

## **SAMOA BOO Meeting, February 2, 2012**

Attendees: Robin George, Ellen Frosch, Jeanne George, Margie Jurach, Ron Petrich, Diana Loo, Renee Araiza, Jenn and Mike Sipe

First item of discussion was the domain name samoa.org is up for renewal, \$146 to register the address for 5 years + \$65 to make private to renew. This has not been used since 2006, and only a few original members may have used this in the past. Current site sacramentoareamiata.org is \$13.94/month to Yahoo, and this includes making it private. All were in agreement to allow samoa.org to expire.

Next topic was the SAMOA budget. The Finance Committee met and reviewed the current budget and budget forecast for 2012. 69 members did not renew last year, these were primarily free memberships for new owners, none attended functions, and so there was no loss of funds.

Projected for 2012 are 40 dropped memberships.

It was discussed that the Scrabble Scramble is not a big draw for SAMOA members, only 3 members plus some board members attended this last year, yet Mazda contributed \$500 to SAMOA for this event.

There are \$468 in reserves that were collected at the SAMOA birthday party that is for the troops. However since the troops are expected to come home, it was suggested by Ron to instead donate to the Wounded Warriors program in the future. Others were in agreement.

Our insurance covers up to 85 members per each event.

No more postcards will be sent to remind of membership dues, all communications are handled by email.

The holiday party was discussed; all were in favor of using Jason again as our DJ/Karaoke party guy. It was recommended to increase the decoration budget to \$100 and again raffle off the decorations like was done with the wreaths this last year. This increase would drop our bottom line to \$395, all were in favor of increasing the decoration budget. All were also in favor of having the party at Vince's in Elk Grove again. Jennifer and Mike will make the arrangements again. Tentative dates are Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, or Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

There was a proposal to accept the budget, all approved. It was noted that the budget was well detailed and many thanks to the Finance Committee, Rod, Jeanne, and Wes.

Events were the next topic of discussion:

Robin discussed a big event with Mike D. as chairman and they will get together a panel to discuss the event further. A location close to the area (within about 50 miles) will be selected; event will take place over two days with overnight or drive-to options for members. It was

recommended we put any Mazda donations toward this event rather than to a function that our members aren't really attending. All were in agreement to put Mazda donation to this event.

The Birthday party was discussed, Windwalker offers their grounds for no charge, all agreed this was a good location, and we get a deal on tables and chairs if there is a wedding the same weekend. Windwalker reserved us for Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, but since this is a Saturday, Jeanne will call to see if can change to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Catering vs pot luck was discussed. We could cater the main dish and do pot luck side dishes, alphabetically determined, eg. A – F salads, G – L bread/pasta/rice dish, etc. Ellen will look into Back 40 BBQ to get pricing on catering full meal.

Autocross budget, recommended not to exceed \$100 for prizes, all approved.

Rod has recommended a review and revision of the club By-Laws. These were originally created prior to the internet age, and all agreed this was a good idea. Rod volunteered to be one of the members of the committee appointed to do so. Mike D., Robin, and Ron could be additional members.

An officer information list was requested, with contact information for all officers. Marge agreed to collect the information and send to Renee to laminate for all the BOO members.

Renee and Margie to get together when she returns from her trip to discuss division of duties. Possibly Margie could do the membership list updates, member cards.

Wes Zicker has agreed to do a Tech talk at the February meeting.

Jenn requested that the due date for newsletter articles be moved up to the 25<sup>th</sup> instead of the 29<sup>th</sup> so she has more time to put them into the proper format.

Renee will scan and send lists to Jenn from event sign in sheets.

Ron discussed a member survey; he will post this online, and send us the link to review.

Next SAMOA member meeting February 9<sup>th</sup>, our president will give a 'State of the Miata Club' address. Mike D, acting as the Sergeant of Arms will announce his arrival all will rise and clap. During the speech officers will rise and clap showing support. Wear red to the meeting.

A photo was taken of the BOO, meeting adjourned.