

B.A.T.A.N.S Annual General Meeting
May 1, 2010, 11 Cranston Avenue, Dartmouth, NS
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Pat Connolly at 7:21 PM with 38 members in attendance. (Chairperson, Larry Yockell was unable to attend due to work responsibilities).

Minutes of the 2009 AGM were read briefly with no new business to report.

Financial report read by Pat Connolly, Vice-Chairperson, and after some discussion about the details of club assets, it was proposed they be accepted as read by Roger Phinney and seconded by Rick Swain.

Pat then brought up the recent decision by Bob Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer to step down after 20 years of service to the club. Pat discussed that the Secretary/Treasurer position job to be split as below into positions, Secretary and Treasurer with a breakdown as follows:

- Treasurer
1. Membership
 2. Members Directory

- Secretary
1. Meetings
 2. Events

- Website
1. Article Coordinator

Newsletter

1. Advertising

There we no call for nominations at this meeting and positions to be filled later.

Contentious Issues:

1. What is a member? Pat brought up this issue to be discussed – does a membership include just the car owner or should it include the

spouse/partner too? Does it include one vote or two? After much discussion it was unanimously decided that a Family has 2 votes and includes spouse/partner.

2. Advertising in the BATANS newsletter was then discussed. Should it contain outside advertising? Gerry Hull has indicated he would be responsible to collect these ads and forward them to Nancy Cleaveland for inclusion in newsletter. Vote taken to advertise or not. Yes – 23, no – 13. Passed.
3. Pat brought up the membership directory and indicated that this was one of our biggest costs every year and asked if the directory should be changed to just an update of new members which could be sent out with the newsletter and a new complete directory printed every three years. Drew Sperry indicated that he used his directory at least weekly and felt it was the most useful publication BATANS has. Vote was taken with members deciding that the yearly membership directory remains unchanged.
4. Pat then discussed whether club members should receive a discount on their yearly membership if they recruit a new member. The members decided that no discount and that members should whenever they have the chance actively seek new members.
5. Pat then discussed the membership survey. A survey was conducted last summer with about 73 surveys completed and returned with a stamped self – addressed envelope provided. Members indicated a survey should be included in the newsletter once a year. Responses could be mailed back.
6. Weekly meetings in Bedford Sunnyside were then discussed. Attendance at these meeting has been declining over the past several months with sometimes one two people meeting. Pat asked if they wanted to change the venue in the summer to Arbys' and then go for a drive. In winter they could return to Sunnyside. Members agreed this would be a nice change and the schedule will be posted on line for the summer.
7. Pat brought up the British Motoring Festival car show to be held July 23-25 in Windsor at Kings-Edgehill school. Nancy Cleaveland and Bob Hamilton indicated that BATANS are supporters not sponsors and Drew

Sperry suggested that BATANS supply Participants Choice Award - \$100.00?

8. A club member proposed that in the survey from the summer a flea market had been proposed and wondered where that stood. Pat indicated that although the response to that question was very positive unfortunately, there were no volunteers to put this event together. It was suggested that this could take place at this year's BMF car show. Pat indicated that this would not be possible this year as it would not form part of the agreement with King's Edgehill and that it could be addressed for this event next year. 26 of the members present were in favour of holding car flea market. Dave Page mentioned that he attended a flea market devoted only to auto parts and promised to share this year's info with the club in case any were interested.

9. Pat brought up the 2010 Christmas Party and discussed whether it should remain at the Sperry's. He proposed that the club could meet at the Sperry's for a Meet & Greet to be followed by a restaurant meal. Discussions ensued with possibly having the meal catered by a firehall, etc. It was decided that there would be no change required - emphatically reinforced by both Drew and Sheila Sperry.

10. Superstore car show, Leigh MacDonald made a proposal to support this event. This event is supported by President's Choice & held at the Bedford Superstore for children with physical/mental disabilities. Someone required to be a BATANS rep. Leigh MacDonald volunteered.

11. Event reports should be sent to Nancy Cleveland by a volunteer who was at the event for inclusion in the newsletter.

12. No week-long events planned, for this year. Rexton and P.E.I. in August are the longest planned other than the Owls Head meet in early October.

13. Pat mentioned Tech Sessions and indicated that this was one of the new positions as more volunteers were needed. Nancy Cleveland indicated that both tech sessions that have been held were on Monday evenings and that was very inconvenient and impossible to attend if you lived outside the HRM. Pat mentioned that unfortunately Monday evenings was the time that were most convenient for the presenter

and this fit well with the Monday evenings and helped increase numbers.

14. Eleanor Robertson indicated that she is working on the Mother's Day run and requires a count of those attending.
15. Leigh MacDonald suggested increasing the membership fees to \$40.00 for couples and \$30 for singles. This could provide increased funds for the club. Motion - Defeated. Fees to be reviewed annually.
16. Dave Page brought up the Maitland event. There would be no tech session like last year as he did not want to repeat the same session. There would be a walking tour of Maitland, fused glass session for the women followed by dinner at School.
17. No new business, adjourned at 9 PM

Respectively submitted by interim Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Hamilton.