**Delegates Report November 5 & 6, 2016 Indianapolis, IN**

**Saturday, 5 November**

The annual fall AHCA delegates meeting was held at the Cambria Inn & Suites, Indianapolis, IN

**Fred Dabney,** Carolinas**, President,** opened the session at 9 AM on Saturday morning.

There was a moment of silence in honor of **Baird Foster** and other Healey Club members who had passed away this past year.

It was announced that **Anne Johnson**, North Texas, was resigning as Secretary due to a health condition.

**Roll Call** - Following the roll call, it was announced that a quorum was present. (21 clubs not represented)

**Delegate reports**

Each delegate gave their report which includes; their club activity, membership numbers, special events, fund-raising endeavors and charities they sponsor. Reports were concluded at 10:15AM. Of specific interest was the report from **Bill Borja**, Tampa Bay. Tampa Bay Club raised over $6,000 for a one day car show in Safety Harbor. The money is part of their annual charity drive.  **Jim Switzer**, Central Indiana, mentioned a season-long contest taking pictures of you with your Healey along with the names of international towns on signposts. It met with great success.

**Treasurer’s Report - Bev Sealand**

See copy of report enclosed. She stated that the club is in good financial shape.

**Vice President Reports -**

**Safety, Don Klein**

**Don Klein**, Ohio Valley, reported that he has become aware of a situation where broken spokes are becoming an issue. His recommendation was to go over to stainless steel spokes. He also reported that the club is still a member of SEMA, and made materials available at the rear desk for those interested.

**Club Support, Gary Feldman**

**Gary Feldman,** Northeast Ohio, passed out a recap sheet showing the money paid to AHCA by “local only” club members. This is making a big difference in covering our club insurance costs. **Steve Bell**, New England, asked if club support included helping smaller clubs to get their delegates to the annual meeting. It was noted that 21 clubs were not represented at this year’s delegates meeting. There was discussion but no affirmative action taken.

**Club Promotion & Marketing, Ben Moore**

**Ben Moore**, Bluegrass, reminded us that he is the “liaison” to the webmaster, but does handle the day to day tasks. Requests were made to have a calendar request form on the website as well as a registration form. There was a concern about protecting information gathered by these various forms - confidentiality. Ben reported that we now have a fully functioning “shopping cart” program, now we need items to put in it. Ben reported he had additional promotional membership cards with the one-year discount available at the rear desk. He also reminded us that it is possible now to register as a member online. Our website now has some “web-ads” such as *Hemmings Motor News*. Many advertisers are shifting from printed ads. It was reported that **Edie Lowery**, Gulf Coast, was continuing the work on digitizing all of the clubs important records.

Mid-Morning Break

**Membership, Michael Schneider**

**Mike Schneider,** Bluegrass, reported that 80% of new members now come to us through the website. There are some software issues that complicate local clubs receiving this information in a timely fashion. This past year 575 members renewed their membership online while at the same time there are just over 400 members who do not own or use computers. The “member since….” badge is available to all club members upon request to Mike. Members must have been part of AHCA for a minimum of five years. The membership directory is now online, although not all of the information is included. Mike reported that delegates have access to each other through him. He also reported that the membership directory will now be taken over by him and not out-sourced. Monthly reports are being sent out to local club membership directors and delegates showing new member registrations.

**Regalia, Steve Bell**

**Steve Bell**, New England, reported that most members do not use the club website to access the regalia store. In the course of 10 months there had only been 9 sales. There have been no issues reported with the company supplying the items (RAS). There was a discussion about providing national regalia at conclave events.  **Jake Jacobs** stated that he felt that would be in conflict with the local club running conclave. **Bonnie Ayers** asked that she be contacted as she thought a small amount of national regalia at next summer’s conclave in Waco, TX would be welcomed. The program will continue with the addition of grill badges to the web store.

**Insurance, Fred Dabney**

**Fred Dabney,** Carolinas, reported that there may be a rate increase forthcoming as the industry is trending that way. Currently our premium remains the same and there have been claims filed against it.

**Advertising, Laurie Wilford**

It was reported the *Healey Marque* has only twenty regular advertisers and this means **Laurie Wilford**, Southern Ontario, will not meet his budget prediction. Laurie indicated that Haggerty Insurance has withdrawn their print ad as they are no longer supporting that method of advertising. We are currently not accepting business advertising on our website.

**Appointed Chairs and Officers**

***Healey Marque*, editor, Reid Trummel**

**Reid Trummel,** Cascade, reported that the magazine is going well and will finish the year within the budget. Reid is looking for a volunteer to create a column in the magazine, a “car auction” report of Healeys sold. There were no volunteers present. A copy of the expenses for the *Healey Marque* is enclosed.

Lunch Break 11:55PM to 1PM

**DMH Fund, Fred Dabney (Baird Foster)**

Treasurer, **Bev Sealand** reported that the fund currently has $20,500. There has been a $4,000 donation in memory of **Baird Foster.** Fred suggested that it is time the AHCA developed their own branch of this fund, here in the USA. It was reported that **John** **Heffron,** New England, will be taking over for **Baird Foster** as the fund administrator. Fred suggested that the board investigate which universities offer auto restoration programs and perhaps offer scholarships. The DMH Memorial Walk is still funded at a cost of $50 per year as there are no other demands at this time.

**Nasty Boy, Neil Anderson,**

**Neil Anderson**, North Texas, reported on his trips to the former home of **Leroy and Sue Joppa,** who both passed away this past year. There were many records that they kept which will now be digitized into the AHCA’s archives. Many of the books and “treasures” were auctioned off and the proceeds of $467 were transferred to the DMH Fund in the name of **Leroy and Sue Joppa**.

**Old Business**

**Nominating Committee, Gary Brierton**

**Gary Brierton,** Triad, Announced that there will be a second reading, according to our by-laws, of a proposed change in the membership of the Nominating Committee. The proposal is herein summarized: Add one “delegate” to the Nominating Committee. **Jim Richmond,** South Texas still has one year to serve and **Bob Yule,** Southern Ontario**,** is up for re-election for what has been a two-year term. By adding a delegate so that the number is three, terms will now be three year terms, staggered with **Bob Yule** to be re-nominated for a three-year term. The initial motion was seconded and passed. A great deal of discussion followed on the heels of **Gerry Spurlock’s,** Ohio Valley,concern that there seems to be a “selection” process instead of an election process in place for officers etc. **Bruce Gearns’,** Southern Michigan, name was raised as a nominee for the new position on the Nominating Committee.  **Gerry Spurlock** also nominated **Steve Bell,** New England, for the same position. It was confirmed that **Bruce Gearns** had already been contacted and had accepted the position, thus proving Gerry’s premise that too much was being done in house and having to be rubber stamped by the delegates at this meeting. After further discussion, a determination will be made during Sunday morning’s session after **Bob Yule** had been contacted to see if he was willing to continue his service.

**Gerry Spurlock** Ohio Valley, sponsored a first reading of a proposed by-law change under Articles 10 & 11, which in essence states that “all delegates must be members of AHCA and the local club they represent. The president, treasurer and delegate for each local club must be AHCA members as well.

**Membership Directory - Michael Schneider**

**Mike Schneider**, Bluegrass, reported that the current membership directory has 160 pages in a large print format. It had to be sent first class postage as a bulk rate was not available. There was extensive discussion on how the next version would appear and the costs involved. There was mention of an on-line directory, already in place but it does not carry all of the information as many Healey owners do not want their car information “online”.

**Healey Marque Ad Space, Fred Dabney, Laurie Wilford, Reid Trummel**

There was a very lengthy and heated discussion about ad apace to be purchased in the *Healey Marque* for the “Rendezvous - Healey Week” event to be held in California. **Laurie Wilford** reminded everyone that local clubs are allowed a quarter-page ad at no cost and that he would have to send a bill for any additional ads, for which there have been requests. Further discussion centered on sanctioned Austin Healey events by local clubs, for which there are eleven currently “on the books”. There seems to be quite a bit of friction between these two national clubs and it came to light that **Reid Tummel,** Cascade, **had** already over-stepped his authority and placed a half-page ad in the October 2016 issue of the *Healey Marque*. After further concerns were voiced, it was moved, seconded and passed that AHCA will ban all future ads for Rendezvous, including the upcoming November issue. After further discussion, there was a motion, seconded and passed, to accept payment for additional advertising for local clubs who had already received their complimentary quarter-page ad. These events to be among the eleven “sanctioned” events (a list was to be compiled). Additionally, inserts, at no-cost to National could be enclosed inside the *Healey Marque* plastic mailing bags. This means any and all additional costs would have to be undertaken by the advertiser.

**2016 Conclave Report, John Jacobs**

**John Jacobs,** Ohio Valley, reported that the original target of 250 registrations was not met, but that they did hit the 200 registration plateau. The goal of this Conclave was to keep costs down, which was done successfully. But that translated into only $1300 total being made, half of which will be sent to AHCA. He mentioned that he was unaware that Louisville, KY was hosting a national MG meet during the exact same time, which he believes may have affected our registrations.

**2017 Conclave Update, Bonnie Ayers, Hillary Cooper, Ed Reiss, Neil Anderson**

There was no video of the 2017 Waco, TX Conclave available to present to the delegates. **Bonnie Ayers** mentioned that all Conclave events will be held in the morning hours with only “cool” activities planned for the afternoons. Materials were passed out showing the Waco, Texas area, hotel location, event location etc. The registration will be $237 per couple/car until April 2017. The dates are July 9-14th. There was additional discussion concerning the daily schedule. There will be two special late-model Sprites on display and former race driver **Clive Baker,** will be the featured guest. Bonnie also drew our attention to many other attractions that are available in the Waco vicinity.

**Web Site, Ben Moore**

Ben Moore’s, Bluegrass, first discussion was about website management. He indicated that not all of the local clubs have their own website. He was suggesting that website sharing could be managed by the National technician that could include all local information. **Edie Lowery,** Gulf Coast**,** reminded us that there are forms on the website for posting regional events and activities. Ben would like local clubs to contact him if they would like help with a website.

**VP Conclaves, Jim Frakes**

**Jim Frakes,** Central Indiana, reported that we no longer have local clubs lined up to bid on Conclaves. As such he suggested that it may be time for local clubs to “take on” one event at a Conclave, lessening the workload for the host club or if National wanted to take on running a Conclave. A potential 2018 Conclave in French Lick, IN, run by National was suggested. A hotel had been researched. Room rates would be around $130 - $149, depending on the season. It was mentioned that the national MG car club has used the same facility for their national event with good success. A motion was made, seconded and passed that National would begin looking at that site for 2018. Further discussion revealed that there were other sites where Conclaves could be held. The Ozarks was mentioned and Minnesota delegate **Eileen Wetzel** indicated that there may be some interest by her club to run a Conclave in the Black Hills of South Dakota. However that venue would have to be in the fall. This spurred further conversation about potential changes to Conclaves; 1) the requirements as to what makes up a Conclave, 2; The number of days involved, 3: the time of year, 4: other events. **John Jacobs,** Ohio Valley, host for 2016, suggested that it made good sense to move the date to a cooler time of the calendar year. Additional Conclave issues were tabled and deferred to a steering committee made up of **Jim Frakes** and selected delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01PM

Sunday, November 6

New Business

President, Fred Dabney opened the meeting at 8:30AM.

**2017 Budget, Bev Sealand**

**Bev Sealand,** New England, reported that $1336 was made at the after-dinner auction Friday evening. She also passed out the proposed budget form for 2017. There was a quick review of the income side. There were no questions. A review of the disbursements followed and there were several questions. It was noted that publishing and mailing the *Healey Marque* costs $110,000, representing nearly 65% of our annual budget. Under Club Support, some discussion on delegate reimbursement ensued. The question was asked if smaller clubs could not afford to send a delegate. **Cliff Hudgins**, Triad, was appointed to form a subcommittee to look at the reimbursement rate and how that might affect the delegates not attending. The subcommittee will consist of **Cliff Hudgins**, **Bob Gilleland**, North Texas, **Steve Bell**, New England and **Bev Sealand,** Treasurer. The motion was moved, seconded and passed

**Nominating Committee**, Gary Brierton

**Gary Brierton,** Triad, began by indicating that **Bruce Gearns,** Southeast Michigan, was about to be nominated to be VP of Club Support and that he, as a standing officer, should not be on the nominating committee taking up a delegates spot. **Bob Yule,** Southern Ontario,had been reached by phone and indicated that he was still interested in serving. To help with further discussion, Gary explained that to meet the new by-law change, we would allow **Jim Richmond**, South Texas, to finish the one-year he had left, **Steve Bell,** New England, nominated by **Gerry Spurlock, Ohio Valley,** would serve a two-year term and **Bob Yule,** Southern Ontario,would come back on as the three-year member. These changes were motioned, seconded and passed.

**Honorary Memberships**

Honorary one-year memberships were motioned for **John Jacobs** and **Jake Jacobs**, Ohio Valley, who were the 2016 Conclave coordinators. The motion was seconded and passed.

An Honorary one-year membership was also moved, seconded and passed for **Anne Johnson**, who has served as the AHCA Secretary for many years.

An honorary lifetime membership was moved, seconded and passed for retiring President, **Fred Dabney**.

**Elections**

The following slate of Officers was presented to the delegates for their deliberation.

President - **Gary Feldman**, Northeast Ohio, three year term VP Safety - **Don Klein**, Ohio Valley VP Club Support - **Bruce** **Gearns**, Southeast Michigan VP Conclave - **Neil Anderson**, North Texas VP Marketing & Publicity, - **Ben Moore**, Bluegrass

Treasurer - **Bev Sealand** - New England Secretary - **Edie Lowery**, Gulf Coast

Secretary - in - training is an appointed position by the President and will be filled by **Eileen Wentzel**, Minnesota

Discussion followed. **Gerry Spurlock, Ohio Valley,** raised the issue concerning last years discussion at the delegates meeting that requested that delegates should bring forward names of local club members to be considered by the nominating committee. This would enhance the election process rather than reinforcing a “selection” process. **Gerry Spurlock** indicated that he felt the election process was “flawed” and that he will cast a “no” vote for the slate of officers, which should not to be interpreted as a concern for the candidates, whom he feels are qualified. The motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee and was carried, it was not unanimous. Following the acceptance of the slate of officers, **Cliff Hudgins**, Triad, suggested that a reminder be sent to delegates to seek potential candidates and that the nominating committee should take on that responsibility.

We were reminded that the Delegates Handbook is on the website. **Gerry Spurlock** motioned that the club by-laws and the Delegates Meeting minutes be placed on the website. The motion was seconded and discussed. It was noted that this would be especially important for the members who are represented by the Delegate At Large and are not part of a local club. The motion passed.

A special note of appreciation was extended to **Jim Switzer** and **Jo Switzer,** Central Indiana, for assisting in the hosting of the delegates meeting in Indianapolis.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Bell, NER Delegate