

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Allentown BCA Anniversary Meet

July 27, 2016

Meeting opened by President Brian Clark at 7:04 PM.

BOD Members present: Marck Barker (Vice President), Rick Schick (Treasurer), Chuck Kerls, Alan Oldfield, Dick Sweeney, Paul Syrdal, John De Fiore (Secretary). Also in attendance, Board Elects: Larry Di Barry, Terry Wiegand, and Bob Safrit. Absent: Ed De Pouli

Approximately 60 members in attendance.

General Welcome:

Comments by B. Clark, who noted additional presence of John Steed (National Chief Judge), Mike and Nancy Book (Office Managers), Pete Phillips (Bugle Editor), and Kevin Kinney (NMC Chairperson). Of special note is a Thank you and round of applause to Mr Bulgari, and his staff, for opening this facility for our use the next 4 days.

A 25 minute slide presentation, depicting Board Activities over the last year, was narrated by B. Clark. When opened to questions, none were expressed.

Helms Briscoe:

Representatives Christopher Giblin and Kristi Hetland, were offered the floor, to describe what they do for the Club: Their focus is on site selection. They are members of a 1200 team of representatives nation wide. When an area is looked at, they secure parameters for the meet, such as anticipated room rental needs, banquet size, and parking lot accommodations. Then they use an internal database of properties, to search for Hotels in the area that meet those needs. Their database is extensive and constantly updated by the 1200 agents. Then they negotiate with the hotels in the area to secure the lowest possible rates for members and help prepare the contracts. They are not paid by the Club. They do not make the decision which properties the Club selects. They provide the information and the Club decides where we want to go.

They like to know future plans as far out as we can go. Also their benefit to the Club is their negotiating position. Statistics have been compiled for each Meet they have been involved with. And using these statistics during negotiations shows the hotel the benefit of offering us the lowest rates. They encourage parties to the Meet to visit hotels to scope them out, but refrain from negotiating directly with the Hotel.

There were no questions from the floor.

Brookfield Wisconsin Visitor and Convention Bureau:

Representatives Geda Mattner and Tracy Sinclair were given the floor. They discussed the 2017 National Meet and their efforts to help with tours and things to do. They announced that they applied for two grants on our behalf and secured \$4,000 from one source and \$6,000 from a 2nd source. The monies will be used to help offset tour costs to the members. Several tours were outlined, as well as the convenience of the location of the meet, which is right next to a large shopping mall and within

walking distance of numerous restaurants. It was noted that Milwaukie, WI has offered a beautiful 4th of July fireworks display in the past, and it is worth planning to attend the meet a day early to view those if possible.

No questions were asked.

Open Floor:

*The announcement was made that the 2018 Meet location will be in Denver Colorado. A site has not been chosen yet.

*The changes to the Driven Class Program were outlined. Of note is that it does not apply to the 2017 Meet.

*Pete Phillips announced that he would like to accumulate signatures for a Birthday Card for member Mel Boostra, who will be turning 100 years old, and who owns a still uses a 1916 Buick.

*Rick Schick announced that although this meet does not have any formal judging, there will still be several awards for vehicles. Winners will have a sheet of paper placed in the vehicle at 3 PM to let them know, in case they are not planning to attend the Banquet. Elizabeth Lane asked what was the basis of the judging ,when it was announced previously that our host ask that there be no judging? Rick responded that there are 16 Spirit of the BCA awards. Vehicles will not be judged on the 400 point system but a different set of parameters has been developed.

*Mike Book announced that the BHA and the BCA banquets are in two different places. The BHA banquet is at the Holiday Inn and the BCA banquet is at the Allentown Fairgrounds. Separate maps to the destinations are available at the registration desk.

* An unidentified member asked how many cars were registered for this meet? The response was 625-630.

There being no further questions from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM