

NEMGT Michigan Chapter Meeting minutes: February 25, 2008

Location: John Cowley and Sons, Farmington

*Present: Lou VonKongingsveldt, Cliff Schnell, Dick Bremer, Andy Hanzel,
Shari Pelic, Sandy Kuivenhoven, Cary Gersh, Roger Melton*

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Andy Hanzel opened the discussion with an array of epistemological musings:
Half of our members belong to the Windsor-Detroit Club. Where do we fit?
Are our bylaws still relevant?
Do the duties of the club officers still align with their intended purpose?
Are we OK with our haphazard adherence to expenditures?
2. Dick Bremer proposed that budgets should be set for events so that they are self-supporting (according to the bylaws), or that cost overages be submitted for authorization prior to the event. Roger Melton proposed that budgets for future events be submitted to the Chairman for approval. Dick offered to draw up a formal proposal to that effect to be voted upon in April.
3. Cliff Schnell observed that Ciao! is not large enough for the club's Hibernation Party and suggested an alternate location be sought for next year. Andy suggested John Cowley's might be a suitable location. Andy further stated that the bylaws dictate a Hibernation Party take place in the Fall, and an effort will be made to do that in 2008.
4. Andy opined that the club failed to have a formal officer election. He proposed that such an election take place at the general membership meeting in April.
5. Dick Bremer proposed amending bylaws to meld the two positions of Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Board agreed to decide this at April general membership meeting.
6. It was mentioned that Jackie Morse had died. All agreed it would be nice to keep the Morse MG in the club, but no practical solution was settled upon.
7. Auburn: Rooms are going fast. Only rooms left are smoking rooms.
8. Cliff Schnell suggested a pre-trip checkup clinic for MGs which would include a lube, filter change, fan belt adjustment, brake check. The "scrutineering" could take place at Lee Jacobsen's garage.
9. Andy asked Cliff to write a regular column on Car Tips for the Google page.
10. Andy suggested that a color trifold brochure outlining the myriad advantages to membership in the Michigan Chapter would be a useful recruitment tool. No volunteers were present to accept Andy's challenge.
11. The Winter T-Times was warmly and enthusiastically greeted for its abundance of rich content. Andy and Dick suggested that future newsletters should include a list of officers, contact info and event calendar. It was suggested that someone (Shari or Sandi?) create a template in Publisher for the newsletter editor and that the club provide the editor with a copy of the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Andy circulated color brochures of tent canopies and banner vendors for the Board's consideration. All agreed to start out with a low-cost version to test the utility of such an endeavor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: 3/4/08 at John Cowley and Sons, Farmington

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Gersh

Recording Secretary