

2023/2024 Horseless Carriage Club of
America

General Membership Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2023



The 2023 Horseless Carriage Club of America National general membership meeting was held at the Gilmore Museum Heritage Ballroom, 6865 W. Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI.

Call to Order-Mike Reid, 3:09PM

Pledge of Allegiance-Don Plumb

Board Member Roll Call-Jim Skillicorn

Andy Wallace-Chairman of the Board, present

Russell Holden-Vice President, present

Doug Tomb-Treasurer, Zoom

Jim Skillicorn-Secretary, present

Jon Rising, Zoom

Jeff Leshner, present

Kim Simoni, Zoom

Vince Altieri, present

Terry Cole, present

Peter Jakab, present

Don Plumb, present

Rusty Berg, present

Jeff Chattin, Zoom

Danny Case, present

Recognition of Guests-Mike Reid

Keene Brewer

Michael Nash

Tricia Wallace

Chris Paulsen

Tracy Leshner

Abbey Paulsen

Jack Leshner

Pat Gamble

Chris Holden

Rocky Younger

Al Zamba

Mary Zamba

Ron Gardas

Karl Darby

Laura Darby

Scott Langeneger

Previous Meetings' Minutes

April 16, 2023 2022/2023 #4

Motion-Don Plumb
Second-Andy Wallace
Vote-Unanimous

April 16, 2023 2023/2024 #1
Motion-Don Plumb
Second-Andy Wallace
Vote-Unanimous

May 30, 2023 2023/2024 #2
Motion-Russell Holden
Second-Rusty Berg
Vote-Unanimous

Approval of July 14, 2023 Agenda
Motion-Andy Wallace
Second-Rusty Berg
Vote-Unanimous

Old Business-Mike Reid

Update on signatory changes for the Wells Fargo Bank accounts
Doug Tomb and Lindsey Jackson to meet with the bank on July 19, 2023

New Business-Mike Reid

Finance Committee Report-Doug Tomb, Jeff Leshner, Jeff Chattin

Membership is largest revenue source and ideas of attracting new members were discussed; discounted membership. Electronic HCCA Gazette. Insurance costs and current state of insurance industry were discussed, other insurance companies reviewed. HCCA currently insured through Church Mutual and satisfied with their coverage and service. Club investments were discussed and concluded including input from club member experts in the field. Cost reduction ideas included Lifetime Memberships review, additional advertising in the Gazette, Canadian printing costs, new membership dues structures, raising annual dues. Next meeting early August 2023.

Activities-Vince Altieri, Kim Simoni, Peter Jakab

Update on merchandise tent at Brass and Gas and at Celebration of Brass III. Will be at Hershey in October. Kim Simoni remains the lead for merchandising west, Vince Altieri for merchandising east. Andy Wallace to continue with lead on Marion Welsh Award.

Regional Groups & Registries-Jim Skillicorn, Rusty Berg, Jon Rising

Committee drafted letter to be sent to all regional groups and registries points of contact. Letter to be emailed out by Executive Director, Lindsey Jackson. Letter introduces committee members, offers assistance with group membership and activities, established open communication, and provided HCCA board member contact information for western states, central states and eastern states.

Communication-Russell Holden, Don Plumb, Daniel Case, Terry Cole
Committee provided status of Horseless Carriage Gazette, HCCA Gazette Indexing, HCCA National News, Roster, Website, Social Media, Publicity, Marketing & Advertising

Strategic Planning-Andy Wallace, Mike Reid, Russell Holden, Doug Tomb
2024 Board Nominations, from nominating committee, were announced, approved and closed. Each nominee will need to provide their person biography to the HCCA Gazette editor by end of July 2023.

International Club Relations continue to be strong and Russell spoke about the 2024 HCCA International Tour May 26 – June 1, Tweed Valley, NSW, Australia. The Spring 2024 National Tour to be announced soon. The April 2024 Tulare, California Swap meet is still in the development stage and will be announced soon. A National tour in Paso Robles, California is being organized to immediately follow the swap meet.

Open Communications-All

Several guests in attendance had difficulty hearing the HCCA board members. A sound system with microphones and speakers were recommended.

Motion for Adjournment-Mike Reid

Motion-Rusty Berg, Second-Andy Wallace, 4:23PM