

## **Arizona Bus Club**

### **General Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2024**

Board members present: Rob deMar, John Manning, and Sue Rice

Absent: Joe Jacinto, Sandi Lampinen, Sue deMar, and James Jones

Our ABC Jamboree Slow Drag will be a tribute to Mark Peck.

Both 11" x 17" and 5" x 7" posters have been printed and are available to members to pass out and spread the word about our 33rd ABC Jamboree. John is going to frame one of the posters to raffle off. Members mentioned people had asked about buying a poster at last year's Jamboree. It was discussed to possibly sell them for \$2-\$3 at the registration table this year.

Sue created a page on the website for Downloadable Files, where anyone can download posters and documents for events.

John gave an update on the Raffle Bus. It's almost done! Last Saturday he worked on the electrical system and said it just takes hours to clean up and if anyone is willing to help, he will be working on it Thur., Fri. and Sat.

John also unveiled the Raffle Bus Work Crew T-shirt. Everyone that has worked at least four work parties will receive a t-shirt. We can wear them at the Buses, Bugs & Brews event, as well as at the Jamboree.

John told a story when he first joined the club in January 2018. He knew very little about his bus and through working with the raffle buses, he learned the skills needed to work on his own bus.

Rob invited anyone interested in helping with the raffle bus on future dates.

Sue talked to Nate and will be meeting with him to work on setting up pre-ticket sales for this year's Jamboree. She also created a Jamboree page on the website with a directory at the top. Once we have confirmed information on each directory topic, it will be linked to that directory.

We are planning a trip to the Playa Ponderosa on May 5th to get an idea of where things will be set up. Most of the board will be going along with Mike and Greg.

Mike asked about the posters that 4 Peaks prints for our May 4th event. We will ask Joe when he returns from Hawaii.

Jamboree – Big Chad will be one of the bands and James is checking with a band named, "90 Proof". Thursday night will be bongo/drum night.

Raffle Prizes – We need help getting prizes for our raffle. Rob mentioned asking Brad and Shannon for help with this, as they did an outstanding job with heading this group last year. Rob asked about the drawstring bags last year with Arizona Bus Club printed on them.

It was discussed that part of this year's charity donation would go to the Volunteer Forest Rangers in Flagstaff and we can start building a relationship with them for future Jamborees.

We are looking to borrow a side-by-side (or two) to use at the Jamboree. If anyone knows of one we could use, please let us know.

Rob has a trailer to use for trash pickup. Discussed trash options such as SRP and/or APS for boxes, as well as a large trash dumpster. We will check with June Jam and Walter's Desert Hearts Festival to see what trash organizations they use.

Trophies are made for our May 4<sup>th</sup> event.

We will be contacting Retro Nights regarding signage for roads leading to the event and at the event.

John talked about members who expressed an interest in attending classes to learn different parts of the bus, including engine, electrical, suspension, etc. We could start with a type four engine. Jeff has a type four engine that he is willing to donate to the club. This engine could be used on a future raffle bus.

Discussion on how to get more members involved in the Club. Sue mentioned we could put a form on the website asking members what things they would like to learn about their bus. We could choose the most asked question to create a class.

Memberships - Sue was out of town several weeks, but will be contacting members who have expired over the past two months. We have 105 current members as of today. She will work on contacting all the expired members to see if they are still interested in being a part of the club. There are several members who their memberships expired years ago and she will contact them to see if they want to be removed from our database.

Security for the Jamboree. We have purchased five vests for our security crew and will be purchasing a few more. James is leading the security crew.

Sue read a few emails we received from people/members asking questions.

We will ask Joe for a list of vendors from last year's Jamboree. Discussed having a fee or asking for a donation for our raffle from vendors this year. Will be discussed further at next board meeting. We will have plenty of room for a vendor village at the Playa.

Mike asked about renewing the trademarks for the ABC logos. Sue was waiting for the other board members to return to ask about that. Needs to be done soon.

Mike mentioned that Natalie would help with setting up a nonprofit account with McCreary's Tees. We also need to look into setting up nonprofit accounts for other things the club can use.

A thank you to Sue Rice for updating the website. Sue needs pictures of members and their buses, even their dogs!

A big shout out to Nadalie Aldrete for creating the posters and the Raffle Bus T-shirt! She's done a great job! She is also working on the t-shirt for the Jamboree.

John talked about the artist (member of the club) who is painting the cabinet doors of the raffle bus. He's seen the concept piece and the work in progress. It-Is-Awesome!

The Raffle Bus is coming along nicely. It's a beautiful bus! Need to get new magnets for side of bus.

Wayne gave information about the Desert Dubs event at Kiwanas Park this Saturday from 9-2pm. They already have 275 pre-registered V-Dubs that will be on the grass.

Sue asked for anyone who knows of events coming up to please email her at [membership@arizonabusclub.net](mailto:membership@arizonabusclub.net) with information to add to our calendar of events.

The Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary tour is Saturday, April 27th. Mark Peck was very involved in putting this event together. His wife will be joining us at the luncheon after the tour. Rob talked about how much he enjoyed the tour. Russell needs a head count for both the tour and the lunch by April 20th. We are making a donation to the Sanctuary from the proceeds from the Buses, Bugs & Brews event.

Meeting was adjourned.