

## **SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – BLACK BEAR DINER**

**Jeanne George for Ellen Frosch**

**July 9, 2015**

President Robin George started the meeting promptly at 7pm. He had prepared a group of videos from various sources that showed the new 2016 ND MX-5 LE (Launch Edition). One included the off loading of the Miatas at the San Diego dock and being prepared to be transported to the various dealers. Another showed a man talking about the Miata from inside the vehicle, he made the comment the seat was 2 centimeters lower than previous cars. Which some members picked up on as unusual but at the end of the video it showed the price at \$39,000 and that caught their attention: it was a Canadian interview.

Robin showed a video indicating this was the bus drivers attempting to leave the school yard on the first day of the new school year: it was a school bus demolition derby.

Robin brought up his usual “*Why are we here?*” To which he found many blank faces so decided to move on and not tell them.

Robin introduced the Officers in attendance: Vice-president and a heartbeat away from the big duties, Mike DeLaurentis, and Jeanne George-Treasurer and tonight filling in for Ellen Frosch who is working to keep the economy going. “Speaking of working, who else is working to keep us retired people secure?” After a show of hands, Robin thanked them on behalf of all the retirees. Next he introduced Web Master, Ron Petrich. Mike and Jenn Sipe, our Events Coordinator and Media directors are traveling across country.

Speaking of Officers, Robin encouraged members to step forward to run for Office, as he and most of the BOO will not be running for 2016. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Robin introduced Lifetime Members: Dennis Swaney, and Jeanne and himself.

There were several bad jokes and several good jokes which had the crowd of 40 people laughing or groaning, whichever was appropriate.

Robin mentioned that Elk Grove is waiting for their supply of the new Miatas and he is working with the owner to arrange for a group to be there when they arrive.

Robin indicated that the Jubilee Committee, Mike and Helen DeLaurentis, Mike and Jenn Sipe, Ellen Frosch and Jeanne and Himself were going to spend 3 days at the Black Oak Resort. We will meet with the Banquet Manager, Hotel representative, and do final testing of the routes for the event. Now all we need is for members to sign up for the event.

Robin introduced SAMOA member Phil Pugliese, who is the President of the Reno Miata Club. Phil was on his way to the June SAMOA meeting when he had an encounter with a lumber truck and his yellow

Miata was destroyed. This time Phil came with Reno member Jorge Montoya, and was interested in getting the Reno Miata Club back up and running and was hoping to have the two clubs do some joint driving events.

#### Officer Reports

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George: Talked about the price increase for the Silver Jubilee going up on August 1 and to get their hotel reservations in.

Secretary Report: Jeanne filing in at the last minute for Ellen Frosch, did not have and membership numbers as they were loading their truck to go to the meeting when they got the phone call.

Events: Ron Petrich (filling in for Mike Sipe)

#### Upcoming Events (RSVP on the SAMOA website)

- 7/18/2015 – Rey's Garage & Museum Run—Jack spoke about the event
- 8/2/2015 – Lodi Wine Tour—Norm Swanberg talked about it
- 8/15/2015 – Cruzin' the Boulevard, El Dorado Hills Town Center—Ron read the flyer
- 9/11-14/2015 – Ralph Gingrich Memorial Run to Ft. Bragg—Kathi Bell gave details
- 9/19/2015 – Black Hawk Museum Run—Jack talked about it
- Plenty of room on the calendar, so let's get some Miata runs going. Watch the website for news and events.

Vice President Mike DeLaurentis introduced new members:

- Roger Moreland – 2015 Liquid Silver
- Earl and Becky Wharton – 2000 Black Miata "E.T."
- Sam and Lucero Paulissian – 2013 White Miata

Raffle was held.

Bob and Barbara Castelli are looking for someone to trade off purchasing the prizes for the raffle. Please contact Bob or Robin if you are interested.

8:35 meeting adjourned