**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – September 20, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Ras Desai, accompanied by Charlie Blank, led the Club in *America the Beautiful.*  Jim Hayes offered the invocation.

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Minutes**: Minutes of the September 13, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**Guests:** Dan Sutter introduced his son Edward; Ras Desai introduced Max Kapadia; John Skubick introduced Kirk Neumann; and Frank Bagnasco introduced Al Beke.

**Life Member Recognition:** President McGee announced that both John Mahoney and Bob Smith have achieved Life Member status.

**New Member Election:** Rich Schreck sponsored Art Daschke, former GM computer analytics specialist. His nomination was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.

**Visitation and Health:** “Dr. B” reported on the health of both Chuck Travers and Mahesh Bhatt.

**Classic Movie:** Fred Hansz reported that Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine, will be presented on September 23 at 1 PM at TCH.

**Investment:** George Miller reported that the Stock Game will begin on October 11 and the Investment Committee will meet on October 9 at 2:45 PM at TCH.

**Special Events:** Mike Clement reported as follows: an Oakland County Color Tour is set for October 15; the Zonjic Concert is set for November 7; and the Schoolcraft College dinner is set for November 14.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker is Scott McCormack, CEO, The Connected Car Consortium. Next week’s speaker is Richard Marsh, President, Winston Churchill Society.
* The November Reminder deadline is October 11.
* The Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30 AM.

President McGee reported that today is “National Pepperoni Pizza Day,” by far the most popular serving. Italian-Americans developed the topping through time-honored sausage making techniques by smoking and curing seasoned pork and beef sausage.

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:05 AM.

**PROGRAM:** Scott McCormack, CEO, The Connected Car Consortium, presented a PowerPoint discussing autonomous/connected vehicles. When they are fully in use, he estimated traffic deaths will decline by 90%. He predicted that by 2040 nearly all cars sold will be automated. Vehicle sales will likely decline as ride or car sharing will replace personal ownership and become the new business model for the industry. Among the challenges he pointed out include the following: only 20% of Michigan roads can currently carry automated vehicles; there are not nearly enough electric charging stations available; and regulatory guidelines have yet to be developed.

**ATTENDANCE:** 152.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary