

# Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

## Boo Quarterly Meeting

**January 28, 2017, 11:00 AM**

The officers met at the Bank of America branch in Elk Grove to fill out the signature cards for the coming year. Afterwards, we met at Mike and Jennifer Sipe's house for the meeting.

Board Members Present: Robin George, Rene Araiza, Jeanne George, Michele Nanjo, Jennifer Sipe, and Norm Swanberg

### Finances

- Jeanne reviewed the budget for this year.
- Mike Sipe volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. He will join Jeanne and Rod.
- We must maintain a balance of \$3000 in our checking account to avoid paying a \$16/month fee. This is no problem. We have plenty of money in the checking account.
- Our savings account is also free with \$3000 in checking.
- Jeanne is going to look into possibly opening a CD.
- Our insurance now requires us to maintain five years of event waivers on file.

### Regular Order of Business - Discussion

- Elk Grove Mazda will be bringing a new RF and salesman to our February regular club meeting.
- Maita Mazda will hopefully be bringing a car to a future club meeting.
- We hope to have a summer BBQ at one of the dealerships this summer.
- We are considering holding a time and distance rally, but our insurance doesn't cover this. Jeanne will check on the cost for a waiver. The entry fee can cover this.
- Individuals can plan "Non-Sanctioned" runs to avoid club liability as long as it's clear that the club is not sponsoring the event.
- We have five new lifetime memberships this year. Lifetime memberships are awarded to anyone who has paid dues in the club for eighteen consecutive years. If a member quits the club and rejoins, they will not get credit towards lifetime membership for their earlier years in the club. It was recommended that we consider allowing "catch up" payments for these members, which would allow them to retain credit for their earlier years by paying the dues for all the intervening years in which they were not members.
- The question of how to encourage members to plan runs was discussed. Ideas include:
  - Providing some sort of incentive, such as a gas card or other "treat".

- Setting up a mentorship program where an experienced club member could “co-chair” a run with a member who has never planned one before in order to teach the new members.

### Votes Taken

- We voted to drop our membership in the California Auto Museum this year to save money and since we derive little benefit from it.
- We voted to open up our runs to the public and charge a \$5.00 fee for non-members. This must be published before taking effect.
- We voted to send out a monthly email of events to club members.
- We voted to publish the newsletter quarterly instead of monthly.
  
- Birthday Party  
We voted to hold the birthday party at the Windwalker Winery again and to also use Dicky’s as our caterer again if available.
  
- Christmas Party  
We voted to have the Christmas party at our regular December meeting this year since that will keep costs down and hopefully boost attendance. It was suggested that we have a Secret Santa gift exchange of some sort at the party in lieu of the raffle with a \$15 maximum value per gift.

### Goals

Spend less time inside at our regular meetings and more time outside with the cars. Allow time for a “Parts Swap” at the meetings.

### To Do

People ask, “What do we get for our dues? Since we no longer mail out our newsletter, we need to come up with a new answer to this and provide other benefits to our members. Some ideas:

- Having a swap meet at our meetings would be one such benefit.
- Creating a private Facebook page for our members only.

Let’s ask the members for suggestions on what they would like to see on the website or other activities they might want to have at our meetings.

Our next BOO meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup> at Henry and Michele Nanjo’s house at 11:00 AM.