

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

BOO Meeting by Jeanne George

July 7, 2018

4:28 pm Meeting called to order by Robin George. Officers attending were: Rene Araiza, Jeanne George, Jenn Sipe, and Norm Swanberg. Officers not present: Michele Nanjo and Ron Petrich. Guests were: Skip Noyes, Virginia Swanberg, and Mike Sipe.

Robin opened by thanking the group for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet and for the work they have done behind the scenes to make the Club run smoothly. He thanked Jenn and Mike for opening their home to us and for “hosting our next to last Board meeting.” He also thanked Norm and Virginia and Michele and Henry for hosting meetings the past year.

Now to the bad stuff. Robin mentioned an email he received from a member who was questioning the need for a “complicated monthly password.” Robin contacted Ron who submitted the reasoning behind the password requirement.

- The password is needed to restrict and protect contact information to active members and not have it available to former members or outside sources that may use it for marketing or spamming.
- Possible suggestion: to get rid of the roster. The Treasurer uses the member information to email dues notifications to the members each month. Other Officers indicated they use the information to contact members.
- Most password requirements have gotten more complicated these days, with a minimum number of characters, letters AND numbers, plus top row characters. This is not just Yahoo Small Business organizations. If we were to move the website somewhere else, it would have to be rewritten from scratch, as Yahoo Sitebuilder sites are not compatible outside of Yahoo. In addition, costs would go up and SAMOA currently gets a discount for paying a year in advance.
- A group discussion followed: Jenn indicated the only information under the password protection was the Club Roster, Event Mentors, Bylaws and to order SAMOA badges. It was agreed to continue the monthly password process.

Jeanne reported a situation where a non-member contacted her regarding a problem with the installation of a new roof for their 1990 Miata. Jeanne contacted Vince Weis who was willing to talk with the non-member, He even offered to take his 1990 Miata to the business that did the installation to show how his was done. Jenn suggested having this type of outreach written up in an article for the Miatatudes newsletter. Jeanne

offered to write the article. It was suggested that in recognition of the member's outreach a possible gift of wine might be offered. The group approved.

Birthday Picnic: September 8th

- Costs: Jeanne provided a work sheet of the picnic expenses and projections. We will charge members \$10 each, two per membership. \$24 for non-members.
- CHARITY: Robin made the suggestion that in light of all the fires in the area we help support CAL FIRE as our designated charity. It was suggested to have a water balloon toss to help support the fund. Balloons will be a \$1 donation. Skip agreed to help with the project as well as be the target along with Robin.

A suggestion was made to have SAMOA match the funds collected. Jenn made a motion to accept the proposal, Norm seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

- Entertainment: Robin researched the possibility of hiring a Magician to work the crowd for entertainment. He was quoted \$750 so he dismissed the thought. Mike indicated he knew someone named Magic AI who might be available to do it for much less. The group agreed and Mike will see if he is available and the cost..
- Raffle: Robin has contacted Mazda of North American Operations and Moss Motors regarding possible donations for the picnic. He has received positive responses from both companies. Jeanne suggested we give raffle tickets to each attendee and then we will draw the names and award prizes. Jenn volunteered to do this project.
- Special Raffle: Jeanne indicated that Maureen and Randy Morris donated a gift basket of wine and other objects. Skip volunteered to donate a set of Clearwater Speakers, Jenn volunteered to donate one of her special Cork Displays. It was decided to sell tickets at \$5 for selected items.
- Games: A Bean Bag Toss game will be available for anyone who wants to use it.
- Catering: Jenn negotiated with Cowabunga BBQ to supply the food at the same cost as last year. We will have BBQ chicken, pulled pork, coleslaw, potato salad, green beans with bacon & onions, rolls and butter. Jenn paid \$140.29 for deposit and has been reimbursed. SAMOA will provide the cakes, soda, water and ice. We will ask Nanjo's to help with cooler chests and Jenn & Mike also have one. Robin asked people to watch for water & soda sales and let him know if you are

purchasing some. It was suggested to order extra meals to cover the winery owners and workers.

- Cakes: We will ask Michele if she would like to purchase them.
- Group Drive: Ron has volunteered to lead the group drive to the winery. It was discussed that many members have indicated positively about the drive being part of the day's events.
- Workers: Rod Gonzalez has offered to help us out. Robin asked workers to be at the Winery by 9:00 am. Starbucks is again donating coffee to the event.

Christmas Party:

- December 13th at Black Bear Diner. Members can bring their own wine for a \$5 corkage charge. We will need a wine opener as BBD does not have one.
- Christmas Sweaters was a fun tradition
- Last year the gift exchange went over very well. We voted to set the limit for gifts to a \$15 minimum to \$20 maximum. Jenn offered to do the numbers and organize it.
- Singing, it was agreed that this made the event festive and most people were singing along.

Elections: Robin indicated he will not be running for President and that it was time to turn it over to someone else. He asked the other Officers to think about whether they would seek a position and let him know later.

Robin indicated he received the Viet Nam pins from the Department of Defense and the proclamations to go with them. The ceremony will be held at the August 9th meeting. He also indicated he reached out to the local community representatives to attend the ceremony and is awaiting their reply. There are 23 honorees and 2 spouses of deceased Vets that will be honored.

Robin asked if there was anything else to discuss. There was nothing, We will set the next BOO meeting for November.

5:20 pm Meeting Adjourned. Time to eat.