

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sunday, January 27, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Pat LeStrange at 2:15 pm. Flag Salute by Alec Johnstone. Bob & Shelly Belli were thanked for hosting this meeting.

Minutes of Nov. 17, 2012 meeting were read by Sandy Pyrros. Motion made to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report read by Frank Chaballa.

Opening Balance \$7,061.80 Income: 50/50 \$50, 50's Dance Amer. Legion refund=\$400, Fall Cruise=\$1,447.90, Bank Refund=\$233.27, Dues=\$125, Lottery Board=\$240, Calendars=\$456, Expenses – Fall Cruise=\$1,611.28, Gifts for Xmas Party=\$674.23, Calendars=\$853.18, Cookies=\$97.65, San Carlo Restaurant=\$3,068.45, Newsletters=\$45.54

Closing Balance \$6,113.01.

Club CD \$7,061.80

Pat mentioned that it was nice to see so many members attending this meeting!

Correspondence-None

Sunshine-None

Membership-Nothing to report

General Business

Pat said that the club is considering running a Summer 2014 International Convention. A committee visited a few venues and liked the Sheraton Meadowlands in East Rutherford. Shelly worked with the hotel and submitted a preliminary contract. Agreement has to be reached if we are in favor to sponsor a convention. Much work is involved, much money, committees need to be set up and participation of all members is necessary. First, though, contract agreements have to be worked out by the officers and board members and presented for approval by CTCL. Discussion ensued and many points have to be worked out before anything else is done. Tabled until the next meeting.

Pat brought up to the members that the club is growing in size, which we are all happy for. Bob Belli also said that the size of the club increasing means we must consider finding a place to hold meetings that will accommodate 50-60 people and that something has to be done to offset the cost of the food & beverages for the hosts. Suggestions were made on renting a hall to hold meetings or perhaps charge a per-person fee each meeting. Also members must respond to the host whether they are attending or not attending and if spouses or guests attending. Suggestions were made to check around for a hall or restaurant. Motion made to charge \$10 per person attending the meeting on a trial basis for the next 3 months starting at the next meeting. This way the host can off-set his costs if they need to use an alternative location. It was noted that Pat, Joanne, Rich & Lois attended the South Jersey T-Bird meeting and they charge \$7.50 per person.

Old Business

Lucille mentioned the Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood and the date agreed upon is to be Sunday, February 17, 2013. Please submit your checks by Feb. 10th.

Mike mentioned our excursion to Harold's Deli on March 3rd at 1:45 pm. Everyone is billed for their own food.

New Business

Paul Schroll congratulated and gave a prize to Laurie Matrone for answering correctly November's Trivia question and to Lois Martin for January's answer.

Pat mentioned a new Website he and Joanne organized, more user friendly. A discussion was held regarding the old and new websites and a site address will be sent to members so that they can access. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Joanne Seiler read off a list of activities for 2013 and events were discussed.:

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| January/February | Sweetheart Brunch – The Bethwood, Totowa, NJ – February 17, 2013 Lucille Chaballa, chair |
| March 3 rd | Harold's Deli - Mike Meehan |
| April 28 nd | Walpack Inn Spring Cruise, Walpack Center, NJ – Dominic Tucci |
| May | Tune-up Clinic at Rich & Lois Martins home. |
| June/July | Chatterbox (& drive in movie?) - Pat LeStrange |
| Aug. 11 th | Club Picnic – Schooley's Mountain., Long Valley, NJ |
| August | San Jose, CA and Des Moines, Iowa Conventions |
| Sept. | 50's Dance? |
| October | Fall Cruise – Phil & Dorothy Guidone |
| November | |
| December | Xmas party December 7 th at San Carlo Restaurant, Lyndhurst |

If there are any other activities anyone would like to propose, please let Pat or Joanne know.

50/50 was held and \$70 was won by Joe Matrone.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.
Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.