

## BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

*Prepared by: Sandi White – VOA National Secretary*

<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	April 28, 2017 @ 8:00am - Las Vegas, NV
<b>INVITEES:</b>	National Officers, Regional Presidents, Directors, & Invited Guests
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Alex Ristanovic, Beth Sewell, Sandi White, Brad Homen, Maurice Liang, Cheryl Dlouhy, Rob Buckman, Larry Aszmann, Mary Aszmann, Frank Palazzo, Tim Mahoney, John Cummins, Bryan Savage, David Ivler, Josh Siegmeister, Jim Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Ed Bowser, Mike Shepherd, Wayne Rauh, Eric Roberts, Tyler Manwell, Victor Orr, Kurt Russell, Yvette Russell, Debbie Ruckert, Dave Ruckert, Tom Levesque, Marko Radosavljevic, Diana Phillips, Sanjar Chakamian, Glenn Izard, Stephanie Izard, John Malatesta, Andras Kovacs, Richard Sewell
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Brent Elmore, Bruce Heckman, Terry Bosserman, Joseph Boscia, Ed Massena, Robert Snyder, Bob Bierman, Alan Weakley, Jeff Barnes, Alexander Macevicius, Scott Tolleson, Steve Cuffaro, John Vittone, Tateshi Kiriyaama, James Tait, Barry Adams

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting got started a few minutes late, due to members missing. It was decided to wait to start the meeting until all attendees arrived.

**PURPOSE/REVIEW OF AGENDA:**



- **Greeting**
  - Introductions
  - Plans for Gathering
- **State of the Union**
  - Club Regions
  - Membership
  - Leadership Positions
  - Store/Mag/Forums
- **Financial**
  - 2016 Recap
  - 2017 Budget Review
- **Housekeeping**
  - Election '18-19
  - Bucket List
  - Events
  - Viper's End
  - State of FCA
  - Shifting Gears
- **NVE**
  - NVE3 Overview
  - NVE4 Location
  - Doorprize Car
- **Open Forum/Adjourn**



## **BUSINESS DETAIL:**

### **TOPIC:** Greeting

Alex asked all participants to stand and introduce themselves; what each person does for the club; the region each person was from; and how long they've been associated with the club. He then did a quick review of the entire meeting agenda. Alex then provided an overview of the expected goals for the next 2 days and the activities which have been scheduled for the group.

### **TOPIC:** State of the Union

During this part of the meeting, Alex went through a summary of the club's regions. There are currently 37 regions, 2 new regions have been established since our last physical gathering. An overview was provided of general regional sizing (0-30 members: 12, 31-50: 12, 51-70: 6, 70+: 7). Alex provided a status of the clubs membership growth since it started (2014: 1759, 2015: 1967, 2016: 2012) and that the club was on track to break its last membership totals as of the date of the meeting. Mamba vs standard memberships were discussed, citing generally the club has maintained a 40/60 (standard/Mamba) split, which has been phenomenal. Alex also did provided a breakdown of the current leadership of the club, from national officers, national directors, to regional presidents, to other officers – totaling over 140 people leading the club, with over 50 of them as members of the board (with presidents and national officers having voting rights). A summary of the store, magazine, and website forum information was shared which included an overview of statistics and some surprising and entertaining tidbits of each.

### **TOPIC:** Financial Update

Brad Homan provided a review of 2016 financial performance. The club showed a slight loss (intended) from operations, he highlighted that 100% of member dues goes to members. The club showed an overall income of slightly more than \$52,000 from store and NVE auction. He then also provided a review of the 2017 budget, which again showed a near zero balance (a very slight loss) showing all intake from members went back into club operations (with half going to the regions). The financial outlook for the club is now excellent, with a good reserve (which is expected to grow even more significantly in 2018 when NVE3 completes), setting the stage for a good projected health well into the future.

### **TOPIC:** Housekeeping

Alex presented a summary about the upcoming club elections for the next 2 year period that will be taking place later in the year. He included inspirational thoughts about considering anyone's possible candidacy.

An overview of the five Bucket List Events for this year was then given. Alex then moved on to a short summary about FCA, their current relationship with the club, and the impacts of their decision to end the car. It was also mentioned that Wayne and D'Ann will be getting the last car off the line.

Alex talked about the club seeing the shrinking footprint of the Viper, the always imminent parts shortages, and members concerns likely being a part of the future. But highlighted, this very fact is why the



club will become even more important moving forward – as it'll be the sole place people will be able to go for a plethora of tangible news, information, interactions, and vendors – relative to the Viper.

**TOPIC: NVE3**

Alex gave a general overview of the NVE3 venues. The host hotel will be The Delano. Alex provided a very detailed plan and schedule for the event. He indicated decisions are made based on great member feedback from the last event. He highlighted some new differences for this event that should please everyone. He spoke of the Mega Cruise Day for all members. The two split days with track and tours have also been planned. The Welcome Reception Dinner will be informal for this event and held outdoor on a private beach, as well as the grand finale dinner. He provided insight as to how the track will work and what components will be in play, and his plan to have this be a track day that should greatly satisfy everyone.

He also raised a topic relative to the door prize car (whether we should do it). He highlighted the challenges, some of which are specific to this time (new cars aren't as avail, will cost more due to models, timing of NVE3 vs model end, etc.). A long and arduous discussion then ensued. Many pro's and con's were discussed. Alex suggested before assembling final thoughts and making decisions, it's good to focus on the highest level reason that may or may not make it worth doing – rather than worrying about all the other details. He also suggested it's best to make the decision tomorrow once people have had a chance to talk with each other and also sleep on it. The next day a vote was taken.

**Motion By:** Jim Johnson

**Motion Made:** For NVE3, the club should forego purchasing and giving away a Viper.

**Vote:** Conducted via the raising of hands by board members. Over 70% voted to forego the raffle car. No one abstained.

**Motion seconded:** Josh Siegmeister

**Resolved:** Motion carried

**TOPIC: NVE4**

Alex provided a target for NVE4. This was based on a general need to continue to move to exciting places which are a departure from previous geographical locations. HE also indicated that he surveys (which asked people specifically where they wanted to go) had a massive number of people name a single city: Orlando (or neighboring area). This area by chance is a location people enjoy visiting, has capacity for large events, and has track choices. The group seemed to agree, however, investigation is needed and initial framework planning needs to begin before this can be solidified. Alex highlighted that during the process, if another venue arose which could be viable, it could indeed still be considered as well.

**TOPIC: Adjournment**

Alex asked if there were any other items needing discussing, before we adjourn. The board meeting was then adjourned as everyone finished lunch and prepared for the many offsite activities that were planned. All presentations have been provided to the presidents and posted on the forums in the officers section.



Minutes submitted by Sandi White  
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