Greeting and Salutations,

As your President I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Hopefully this upcoming year will be a better year than the last. The National forged our annual convention. We only had a couple of events along with some of our monthly meetings due to COVID19. The events we did have were fun because we got to go out and participate in an outdoor activity.

The virus has caused all of us to dramatically change our everyday lives. This has affected the club as well and it has greatly reduced our revenue stream. In lieu of the cancellation of our paid events the board of directors held a virtual meeting to discuss our finances. Upon revering our current assets and liabilities it was decided that we are 100% solvent and can withstand future decreases of revenues. It was also agreed, by all board members, to forego the 2011 membership dues for all members in good standing.

Last month the directors met, again virtually, to determine how to have the 2021 elections of officers and how to handle the Annual Christmas Party. At that meeting it was regrettably decided to forego our Annual Christmas party. The current roster of officers graciously agreed to run for a new term. At that time it was decided that the election could be done by email ballet. An email was sent out to all members to see if they would agree to this procedure. Over 50% of the membership responded favorably with no one disputing this procedure. The returned emails also included a printed member signature. Those results of the returned email made it official, the 2020 officers have now been reelected.

I received a letter from the National MVPA which stated that as of December 31st at midnight our club insurance would be terminated because of rising costs. We called the National and it was verified without any other explanation. We are in the process of placing our policy with the Hagerty Insurance Company. It appears that there will be something of a price increase for similar coverage. We will keep you informed progress with this.

I would again praise our officers for stepping up to the plate by continuing with the club affairs and volunteering to continue their position as officers.

In closing because of the Illinois mandate, the club has canceled all events until further notice. There is talk of a club get together picnic in the spring. Look for upcoming emails for the status of club regarding meetings and events.

The offices and club members along with the rest of our nation's strength will get through these trying times and once again return to a state of normally.

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