

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
January 14, 2016**

President Mike Wilson welcomed everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) general meeting. Tonight is the first meeting of the newly elected 2016 Board of Officers.

Mike started off the meeting by asking if anyone was a billionaire by winning the Power Ball drawing? No big winners in the crowd. Also, Mike mentioned today is Dress Up Your Pet Day.

Mike introduced the restaurant manager, Tony, who showed everyone the building exit in the event of an emergency.

Mike asked the members to think about how long they would like the general meeting to last. He will do a poll later in the meeting. Options were: 1 hour, 1.5 hours or 2 hours.

President Wilson thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight, which was a full crowd.

Mike quoted from Kahlil Gibran: “Half of what I say is meaningless, but I say it so the other half may reach you.”

Mike stated we are here to celebrate the people who have chosen the Miata, the finest, most affordable sports car in the world.

President Wilson introduced the founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance:

- Mike DeLaurentis, past president
- Skip Noyes, founding SAMOA member
- Dennis Swaney, founding SAMOA member
- Richard and Dorothy McCamey, lifetime members

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

- Jackie introduced Terry Matsuo who purchased a 2016 Soul Red Miata as a retirement present to himself.
- Terry said he is visiting our meeting to determine if he’s interested in joining SAMOA.

Jeanie George, Treasurer

- Jeanie was not able to attend the meeting.
- Mike asked the restaurant server Andrew about the club’s financial status, and Andrew was a good sport and said the club is doing great.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina reported that currently there are:
 - 144 Miatas
 - 128 active memberships
 - 214 active members

Ron Petrich, Webmaster

- Ron read what he called “the first true story of the New Year” about Jesus.
- Ron mentioned in October 2015 he created a Gallery page for all members to post a picture and description of their car. Currently, about one-third of the club members have posted on the Gallery. Ron encouraged members to send him a picture of their car and a description.

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

- The outgoing BOO suggested that perhaps the club’s logo should be redesigned to include the new fourth generation ND Miata.
- Michelle informed the members about the new logo contest and encouraged them to submit new logo designs.
- Michelle provided a handout of logos from various Miata clubs to give members an idea of other logo designs.
- Instructions of how to submit a logo design were handed out and are also posted on the SAMOA website.
- Submit your creative designs to Michelle at corgikarma@gmail.com by February 14.
- On February 15, the SAMOA members will be able to vote through the Members Only portal (maximum 2 votes per household), or in person at the March monthly meeting.
- The winner will be declared at the March 10 general meeting.
- For the newsletter, Michelle stated she needs any articles submitted to her by the 25th of the month.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

- Barry mentioned members have some upcoming runs planned, including:

February 7—Super Bowl Sunday: Ron Petrich informed members about his run to Napa and back to celebrate the big game. If you plan to attend, refer to <http://sacramentoareamiata.org/rsvpform.html> for details and to RSVP.

March 26: Norm Swanberg is planning a Lodi wine tour. Stay tuned--Details to follow shortly.

May 28: Mike DeLaurentis will lead a run to the VA National Cemetery in Dixon to help decorate graves prior to Memorial Day. Lunch will be enjoyed along the way. See the website for more details and to RSVP.

July 9: Join Norm for a Thunder Hill track day with the Northern California Racing Club.

Mike Wilson encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Mike recognized a list of the former SAMOA presidents.

Mike DeLaurentis and Ellen Frosch provided a comedy skit of their interpretation of tonight's Republican debate.

Mike Wilson mentioned he is providing six raffle tickets tonight and at future meetings. He encouraged members to become engaged in the meetings by talking about their favorite runs, modifications to their cars, personal life stories, favorite anecdotes, volunteer efforts, etc. Members can also win a free raffle ticket by being the first person to answer a trivia question correctly.

Mike offered the following trivia questions to the crowd:

- 1) Today's date is the 14th. If the general meeting is held the second Thursday of each month, then this is the latest date it can be held. What would the soonest date be? Answer: The 8th.
- 2) When the Miata was originally introduced, three different colors were available. What was Mazda's official names for the 3 colors. Answer: a: Classic Red, b: Mariner Blue, c: Crystal White.
- 3) What factory option could you get on the Classic Red that was not available on the other colors? Answer: Removable hardtop.
- 4) What's the "dimension of imagination" according to the host of a classic TV series? Answer: Twilight Zone.
- 5) What is the most popular meal ordered in the United States? Answer: Fried chicken.
- 6) The top United States food consumption days are Christmas, Thanksgiving and what? Answer: Super Bowl Sunday.
- 7) What is the state flower of California? Answer: The poppy.

Chris Christainson shared a story about his wife Diana Loo who volunteers at the Folsom Zoo. There is a tiger there that loves Diana and purrs like a cat.

Mike revisited his poll question earlier in the meeting about the desired meeting time. The majority of members voted for a total of one and one-half hours, which includes the raffle.

Mike reported on the leisurely run he and Marlaina lead on January 9 along Salmon Falls Road to Georgetown, where members dined at The Divide restaurant.

Mike mentioned if anyone knows a club member who has not attended a meeting recently to contact the person and extend a personal invitation to them to attend the February meeting.

The raffle was held. Mike mentioned the raffle ticket sales was exceptional tonight and thanked everyone for their support.

The meeting was adjourned.