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**Minutes, Annual General Meeting
CAVAC Red Deer Swap Meet, Pioneer Room
12:30 pm, May 3, 2014**

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting convened at 12:35 pm with introductions from all attending.

2. President's Remarks

With the departure of Patti Fieger who left due to family pressures, our magazine, *Alberta Rides*, was produced with Dick Wallace as publisher and lots of much appreciated support from our contributors. The absence of Patti has moved the responsibility for stories to all of us. Stories for next issue would be appreciated.

1. Adopting of minutes of 2013 AGM

Moved that the minutes of May 4, 2013 SVAA AGM be adopted as presented.
Lobley/Hunter Carried.

2. Reports

a. Audited Financial Report 2013 (Earl)

Earl presented the audited financial statements to the meeting. We have experienced a loss of about \$4,000 due to the cost of the magazine for 2013.

Moved that the financial report be accepted. Clements/Chadderton Carried.

Harry spoke to the deficit saying that we are working to return to a balanced budget. A new budget is being assembled with an electronic accounting system enabling a much more detailed monthly reporting system.

b. Appointment of Auditor for 2014

With the change in Treasurer and the home city of the Treasurer this item is deferred to the October meeting.

c. Advertising

Randy Poch spoke to the meeting saying that our target for advertising is the group that supplies us parts, repairs, auto body and insurance. The relationship is shared. We are taking ads then providing space for their story in the magazine. Please let Randy know of companies that are suppliers to the hobby and would benefit from advertising in *Alberta Rides*.

We will be posting the advertising rates on website.

c. Spring Thaw (Bill, Warren)

For the second year, we distributed *Alberta Rides* to each car as they arrived at Spring Thaw in Calgary. With the success we experienced, we are continuing tying our publication dates to major events in the province.

Fort MacLeod's Spring Breakout was cancelled due to bad weather. We did go down with the intention of distributing the magazine.

d. Membership for 2014

Membership is at 58 clubs with 2,476 individual members. This is the same number of clubs with about 150 additional members.

Have we ever tried to determine how many clubs there are in Alberta? We think we have about 80% coverage but it is a moving target.

e. Club Insurance

53 clubs representing 2,240 members have purchased the insurance package. Each new member club has to complete a Warranty Letter indicating that they are unaware of any fact, circumstance, or situation involving the club that might result in a future claim.

f. *Alberta Rides*

We have a good product. We are looking for a media person to guide us with the magazine and branding.

Please pick up magazines for your club when you leave today.

g. Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute of Alberta (Bill C.)

Bill Chadderton reported that the SVAI is doing well. The organization has its own training manual. They are doing training for their

membership. Mary Heibain has retired from the Board. There is an opening for a board member.

There was an interesting discussion on diminished value appraisals. An example is an original Baby Bird that is damaged thus not being totally original thus is worth less.

h. Website report (Paul & Dave)

We are constantly working to make it more useful to our membership.

Usage: we are getting about 450 – 500 people per month up from 300 last year. The events are mailed out to the mailing list on the website. We are working to raise the profile of the SVAA. We have a promotion sending people to Who is SVAA.com? You can add your e-mail and then receive SVAA e-mails through the year. We have 375 people signed up.

Please get your events to us as quickly as possible. We will then post them on the website and they will be part of the monthly report. There is an online event submission form on the SVAA home page.

It was suggested that every member of every club should be on the electronic mailing list. Clubs will make their members aware of the opportunity.

i. National Association (Warren & Jim H.)

Jim Herbert introduced Warren and himself as NAACC Directors. The NAACC AGM was held at the SEMA meeting in Las Vegas. The two organizations face similar issues. It is worthwhile for us to join the SEMA Action Network to follow American issues as those selfsame issues tend to surface in Canada at a later date

Ethanol appears to be staying at 10% which is good news for the hobby.

Collector Car Appreciation Day is Friday, July 1 clubs are encouraged to have an event. Please send pictures to SEMA letting them know that we are alive and well in the frozen north.

j. Safety Check Report (Jim & Les)

This is the time of year that we are getting our vehicles out. Safety checks are important for public safety, and making the government aware that we are responsible.

Jim Herbert reported on the revised form available on the website. It is designed to guide the owner through a safety check on their vehicle whether it is a Model T or a low rider.

Last year we issued 103 stickers with three clubs responding to our request to let us know of their safety check events. Nifty Fifty Ford Club, Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary and the MG Club of Calgary are the role models for the rest of us.

Safety checks can be done with the vehicle on the ground. No hoist is required. It is designed to be done by the owner. We are willing to come to a club meeting to talk about the process.

A number of vehicles at recent car show would not pass a check. Missing items include bumpers, lug nuts, fenders, windshield wipers and brake lights.

Safety check stickers are available from Jim Herbert.

The government may be reviewing vehicle equipment regulations this fall and it is anticipated that compulsory safety checks will be on the agenda.

Jim has sent a letter to the insurance people asking if we knowingly drive a car that is not meeting requirements, are we covered. Answer: maybe. We need to be aware.

Peter MacFarlane suggested that the SVAA sponsor a Safety Check event on May 9 or 16, 2015. Announce and promote the event at various locations throughout the province. Organizing of the events needs to start soon as the calendar for 2015 is already showing events.

k. HVA and SEMA (Al)

Both have websites with applications and are free. Both have monthly e-newsletters.

3. Old Business

a) Lobbying Efforts

a. Amalgamated Vehicles

We have not had any issues arise. There is a summary of the amalgamated vehicle concern in the February issue of *Alberta Rides*.

The government is looking to improve the information on amalgamated vehicles on their website.

4. New business

a. Budget for 2014

Deferred. It is going to be much the same as this year.

b. Election - Outstanding positions

Ted Lobley took the floor to manage the election process

i. President

Nominating Harry Bullock for the position.

Riise/Rogalsky

Acclaimed

ii. Treasurer (a one year term)

Nominating Jim Herbert for the position. Riise/Hunter

Acclaimed

iii. Vice President, North

Nominating Paul Gordash for the position. Riise/Scragg

iv. Directors

Prior to the nominations being opened, Harry spoke to the meeting saying that we need more Directors from the northern part of the province.

Nominating Al Riise, Earl Clements (one year term), Bill

Chadderton and Don Cooper. Riise/Hunter

Acclaimed

c. Treasury Items

Moved that the corporate address be changed to 2439 – 34 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB. Herbert/Lobley Carried

d. Motion to update signature cards

Moved that the signing authority be updated to reflect that any two of:

President: Harry Bullock

Vice President – South: Les McKelvey

Vice President _ North: Paul Gordash

Treasurer: Jim Herbert

Secretary: Ted Lobley

MacFarlane/Kraft Carried

5. Other Business

Bill Hunter told the group that we have had good support from Okotoks Collector Car Auction. We need about 10 volunteers to work the auction. Please let Bill know if you are interested.

6. Presentation

Stuart Ribey & Matt Newman, Instructors, Street Rod Technology, Lakeland College provided the meeting with a presentation on the new program at Lakeland College in Vermillion.

Bill and Stu are the developers of the program. The idea was generated about two and a half years ago as the college was looking for distinctive new programs.

Considerable research including visiting similar programs was done. The resulting program includes auto body and considerable instruction on chassis. The latter differentiates it from its competitors. Curriculum, to avoid duplication of development efforts, includes modules from Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

The program is of eight months duration. It begins with terminology, technology and safety quickly moving to shop time. Shop is over 50% of the program. Students, almost from the beginning, are working on real vehicles, often their own. The facilities and equipment are state of the art. The curriculum, equipment and shop space are tied together through a competency based approach. Projects are focused on skill building thus are connected to a specific competency or competencies listed in the program. Content include technical topics such as brake work and artistically, air brushing.

Stu and Matt said that it is likely the only post-secondary program where students come in early and want to stay late. Close to the end of the program, they did a showcase of student work that was very well received.

One of our member clubs, Just Kruzin' Specialty Vehicle Club of Lloydminster, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a top student.

7. Members Questions & Concerns

A member of the Dropsicles reminded the meeting that we need to be very much aware that the people building low-riders, souped up Hondas and cars with magnificent stereo systems are also part of the hobby. The member was hearing too much focus on old cars and hot rods and not enough on the modern aspects of the hobby

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

9. Next Meeting

*Quick Times Red Deer Swap Meet
12.30 pm, October 11, 2014
Pioneer Room, Westerner Park
Red Deer*