



Flatwater Austin Healey Club Officers Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by: President John Ulrich

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present; A-Absent):

President	P	Secretary	P
Vice President	P	Treasurer	P
National Delegate	P	Officer at Large & Newsletter Editor	A
Membership Chair	P	Officer at Large	A

Attendance: 13

Quorum met: yes

Minutes from last meeting:

Approved

Officers' Reports:

Membership Chairman – Current membership is 165. Approximately 2/3 own British cars, and many of the remaining 1/3 participate in autocross. Non-member participation in autocross will be eliminated since membership in FWAHC is now required for insurance reasons. Gary Lien sent test emails to see how well this method of communication is working, and 70% of the addressees responded.

Treasurer's Report:

The banking summary was reviewed. Account balance as of 1/1/16 was \$2104.42. Balance as of 12/28/16 was \$1731.02. AHCA provides \$4 million of liability insurance to our club, and \$5 from each FWAHC member goes toward that insurance. Purchasing insurance independently for FWAHC had been investigated and found to be a much more expensive option.

Old Business:

- \$600 was raised for charity during the fall show. The proceeds were split between Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer, and Christmas gifts for local children.
- The Porsche and VW clubs were invited guests at the fall show. Not many Porsches attended, but the VW club as well represented and attracted six or eight new members.
- Organizing Friday fish continues to be a challenge since so many people fail to heed the RSVP. Sometimes the estimates given to restaurants are way too high, and sometimes way too low. This can be a real imposition on smaller establishments. John Ulrich will make an announcement at the annual banquet, emphasizing the importance of RSVPs. Possible improvements to the fish process were discussed: Staying at the same location, such as Cedar Creek, for six months instead of moving each month; having a dedicated fish coordinator; sending more email blasts. It was agreed that there will be no fish in November or December of 2017 since attendance was so poor at those events.
- Tracking of points for the participation award continues to be almost impossible, since someone must be at every event to collect names and send them to the secretary. The consensus at the meeting was

that this battle is not worth fighting. Jay Fluehr moved that the participation award be eliminated; second by Ken Trinkle; motion passed.

New Business:

- Annual banquet:
 - o After discussion, it was decided that the types of awards for miles driven will be different this time. Plaques will be presented for most cumulative miles and furthest destination from home. Ribbons with rosettes will be presented for 1,000 and 5,000 miles. The local trophy provider can make the ribbons, and there will be no need for them to be personalized.
 - o Plaques will be presented for autocross as in past years. 41 different members participated in at least one autocross, and four or five different individuals had fastest time of the day.
 - o A best new member award may be presented at the banquet, at the discretion of the president.
 - o 40 RSVPs have been received so far, which is very good. Last year the club paid for 88 people.
- Communication with members:
 - o This area continues to be a challenge. Since nobody wants to be the editor, there is no newsletter. The goal is to use the website as the primary means of communication, but the website is underutilized.
 - o It would be very helpful if there were a dedicated website coordinator. This job takes around one hour per week.
 - o After discussion, it was decided that monthly email blasts will be sent out, urging members to look at the activities on the website.
- In the interest of spreading the load, it would be helpful if the officers manage the major events (shows and drives) and other members coordinate recurring events (breakfast, pub night, fish, and autocross.) Tentative member coordinators are:
 - Breakfast – Jim and Theresa Morgan
 - Pub Night – Lee and Sheryl Pedersen
 - Fish – Keith and Judy Bouwens
 - Autocross – Scott Kahler
 - Website Coordinator – to be determined
- Doug Taylor certified the election results. All nominees were elected and there were no write-ins. Officers for 2017, who will formally assume office at the annual banquet, are:
 - President – John Ulrich
 - Vice President – Ken Trinkle
 - Treasurer and Membership Chairman – Gary Lien
 - Secretary – Jay Fluehr
 - Officer at Large – David Zikmund
 - Officer at Large – Gary Pence
 - AHCA Delegate – Brad Swiggart
- The 2017 calendar is posted on the website.
- Officers' meetings, to which all members are invited, will be held bimonthly at Round the Bend Steakhouse in South Bend, on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm. The first meeting will be on February 21.

Good of the Club:

- Members shouldn't hesitate to invite other members on short notice to drives, breakfast get-togethers, and so forth.

Meeting was adjourned at: 4:10 pm

Secretary: Jay Fluehr