

## **Oil Capitol Auto Club Minutes January 10, 2018**

Board of Directors (BOD) and support members present:

Rocky Smith (President)

Bruce Berst (Vice President)

Ken Lantta (Treasurer)

Mark Milliken (Secretary)

Jerry Russell (Past President and Newsletter Editor)

Mike Kennedy (Web Site and Social Media)

President Rocky Smith brought the meeting to order at 7 PM. The December minutes were approved as posted on the OCAC web site.

**Visitor:** John Simmons brought Russ Dickman, owner of a 1972 Chevelle.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- \$8876.26 in club account,
- Events account includes \$6730.00 for car show seed money,
- Members paid for 2018 are over 30, unsure who hasn't paid,
- The 2018 budget is in progress. A draft budget will be ready for the February BOD and General membership meetings.

### **Issues involving club logos and nomenclature (as reported by the Treasurer):**

- The club slogan and graphic need corrections and upgrading, due to inconsistent applications on shirts, jackets, checks, paperwork, and filings. Sometimes the wording varies between the front and back of jackets.
- The word "Capitol" was adapted as a club name by the founders in 1986. Technically, it is an incorrect term, for it refers to a building (National Capitol). The club has used the correct term, capital, on check headers. For consistency, the club must decide on which term to use.

The following discussion summarizes the Capitol vs capital differences:

1. Capitol is said to be a building or a complex of buildings where the state legislature regularly meets.
2. The word Capitol usually refers to the building in Washington D.C. where the United States Congress meets.
3. Capital refers to a city or town where the official seat of government resides. It can also refer to the financial capital where all the business activities take place.
4. When the word is used in legal terms, it means the death penalty.
5. Capital also has other meanings, like foremost, first and excellent.
6. The word capital also refers to wealth in the form of property or money, the wealth that is used for investing and creating more wealth and assets.
7. Capital also refers to the capital letter.
8. Capital also refers to the top part of a column or pillar.

<http://www.differencebetween.net/language/difference-between-capital-and-capitol/>

- The club's prior name, Horseless Carriage Club of America, is listed on the IRS tax forms. The Treasurer will have the name corrected. HCCA does not show an affiliated club in Wyoming:

<https://www.hcca.org/regions.php>

- The logo has typographical and spelling errors that will be corrected. The errors vary between applications, but they include Wy instead of WY, several variations of “Cruzin,” and an incorrect period behind the state abbreviation.
- Permission to use the State’s “Steamboat” the bucking horse has not been obtained in recent years. Ken will follow up.
- Given the membership’s stated desire to attract more young people into the club, the BOD suggests updating the logo graphics at the same time the corrections are made. One suggestion is to replace references to “Old” with a term more attractive to young people (VP Berst has noted that teenagers and 20-somethings think the term “old car” applies to anything in the 2000-2010 range). The cars in the logo should include a modern type.

#### **Valve Cover Races:**

- Owing to business commitments, Doug Walters can no longer participate as he has in the past. A new champion is needed, someone who can transport, erect, and repair the track.
- The Butlers have generously donated the trailer. The BOD feels that if the track is to continue, then some form of compensation is necessary. Options include leasing or purchasing outright. “No change” is not an option in this case.
- Since the track is used mostly by kids and gives the club positive visibility in that way, the track should be taken to out-of-town events. Several shows would welcome the track.
- The club has approved funds to repair the track, and Dennis Day has volunteered the work. Additional funds need to be approved and budgeted for expenditures associated with the trailer and its transport.
- The BOD requests input from the membership on the future of Butler’s trailer and the track.

#### **Membership categories:**

- The Treasurer noted that current Bylaws allow for two levels of membership: active (voting) and family (nonvoting). Previous Bylaws referred to Lifetime members, those with 20+ years who get their dues waived. Several years ago, the club cancelled that classification, allowing current members to grandfather in.

#### **Charitable donations:**

- The club seems not to have a procedure for selecting charitable donations. Rather, “tin-cuppers” show up at meetings in random fashion, allowing possible inequities to occur.
- One suggestion is for the membership to research carefully and determine charities a year in advance. In that way, the public would know of the club’s generosity months in advance of the car show.

**Vice President's Report (Bruce Berst):**

The following club activities will need champions this year. Some may already have champions carrying over to 2018. Some may not need champions at all. If so, please advise the Vice President.

- Christmas party
- Garage tour
- Pot lucks
- Weekly cruises
- New Years meeting
- Calling committee
- Benevolence
- Friday dinner
- Sunday breakfast
- Birthdays and refreshments

**New business:**

- Pat Potter made a motion to enlist Stan to make arrangements for the club's sound system to be used in club meetings. The motion was seconded and approved.
- After some discussion, the club concurred that 50/50 raffle should no longer be carried over to Christmas. The Treasurer suggested and the membership concurred that 50/50 funds be deposited in the club checking.

**February meeting:**

- The club agreed to have a Valentines potluck meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The membership will be asked at this time to decide several issues, including:
  - Changes and corrections to the club logo graphics and motto,
  - Disposition of valve cover races, track, and trailer,
  - Decisions regarding charitable donations,
  - Champions for various club activities,
  - Possible other items.

The BOD will discuss membership responses to these issues and prepare options at the February 5<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting at Roosevelt School. Please provide your input to the Secretary ([mmilliken@blm.gov](mailto:mmilliken@blm.gov)) by January 26, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, President Rocky Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Mark Milliken  
Secretary  
1/11/2018