

Museum of Vanning and Hall of Fame, Inc.
Executive Committee Minutes
June 12, 2025

The Executive Committee of the Museum of Vanning and Hall of Fame, Inc. held a teleconferencing meeting on June 12, 2025. In attendance were Board Members Joe Madonia, President; Bonnie Madonia, Secretary; and Lynn Harmonson, Treasurer; also, Officers of the Corporation Larry Gibson, Financial Coordinator; Susie Martin, Member Coordinator; Bob Bulinda, Senior Advisor; Howard Furtak, Advisor; and Eric Walker, Advisor.

Joe Madonia called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM EDT.

Larry made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2025. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

Joe discussed the Hall of Fame going too fast.

- Larry suggested we rethink the whole thing. Maybe get a blue-ribbon panel together to discuss and decide who should be nominated for the vote. We must include other people in order to achieve our ultimate goal. Many vanners now are not old enough to know who the old vanners were or the old vans.
 - Susie agreed, saying she was one of those not involved in vanning until the late 1980's.
 - It was agreed that this has the potential to increase the membership of the museum.
 - Howard agreed as well with Larry's suggestion that the outside committee would be helpful.
 - Susie said that the final vote must come from the membership. Everyone agreed.
 - Joe said that the nominations have been very regional and need to be broadened. Plus, we need to have bios for all the nominates so people will know a bit more about who and what they are voting for.
 - Larry is going to see how the Hall of Fame will fit on the Website.
 - We will announce the final winner at the annual Christmas event. Susie will put together a list of all the final nominees and send to the executive committee.

Joe told us the storage container has been installed.

- Scotty has wired in the electricity and lights.
- Joe has installed ten racks.
- The roof has been coated with waterproofing and is ready to paint.
- The floor has been covered with vinyl flooring.
- The side door needs a ramp to allow getting the lawn mower in and out, as well as facilitating other rolling carts.

- It's all ready to go now on the inside.
- Joe still needs to get totes. Home Depot has them for ten dollars each for twenty-seven gallons, which is what the shelves are built to hold. Each unit will hold ten totes. These can be labeled and make everything easily accessible.

Larry discussed how the website isn't living up to its revenue generating potential. If we could list more items in the online gift shop it would certainly bring in more revenue. The problem is that we don't have the volunteer staffing to do what it takes to list surplus items for sale. Also, we need to drive more people to the website and maybe use the Adopt-A-Van program to do that as well as encouraging people to pay membership online using all the different ways to pay.

Joe discussed the Lifetime membership and how unsatisfied he is with getting a badge for the Five Hundred Dollars they pay.

- Lynn thinks the badge is a good idea.
- Howard suggested maybe giving a certificate as well. They could hang it on the wall of the van or at their house.

Susie discussed how successful the raffle was for the museum. It seemed to be well received by everyone.

- Larry suggested that we wait a year then do it again.
- Larry reminded everyone that there was to be a museum presentation in the bar building at the 52nd Nationals. Joe will follow Larry's presentation with a museum update and then we will be doing the raffle drawing. JJ Lightning is going to record both presentations so that they can be added to the website.

New Business

Joe asked if there was any other new business.

The next Executive Committee meeting was not yet set.

Larry made a motion that the meeting adjourn; Joe seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM EST.