

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Oregon

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2023

Time: 7:00 – 8:05

Location: Zoom

Present: Chris Bright, Cindy Banzer, Lila Dale, Steve Davis, Glen Dolphin, Paul Eklund, Chris Finks, Sue Halton, Patrick Iaboni and Doug Zaitz.

Guests: Leslie Jackson, Yulia Smolmansky

Absent: Glen Dolphin

President Chris Bright opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Minutes (Sue Halton)

A. Doug Zaitz moved to approve the Minutes after Chris B. reads them for potential corrections and Chris F. checks the spelling of potential sponsors names.

The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Treasurer's Report (Cindy Banzer)

A. Treasurer Cindy Banzer presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that there have not been many changes in January or February for either the AROO or the Rally account.

3. Membership (Steve Davis)

The Club currently has 221 members. We added four new members in January. The new system requires that members list the kind of cars they have. Cindy will send an email to chapter Presidents asking them to encourage their members to do so.

4. Past Events (Chris Bright)

A. Valentine's Day Tour (Rick Marten) – February 12th, 2023. No report.

B. General Membership Meeting – Mark Schultz, speaker. – February 15th.

The February General Membership Meeting was very poorly attended. There were only 9 or 10 people there.

5. Northwest Classic Challenge 2023 (Leslie Jackson)

A. Registrations

i. We have received 25 paid registrations, 17 through Club Express and 8 by mail.

ii. Registration now costs \$800.

a. Doug Zaitz reported that Club Express allows two prices. He accidentally "lost" Navigator and car information on 10 entries. If he cannot recover the information he will have to call each registrant to get it back.

b. Avant pricing: Avant members have access to a discount code for a credit of \$50, so they only pay \$750. This expires on July 1st.

iii. Paul asked if we acknowledge Registrants? Doug said we do if they register through Club Express. He plans to manually send an email to those who have registered by snail mail. Paul wants each entrant to get a Rally School program before the Rally.

B. Publicity

i. Leslie said she would like photos of the entry cars, but did not know how to get them. After discussion, Board members asked Doug to send an email to current Entrees requesting pictures of their cars.

C. Hotel

i. Doug reported that The Valley River Inn has had a fire. It looks serious.

D. Sponsorships (Chris Finks)

i. Leslie reported she has recently contacted some car club presidents and volunteered to make presentations to them about the event.

ii. Leslie, Chris F. and Chris B. said that they had discussed obtaining Sponsorships with Dennis Howell, who said he was happy to help as an advisor but otherwise was not interested

iii. Chris Finks reported on potential sponsorships.

a. American National Insurance for \$1,500 wants an exclusive, but will add Gypsy Dancer Wines as a wine Sponsor. Steve mentioned that the Hotel is unlikely to allow “outside” wine, even in a private room. Doug said how important it was to have Hagarty as a sponsor. Chris said he has asked Haggerty for \$2500.

b. Chris has approached Umpqua Bank, Tonkin, Mercedes Wilsonville, Mercedes Beaverton and Porsche. Doug suggested adding Jaguar.

c. Leslie is approaching previous advertisers.

6. Upcoming Events

A. AROO Cup School (Paul Eklund) – 9:00am, March 11, 2023. At Langers in conjunction with Cars and Coffee. It will also be on Zoom.

B. AROO Cup #1 (Paul Eklund) – March 12, 2023. John Johnson and Maria Mentor will be there to start the Rally. Roger Dilts is the Rally Master.

C. March General Membership Meeting – Jeff Zurschmeide will be the speaker. – March 15th. Old Spaghetti Factory.

D. AROO Cup #2 (Paul Eklund) – April 9, 2023. Paul and Yulia are the Rally Masters.

E. April General Membership Meeting – open

F. AROO and Evergreen (Bob Huey, Rick Martin) – April 22nd, 2023.

G. Old Spider Tour (Bill Gilham) – Saturday May 6th. Santiam River to Florence.

H. AROO Cup #3 (Paul Eklund) – May 7th. Simon Levere is the Rally Master.

I. General Membership Meeting – Ed Godshalk and his Bugatti

J. AROO Cup #4 (Paul Eklund) – June 11, 2023. Nicolas laboni is the Rally Master.

K. Summer Solstice Tour and Barbeque (Steve Davis) – June 17th.

L. June Evening Tour – Wednesday, June 21st.

M. Summer Tour (Tom McGirr) – June 25-26, 2023

7. AROC

A. Remember to vote for Doug for AROC Board.

B. The U.S. Gran Prix is fully booked.

C. There are 4 spaces left for Italy.

Sue Halton
Board Secretary