

## Delegates Meeting held on the weekend of 11-11-2023 and 11-12-2023.

Roger Hamel opened the meeting with a thank you to Pete Sturtevant for coordinating the zoom portion and to Gannon Switzer for his on site work in providing the sound system and zoom connections and also moderating the meeting. Jo and Jim Switzer were also thanked for all of their work in making the delegates meeting possible in Plainfield, IN.

Roger mentioned that we will observe Roberts Rules of order and he passed out a summary of the same.

Edie Lowery conducted a roll call of the clubs present. A quorum is present.

Four clubs did not provide the by-laws required forms so they were voted into suspension. Low Country, Bonneville, Central Illinois and St John's were the clubs not complying with the bylaws.

The local area clubs gave brief reports on their club activities throughout the year. Some of the clubs had well over \$10,000 in their accounts. Some of the clubs were very active through the year and a few clubs are struggling to get member participation. Manitoba was one of the active clubs. They hosted a tour of an antique airplane museum, did a ride on an antique train and had an event they called Healeys and Horses. They attended a polo match. Quebec hosted a Formula 1 race in Montreal. Minnesota club mentioned that they have a lot of dedicated Healey racing enthusiasts. South Texas does an annual highway cleanup program, which is very well attended. The Wisconsin club is getting a lot of help from the other clubs in the region for the coming Conclave in Wisconsin.

Jeff Porada – VP Safety – stressed how important it is to maintain the safety equipment on your Healey, especially the braking system. AHCA is a member of the SEMA organization. SEMA works on keeping the governmental control of our hobbies as limited as possible. **He suggested that participating in Gymkhanas is a great way to keep your Healey in reliable condition.**

Neil Anderson – VP Conclave – Neil is working on a conclave for 2025 which will be held in Branson, MO. Neil and Jake Jacobs met in Branson a few months ago to work with the hotel Chateau on the Lake. The hotel has been excellent to work with. An excellent video was played showing the benefits of having a conclave in Branson. Motion made and approved to accept this proposal for the 2025 Conclave. **It should be noted that no ONE club has stepped forward as the host. As such, Neil Anderson will continue to enlist support from area members.**

Roger Hamel – Roger appointed Steve Bell to fill out the term for Ray Donovan, who had to retire early. Roger mentioned he has asked Steve to work on the 'local only' program and get it streamlined. Steve also mentioned his focus will be on supporting local clubs in any way possible to make them prosper.

Mike Schneider – Membership Director – I talked about problems with Club Express and the efforts to deal with the short comings of the reporting process. The 'local only' people who are members of our local area clubs but not a member of AHCA are not listed in Club Express. **It was reported that members have reported receiving multiple copies of the Healey Marques due to how listings are organized under Club Express. This is at quite an additional expense.**



Pete Sturtevant – VP Promotions – Pete discussed the benefits of the website, which are many. The website now has a marketplace. There have been eight Healeys sold that were listed in the Marketplace on the website. There is a calendar of regional events. Micro-sites are available to local clubs. A local club can have their own website on the AHCA website at no cost to the local club. Pete assists with that effort. Pete passed out post cards that have been printed. These post cards are for sharing with prospective members to the AHCA and local area clubs. The recipient will receive a special code that will allow them to log in and sign up for a free membership for the balance of the year.

Pete Sturtevant – Regalia – Pete mentioned that we now have an agreement with Lands End. Anyone can go to the Lands End website and order any item with the AHCA logo. **Local clubs can also add their logos to Lands End for a nominal cost. AHCA receives no financial compensation for these sales.**

Edie Lowery – Secretary – Edie mentioned several ways that she communicates with the delegates and club officers. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. She also collects the bylaws required reports from the local area clubs including the list of officers for each club.



Bev Sealand – Treasurer – Bev passed out a copy of the financial statement of the AHCA. Income is slightly above the budgeted amount and expenses are a little under budget. AHCA is financially solid. **She reminded those with guests as to additional costs for weekend meals.**

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the AHCA officers have a zoom meeting each month. Any AHCA member can request a few minutes at the start of the zoom meeting to make a presentation to the officers for consideration.

Gary Feldman and Bill Borja – Insurance – We had to change insurance carriers in 2019. Bill and Gary found some coverage from other insurance companies during that time frame but it was far more expensive than we had been paying. It was more than twice what we had been paying. This year we went with JC Taylor for our liability coverage. The policy with JC Taylor did not include covering gymkhana's. That coverage had to be purchased separately through K&K Insurance. That coverage is paid for by event. If a club hosts a gymkhana then they will have to pay about \$350.00 per day for the coverage. **It was noted that AHCA is now able to make quarterly payments for this coverage which means local clubs will be billed accordingly.** Insurance coverage for other speed events is not available at this time. Other speed events would be hill climbs and TSD rallies for example. **We were reminded that static events do not require an insurance certificate UNLESS required by the host site.** D&O (directors and officers) coverage is in place for the AHCA and all affiliated local area clubs. Bev Sealand, treasurer, is bonded.



Vince Barnell – Advertising – Vince is soliciting more advertisers and sponsors for the Marque, conclaves and the website. He has been checking on ad rates that other clubs charge. As a result of this effort he will be revising our ad rates. He is also going to create an ad kit that can be used for getting more advertisers. **Also under consideration is additional advertising opportunities with the EZ Quarterly digital magazine and the annual Calendar. He suggested AHCA may want to look into retaining an advertising company for maximum effect.**

Reid Trummel – Editor – The Marque magazine is going well. He wants to hear from members for ideas for publication in the Marque. Reid presented his budget and he is ever so slightly over budget due to increase in postage costs. This year over 600 pages have been printed. Reid is also producing the E-Zine. This is a quarterly publication available on the website only. The last E-Zine was 100 pages long. Eileen Wetzel asked Reid to provide some articles on racing in the US. Eileen is now in charge of that effort.

Bonnie Ayer – DMH Memorial Fund – A number of years ago the DMH Memorial Fund paid for some stained glass windows to be placed in a church in Perranporth, England. The church has since fallen into disrepair. There is reportedly a lot of mold and other types of fungus all over the church. Peter Healey is working on finding another location for the windows in the event the church is taken down.

McPherson College receives a \$6000.00 scholarship from the DMH Memorial Fund each year. This college is in McPherson, Kansas. It is the only college in the country which offers a traditional four year degree majoring in auto restoration. Recently the students at the college entered a car they restored in the famous Pebble Beach car show. They won second place honors. These students would be a 'gold mine' for any restoration shop.

In addition to all of this work Bonnie is also noticing that many of our members are passing away. She mentioned a few that are known nationally. Cyndi Marble, Karen Richmond, Anne Jones and Kay Healey. She agrees that the Marque shouldn't turn into an obituary source but she would like to develop a process in which this information can be shared with all of the members of the AHCA.

Bill Walton – CE Trainer – Bill said that local area clubs should send their updated officer lists to Pete Sturtevant so they can be listed on the website. Bill will host a number of zoom training videos including how to renew online. A video will also be made showing a local area club membership director how to process a renewal online. Another video will be available showing members how to update their personal information on the website. Keeping this information current will make the online membership directory more helpful. Bill also maintains the Healey Marketplace on the website. Send ad information to Bill so he can put it in the Marketplace.

Steve Byers – Delegate at Large – Steve is the delegate for all of the national members who are not affiliated with a local area club. Steve is using Club Express to send emails to the national members several times per year. Brad Swiggart suggested encouraging national members to join an area club near them.



Steve Kirby – West Coast Promotion – Steve mailed a letter and a Marque to Healey owners in the California area who are not already AHCA members inviting them to join AHCA for a free year of membership. The results of this effort will be tracked to determine if this is worth the effort and expense.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the Bluewater/Sarnia club has closed. The members will be moved to national member status.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that there are two winners that will participate in the Formula 1 Parade in Montreal this summer. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart are the two winners. The Formula 1 races in Montreal will be on Youtube. There will be 3 Formula 1 races in the US this year. Miami, Houston and Las Vegas.

Bill Borja and Neil Anderson – Conave 2023 report – Crystal River Conclave was a success. There were 97 (127!) Healeys and 183 people participating, **which was a bit disappointing**. The conclave generated about \$7000 profit, of which half was sent to the AHCA. **Bill then presented The Best of Show Award to Bruce Gearn, who was present as Delegate**

Mike Swanger – Conclave 2024 – Conclave 2024 will be held in Elkhart Lake, WI. There will be a race course re-enactment tour around the countryside and in town. There will be a car show with all of the cars from DMH. Conclave 2024 is working with Victory Lane magazine to create The Healey World Challenge, which will be competing on Road America the weekend before Conclave. Mike Swanger said he is expecting to have Healeys from New Zealand, Europe and the US competing on Road America. There will be all of the usual events that Conclave's have. There will also be opportunities to tour some of the best scenery in North America including Door County. The Conclave 2024 website is open and available to accept registrations.



Edie Anderson-delegates handbook- Edie is updating the delegates handbook that is online in Club Express. Edie would like to receive officer updates by January 1, 2024.

Marc Lewis and David Nock – proposal for the 75th International Anniversary Conclave. They are planning on using the same facilities at Lake Tahoe again for this international event. Room rates will range from \$160 to \$300/night plus a parking fee. They are suggesting a committee from the two California clubs and the AHCA meet to plan this event. No revenue sharing agreement has been worked out yet. Seed money has been discussed but both David and Marc said their clubs are capable of funding the event. A motion was made and passed to approve the AHCA officers to work with David Nock and Marc Lewis on this 75th anniversary conclave.

Jeff Porada – Sprite Registry – Howard Collins has agreed to chair the Sprite Registry and he has also agreed to the usual terms AHCA requires in order to be an AHCA approved Registry. **There was a lengthy discussion as to why AHCA needs to be involved with an ownership list and it's possible usefulness. Mike Schneider indicated that he has pertinent information stored in his files.** A motion was made and passed to approve Howard Collins chairing the Sprite Registry.

Jeff Porada-new version of Future 50 needs to be organized. The target audience for this effort is people under 50 years old. A motion was made and passed to create a committee to work on this.

Bob Gilleland – by laws change – an amendment to replace a club member of the nominating committee was made at the delegates meeting in 2022. This is the second reading of the proposed change to the by laws. A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept this bylaws change.

Steve Bell – Local Only Insurance program – Steve will make a concerted effort to simplify this project so that is easier to manage and run. The amount for local only insurance was reduced to \$5.00 per local only member **by a vote of the Delegates**.

Mike Schneider – New member type – A proposal was made to allow for a digital only membership for International members only. The motion was made and passed to establish the dues at \$80.00. The International members that sign up for this membership will also receive the annual calendar.

Jim Cox – Driving Awards – Jim suggested some adjustments for the driving award. A motion to accept the changes was made and passed.



Bev Sealand – Credit Card charge backs – local clubs processing events and other non membership functions on Club Express will reimburse AHCA for the expense to use the credit card processing fees charged to AHCA by Club Express. This is an informational situation so no vote required.

Bev Sealand – Budget – Membership Directory is in question. Lots of discussions regarding the expense to print a hard copy of the directory. Estimates range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to print a hard copy. A motion was made to produce a pdf copy of the membership directory and make it available on the website. The motion was made and passed to approve an expenditure of \$3000.00 to produce a pdf version.

Sunday

Roger opened the meeting discussing some Formula 1 auction statistics. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart won the two auctions to participate in the parade lap before the Formula 1 race in Montreal.

Edie Lowery – suspended clubs- four clubs are suspended because they did not follow the by laws that require specific reports be provided before the fall delegates meeting. The four clubs are: St Johns, Gateway, Low Country and Bonneville. **Prior to this vote San Diego was able to provide the missing documents and was not included in the vote.**

Gary Feldman – nominations – Honorary membership nominees are: Bill Borja, John Opp, Joe and Martha Chreiton, Bernie Bowersock and Edie Lowery. Motion made and passed to accept all honorary nominations.

Nominations made to replace two members of the nominating committee. Brad Swiggart was nominated to take the 3 year position and Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the 1 year position. Motion made and passed to accept both nominations for serving on the nominating committee. The terms are normally 3 years. Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the balance of Jim Richmond's term. Jim Richmond resigned due to health issues.

Nominations for officer positions for the AHCA were made. All current officers were nominated except for Ray Donovan VP Club Support. Ray resigned earlier this year. Steve Bell was appointed by Roger Hamel to complete Ray's term and Steve was added to the officer nominations. A motion was made and passed to accept the nominations for AHCA officer positions.

Bev Sealand – Budget was revised based on Saturday's discussions. Motion made and passed to accept the revised budget. We should end 2024 with a modest plus in the checking account. Interest on reserve income will be reviewed by Bev Sealand. She will make adjustments to improve the interest income.

Bill Walton – Budget – Bill made a motion to have the budget for the following year distributed to the delegates before the Thursday of the delegates meeting so the delegates have time to review the budget and then make the budget the first topic for discussion after the roll call on Saturdays. Motion passed.

Bill Walton – proposal for digital magazine – Bruce Gearns mentioned that should have been discussed during new business. Proposal was tabled.

Brad Swiggart – digital committee – Brad suggested forming a committee to review making a digital only version of the magazine available as a new membership type. Brad suggested that Bev Sealand, Jake Jacobs, Reid Trummel, Steve Bell, Bill Walton and Mike Schneider be on the committee. Proposal was accepted and adopted.

Jake Jacobs – Regional Meets – Jake announced that four clubs are now working on putting on one meet per year. The clubs are Ohio Valley, Miami Valley, Central Indiana and Bluegrass. In 2024 Bluegrass will host Springthing the third weekend in May as the next meet in this rotation. Springthing 2024 will likely be in the corridor area from Bloomington to Nashville to Columbus, IN. The final location will be dependent on hotel availability.

Roger Hamel – next delegates meeting – The delegates meeting for 2024 will be on November 16 and 17th at the same hotel (Spring Hill Suites) in Plainfield, IN.

**Revised report, Steve Bell, Delegate**

