

TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake
Minutes – General Membership Meeting
March 8, 2011
North Side – Patrick’s Restaurant

1. President Chris Horant called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. Attending were 14 members representing 10 memberships. Attending were: Dave Denison, Barry Robbins, Randy Fryer, Barry Schuster, Gary and Priscilla Klein, Jerry and Mary Beth Wojtowycz, Russell Williams, Carl and Susan Clayton, Steve Williams, and Chris and Diane Horant. A quorum was present.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no changes.
4. President Chris Horant announced the BOD gave approval to the following event budgets at its February meeting:
 - a. \$200 for the Economy Run
 - b. \$300 for the Poker Run
 - c. \$200 for the venue rental at the Carroll County Farm Museum for Brits By the Bay
5. Chairman Steve Williams reported that the Poker Run is planned for Saturday, July 30. It will start at the White Marsh Mall and proceed through parts of Baltimore and Harford County, ending at the Riverwatch Restaurant in Essex. Steve may not require funding from TRAC, since he has lined up several sponsors and expects to have approximately \$400 in prizes. Steve provided Treasurer Ben Heller with a \$100 check from one of the sponsors.
6. The entry fee for Brits By the Bay 2011 was discussed. Several suggestions were made, including raising the pre-registration fee only, raising the day-of-show entry fee only, and raising both fees. A straw poll was taken, and the consensus was to leave both early registration and day-of-show registration fees the same as last year, \$15 and \$20, respectively. Early registration will include an event tee shirt. Tee shirts will also be given to shirt sponsors. Any remaining tree shirts will be offered for sale at the show and at subsequent meetings or events.
7. Motion was presented and seconded to approve \$2,200 for Brits By the Bay (\$200 for the venue, \$2,000 for other front end expenses). Motion approved by unanimous vote, no abstentions.
8. Treasurer Ben Heller reported a balance of \$3958.44.
9. Ben stated that the application to the State of Maryland to change the Resident Agent was denied, citing the club’s need to file Personal Property statements for 2 prior years. Ben reminded everyone that the \$100 fee was previously approved by the Board; however there was now an additional \$50 fee. Motion was presented and seconded to approve the additional expense. Motion passed by unanimous vote, no abstentions.
10. Chris reported he was asked about setting up a PayPal account to allow electronic payment of TRAC dues, entry fees, and so forth. Discussion followed and the consensus was that this sounded attractive; however any fees for the service would have to be paid by the individuals who choose to use the program, and not paid out of the club’s general funds. Chris agreed to research the cost to set this up as well as the ongoing fees, and to report further before implementing.

11. Chris reminded everyone that TRAC and non-TRAC events are posted on the website Events Calendar.

Highlights include:

April 17- MBOB Rally School

May 1 – MBOB Get the Dust Off Rally (a timed Monte Carlo)

May 7 – Lewes Delaware British Car Show

May 20 & 21 – Import Carlisle

June 5 – Lilypons Original British Car Day

June 25 – BRITS BY THE BAY

July 9 – British Cars at Sunshine Grille (Fork, MD)

July 17 – Brits Invade Gettysburg

July 23, 24 – Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (Schenley Park)

12. Chris asked for feedback and comments on the suitability of tonight's new meeting venue, Patrick's Restaurant. In general, comments were favorable, and the plan is to return to Patrick's for at least the next North side meeting, which will be May. Chris will see if Patrick's can provide TRAC a slightly more private room or area.

13. The meeting concluded with a spur of the moment Tech Session conducted by Jerry Wojtowycz. Seems the technical message was something along the lines of the importance of paying attention to the oil pressure gauge, and more importantly, trusting the reading. Waiting until you hear the big end bearings start a death rattle is probably too late. Don't forget to ask Jerry about the consequences of carrying a cell phone with a dead battery when you're on the shoulder of the interstate...

14. And with that said, adjournment was at 9:15PM.

Prepared by:

Dave Denison, Secretary

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