revise the way we conduct our elections. We have a problem with the timely distribution of ballots. Using the AEV magazine does not always get the ballots to the members in time for them to vote. He is recommending that we use the post office to mail ballots at a cost not to exceed \$500 at least for the next election.

A discussion of changes to the voting procedure followed: Randy Huebner looked at the by-laws and it appears that using the AEV magazine is not mandated. Bob Higday and Tom Stacey are researching using the Internet as a method of voting. If this is a viable then the post office will be used for sending ballots to those without e-mail.

A request for member e-mail address will be added to the next ballot sent by snail mail. A concerted effort needs to be made to include an e-mail address with membership data.

Action: Board will discuss voting method and make final decision.

B.K. appealed to members to send Charlie Smith articles for the AEV magazine. We need to have at least 3 magazines a year.

B.K. asked Judy Higday to be the central person for collecting photos of the current tour to accompany stories for publication.

Note: Judy O'Byrne was already doing this and between them they agreed that this would be an unnecessary duplication of effort.

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Dolly Hebert in response to discussion about the cost of Insurance for our activities pointed out that in her experience in the industry, historically rates increase 100% every 9 years. Our insurance cost with J. C. Taylor is still considered reasonable.

Dolly Hebert volunteered to plan and host the 2011 National Tour that would include the Daytona Beach Speedway and New Orleans with stops in between. She is suggesting that it will be the around the last weekend in March.

Pat O'Byrne reported on the 2010 National Tour co-hosted by Pat and Judy with Harvey and Tolly Williamson. They have titled this tour CHVA & The Corps of Discovery. It will follow a piece of the Lewis and Clark trail through Montana, Yellowstone and Idaho. Info is available on the CHVA web site.

Jeannynne Gorley reported on the West Coast Mini Tour and invited everyone to come. This tour will take place September 16 thru 24, and will include many points of interest in Northern California.

B.K. read a poem *Lad, a Dog* by Albert Peter Terhune

Mike Smith thanked everyone for voting him the AI Newman award recipient last year.

B.K. closed the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by *Bob Higday*