Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

May 2015 Newsletter

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MEETING MINUTES:

Call to Order: The April meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2015 at the MCL Cafeteria. Beverly warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees: Peg and Brett Andrews, Ruthie and Wayne Dennis, Lisa and Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross and Scott McGaha.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting as shown in the April newsletter were unquestioned by the membership, and thereby approved as distributed.

Announcements: Beverly said that she had a call from Nancy saying that her husband, Charles, was not doing well. Beverly reminded everyone to keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Scott mentioned that he took his car out for a drive on Easter Sunday.

The membership was reminded of the upcoming activities in Dearborn, MI in late June celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Thunderbird and the VTCI International Convention in British Columbia in May.

Beverly brought copied pages of merchandise available as offered in the Scoop Magazine. She reminded us that those products could be ordered by mail or phone if ordering on-line would be difficult for anyone. There are some nice products which make great birthday, Mother's and Father's Day or Christmas gifts.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa informed the membership that a check issued to Brett for software expenses had cleared and two checks for dues had been deposited. She, then, gave the resulting balance.

Event Planning Committee: Scott proposed that if we desire to have a monthly social event, we should plan it to be the Saturday following the club meeting each month. It has been difficult to find a time when a majority of members would all be available. Scott suggested that, if possible, we leave the Saturday after the meeting open in our personal schedules. Some of the suggestions for filling those time slots were taking in a Dayton Dragon's game, visiting the Packard Museum and the Spaghetti Warehouse and going to the Valley Vineyards in Morrow, OH for wine and beer tastings and a steak or salmon cookout. Other suggestions included going to the restaurant at the Carillon Brewery. Brett proposed that we could coordinate the date so that we could take in a vintage baseball game prior to the meal. An earlier

suggestion had been putt-putt golfing. Several locations were discussed and hopefully a decision will be made soon. Roger is working toward getting a tour of the Corvette Museum organized.

A tentative date of May 16 is planned for a visit to the Packard Museum. Details will be discussed in the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Brett has communicated with Sheryl Darby who manages the Sonic Drive-In in Franklin. Sheryl has been unable to attend a meeting to speak to the membership, but since the last meeting, Brett met with her in person to discuss our participation in a cruise-in at Sonic. Details of that discussion will be brought forth at the May meeting.

Brett reported that he has sent out ten letters to Ford dealerships offering to display our Thunderbirds this summer at their businesses should they be having a special event which would give us the opportunity to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Thunderbird.

Beverly mentioned she had talked with Rod Wake, VTCI President, about recruiting new members to our club. He was opposed to the idea of us adding the phrase "and other classic cars" to the purpose statement in our bylaws. Individuals don't need to own a T-bird to join, but the club focus should be on Thunderbirds. He did, however, offer several suggestions for getting new members such as publishing a newsletter, having tri-folds to distribute at car shows and keeping a recruiting sign inside the front window of each member's car at cruise-ins, car shows or other occasions. Jim and Beverly mentioned that the TriState Mustang/Ford Club was finding Facebook helpful for recruiting new people. Scott raised the matter of privacy issues in using Facebook. Most of the previously mentioned suggestions are already being incorporated into our recruiting efforts. Brett volunteered to work on a window placard which would give contact information and even offer "business cards" to interested parties.

An involved discussion about proposed amendments to articles I through V of the by-laws followed. The details of those discussions and resulting decisions are attached to this newsletter as an addendum and in to be considered part of the official minutes.

ADJOURN: At 8:24 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Wayne and seconded by Brett. The meeting was then adjourned.

Beverly Knauper, President

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 7:00 p.m at MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, OH

May Birthdays and Anniversaries --- No member has a birthday or an anniversary this month. If you haven't been asked for the date of your birthday or anniversary, or you need a correction, please e-mail our Club Secretary, Peg Andrews, at pegasus@woh.rr.com

From the President's Nest:

The cruise-ins and car shows for the 2015 car season have officially started! I hope you have attended some car event in the past week or two. Don't forget to advertise our club and the 60th Anniversary of the Thunderbird whenever you can.

I haven't carefully looked through the *Show and Shine* calendar yet, but I have noted a couple of events of interest. Lebanon Ford has scheduled two cruise-ins, the first of which is Saturday, May 9, from 12-4 pm. This is the Roush Performance Cruise-in, but all cars are welcome. Weather permitting, Jim and I will be there, although likely a bit late since we have an earlier car club activity in Dayton. August 1 is Lebanon Ford's Pig Roast and Cruise-in from 12-6 pm. This could be a club activity. Another item to put on your calendar is the Saturday, September 19, "Showcase Your Ride For JDRF" show at the Sharonville Ford Transmission Plant. This one will recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird.

At this month's meeting we will continue reviewing/revising our club bylaws, so come prepared. We made substantial progress at our last meeting. See you May 14 at the meeting.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Event	Date(s)	Location
1. Tour Packard Museum	May 16	Dayton, Oh
1. VTCI International Convention	May 20-24	Kelowna, British Columbia
2. Thunderbird Tribute Concours d'Elegance	June 14	Ault Park, Cincinnati
3. T-Bird 60th Anniversary Celebration	June 25-27	Dearborn, Mi

CLUB OFFICERS

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May 2015 Newsletter Addendum: TSWO Bylaw Discussions and Decisions on Amendments for Articles I thru V

Below are the motions made and the voting results on recommended amendments to the TSWO Bylaws as proposed at the March 9, 2015 club meeting. Rationales for each of the following proposed amendments can be found on the proposed amendment sheet distributed to all members in the March 2015 newsletter. **IMPORTANT NOTE: It was agreed that all approved amendments would take affect immediately upon passage, but their insertion in the Master Bylaw document will occur when the review of all bylaws has been completed.**

1. **Proposed Amendment: Article IV, Part 1a, Board of Directors**

   Change to read: "Board of Directors (BOD): The BOD shall be composed of three individuals consisting of permanent and term-limited members. The permanent member shall be the remaining founder and signatory on the State of Ohio Articles of Incorporation until such time they formally leave the corporation or are removed by actions of the BOD. The term-limited BOD members shall consist of the incumbent TSWO president and the immediate past club president. Should the permanent BOD member become the club president, an individual shall be selected from the general membership, using a process established by the club officers, to serve as a term-limited BOD member during the period of the permanent member's presidency and past presidency. Should the permanent BOD member leave the club, the remaining BOD members, in conjunction with the club officers and general membership, shall establish a process for the selection of a third member of the BOD and modify these bylaws appropriately."

   Motioned By: Brett Andrews Seconded by: Scott McGaha

   Discussion: Brett explained that Ohio law requires three members on the board of directors. This amendment would provide the guidelines to do that.

   Vote Result: Motioned carried unanimously

2. **Proposed Amendment: Article IV, part 2c: Appointed Positions:** In the introductory paragraph, 1st sentence: **Change "Historian and Newsletter Editor" to "Historian, Newsletter Editor, and Web Master"**. **Also add a new paragraph (3) to be titled "Web Master" to read as follows:**

   (a) Serve as the primary maintainer of the TSWO web site.
   (b) Coordinate all significant additions, deletions, or changes in the web site format or content with the club president prior to implementation.
   (c) Serve as the primary liaison with all vendors required to acquire, retain, and pay for access to the club website development software and retention of the club website domain name.
   (d) Provide the alternate web master "administrator" access rights to the club website.

   Motioned By: Brett Andrews Seconded by: Wayne Dennis

   Discussion: none

   Vote Result: Motioned carried unanimously

3. **Proposed Amendment: Article V, Part 3, Candidacy Declaration: Change paragraph to read, "**Each candidate for an elected position must submit to the incumbent Vice President by not later than 1 September of the election year a completed and signed "Candidacy Letter" declaring their agreement to serve in the identified position. After confirming candidate eligibility, the vice president will forward the names of each candidate and the position they are seeking to the secretary and newsletter editor not later than 15 September for ballot preparation and publication in the October newsletter."

   Motioned By: Brett Andrews Seconded by: Peg Andrews

   Discussion: Brett explained this suggestion was made by a member at an earlier club meeting. It is intended to preclude not having to wait until election evening to see who is on the ballot.

   Vote Result: Motioned carried unanimously

4. **<u>Proposed Amendment:</u> Article V, Part 5. Eliminate the second sentence that limits a treasurer to two consecutive terms.**

Motioned By: Brett Andrews Seconded by: Lisa Hamm

Discussion: Wayne Dennis expressed concern, based on his past experience, over the possibility that a member could be the club treasurer for a consecutive and lengthy period of time. Counter discussion focused on the potential difficulty in finding willing and experienced members to manage the club account. Wayne requested the motion be tabled to give members time to consider the matter further. The members present voted to table the original motion. Beverly reminded the members that someone will have to bring up this tabled motion to get it "off the table" and opened for further discussion and vote. Brett also mentioned that he intents to submit a proposed amendment during the article VII review to add a requirement that the two club officers authorized access to the club account and with club check signing authority may not be members of the same household.

Vote Result: Motioned was tabled with one abstention.

5. In the proposed amendment package that accompanied the March 2015 newsletter, the amendments were divided into "Significant Proposed Changes" and "Minor Proposed Changes". Amendments 1 through 4 above were contained in the "Significant" list and therefore considered individually. The following proposed amendments were on the "Minor" list.

<u>Proposed Amendment:</u> In lieu of considering each of the seven minor proposed amendments individually, move to consider all seven under a single motion.

Motioned By: Brett Andrews Seconded: Jim Ross

Discussion: All seven (7) of the proposed "minor" changes were submitted by Brett. Their intent was to (1) correct wording errors, (2) clarify intent, or (3) align the bylaws with how the club actually does business. When the motion was opened for discussion, Wayne Dennis felt that the responsibility of the treasurer to submit an annual report was important. He discussed his experience with such a product and provided examples of what it could contain. After some general group discussion, Wayne proposed an amendment to the original motion, which was seconded by Scott, to leave the requirement for an annual treasurer's report in the bylaws. The members vote was unanimous for this change to the original motion. The proposed amendment to remove the requirement for the treasurer to submit an annual report was eliminated from the list of minor proposed changes and the original motion was changed to read, "In lieu of considering each of the six minor proposed amendments individually, move to consider all six under a single motion".

Vote Result: Revised motion passed unanimously.