

SMTPCA Board Meeting
May 9, 2026 - 10:00 AM -to- 12:20 PM
Harper Offices - 140 Hayfield Drive

Attendees:

Directors: John McDermott (chair), Tom Moreno, Tammy Kirby, Jack Gottlieb (via phone)

Others: Bob Baugh, Mark Demange, Phil Kirby, Kathy Moreno

Items:

1. John McDermott proposed revision to January Meeting minutes to reflect Kingswood Charity at \$2,400 instead of \$8,000. Motion accepted - minutes accepted with said revision.
2. Tom Moreno presented Q1 Financials including Spring Thing recap. Club subsidy for Spring Thing 2026 was budgeted at \$2,000 – actual subsidy is roughly \$1,700.
3. Autocross – May AX has only 3 registrants as of today. John will not be available for June 14th AX. Mark Hansen has volunteered to run the June AX. We still need to recruit someone to manage the timer function.
4. Proposed spending on updated AX timer, miscellaneous trailer and equipment upgrades. Approved spending not to exceed \$2,500 for said items. John McDermott to acquire equipment.
 - o Major items: new LED timing display, shelving for trailer, antenna extender
5. Spring Thing – Tammy Kirby confirms positive reviews on locations and amenities at the MeadowView Marriott resort. Will work on securing dates for next year – similar format. She requested a larger club subsidy for next year so we can arrange more group activities. Board agreed to consider \$3,000 - \$5,000 based on Spring Thing proposal later in year.
6. Membership – Mark Demange has updated the communications with new members to include a Welcome Letter (email) followed by an invitation to request name badges through Mark at club expense. Side discussion confirmed club provided new badges should be directed to new members only, not existing members or membership renewals. No other SWAG items offered – Mark to look into this further including items available through our SMTPCA website. One non-renewing member identified a lack of Tech Sessions as reason for non-renewal. Group discussion about prior tech session diminished attendance cited as main reason we haven't held any in recent history.
7. Jack Gottlieb provided an update on Drives. June and August drives are open and require leaders to come forward to plan these drives. Discussion about possibly switching September and October drives to accommodate potential Fall Fest in October with a Saturday drive and social held at Phil and Tammy Kirby's house and car collection. Gerry Plocharczyk is currently on record as leading the October drive – possibly to Blue Spring, GA. Bob Baugh has the July drive and may plan an overnight trip to Banner Elk – details TBD. Mark confirmed 29 cars registered for May 16th drive. Renewed discussion about pre-assigning registrants into groups to improve issues related to organizing groups at the drive site.
8. Kathy Moreno reported on calendar of upcoming Socials. 60 people are registered for the May social at Gavino's restaurant. The June social will be held at Cazzy's Corner Grill in Bearden. July social will be at Firebirds. September is open due to cancellation by EuroTech. Proposed using

this month for a potential New Member event. November is also open – we typically don't hold a social in November, so it is also open for a potential New Member event.

9. Sunday December 13th the date of the XMAS party to be held at Tellico Village Yacht Club restaurant. Kathy requested club support \$1,000 for a band for the event. Approved by vote.
10. Web Site: Recent breach to club web site appears not to have any immediate malicious actions. Matt Fischer will resign his position as our internal web master. Discussion included identifying a professional website hosting company to update and host our site. Other functions that Matt performs as a package of service to the club need to be identified and then reassigned as appropriate to others. John will take the lead in setting up a meeting with Matt Fischer for discussion
11. Board Positions: All positions but Secretary are up for election this November. We need to identify a recruiting committee lead and start the process of reaching out to potential nominees to establish a ballot. Target is August to establish a slate of candidates.
12. No other business presented – meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.