

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

January 11, 2017

Box Bar 777 W Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth MI 48170

### Attendees:

Scott Harvey Jr., John Fishbeck, Sue Wiedbusch, Ken Wiedbusch, Jeremiah Mauricio, Matt Wolfe, Jon Jareo, Mike McClintock, Jennifer Merideth, Ed Arthur, Diane Arthur, Eric Penn, Jerry Shiloff, Steve Balanecki, Pat Barber, Ido Waksman, Mike Nienhuis, Jennifer Glass, Frank Putman, Greg Anthony, John Kytasty.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jennifer Merideth, RD

Agenda:

1. **December meeting minute approval.** Note enough responses for online approval, approved by vote.
2. **Current Business and Online Business**
  - a. Update to Convention Reimbursement Policy
    - i. Jennifer Merideth provided paper and email copies of the new and old policies and would like the board to proof-read by Friday, Jan 13 so the new policies can be published.
  - b. Perpetual Awards – finalize
    - i. Pat Barber will get the list of Perpetual award winners to Mike Nienhuis. Ido Waksman will help get engraving done.
    - ii. The Perpetual Trophies are currently in Marcus Merideth's shop. Pat Barber to retrieve one trophy from Calvin Stewart.
    - iii. Jeremiah Mauricio-Solo enthusiast going to a family. It was decided that each member of the family will get a keeper trophy.
    - iv. Year-end trophies for each specialty have been ordered by the respective directors.
3. **Reports**
  - a. Race
    - i. Jerry Shiloff reported we had a very successful year. He noted that for 2017, our majors race event (July 8 & 9) is not part of the Hoosier Trail. Although this might decrease attendance, it will also decrease our expenses, so he expects that this event will continue to be very successful.
    - ii. We were invited back to help run the Empire Hill Climb (9/16/17). The course will be longer—part of timing will be wireless.
    - iii. A chairman is needed for our May race. Pat Barber is considering.
    - iv. Contract for Grand Prix has been sent to Jen Merideth, who wanted some clarification on insurance to be sure workers are covered properly. With clarification from Jerry, Jen signed the contract.
    - v. Blackie says this will be his last year as a chief for the Grand Prix, so a successor must be chosen.
    - vi. Jerry would like to find a new Race Director for 2018
  - b. Rallycross
    - i. Jon Jareo noted that during the 2016 season, we had 200 individual entrants, but only 38 of those attended enough events to be eligible for year-end trophies. He is considering ideas for how to keep new participants coming back. Paradoxically, the success of the program may be keeping new people away because events sell out quickly, especially in the winter. However, it was noted that at the last event, all 12 people on the waitlist were able to run and there was even room for 2 walk-ups.
    - ii. The Thayer 2-wheel challenge was a very tight competition this year.
    - iii. Efforts are underway to acquire a new site in Quincy MI
    - iv. The January RX was very successful, in spite of the cold. It was a long course, using the track and the field. The decision was made to keep the course the

same in the afternoon. That way they were able to finish 8 runs per competitor by 5pm.

**c. Solo**

- i. Jeremiah has a preliminary schedule, but is still nailing it down. He is trying to avoid dates with national events scheduled.
- ii. The solo planning meeting is not yet scheduled-Jeremiah is waiting for the last details of the schedule to be finalized.
- iii. Pro-Solo (Aug). Oscoda. Jen M. suggested a test-n-tune for the workers on Monday to help keep people around to staff the last day of the Pro Solo.
- iv. Marcus is working on Willow Run as a new solo site.
- v. Ido inquired about hosting an EVO school this year. Schoolcraft might work, but not on a weekday.

**d. Rally**

- i. The first event of the season is scheduled for January 14. At the time of the meeting, there were 24 teams entered. Scott is hoping for snow on Saturday.
- ii. The rally school will be held March 18, headquartered at Captain Joe's in Whitmore Lake.
- iii. Twilight Tour is scheduled for 4/22

**e. Asst. RE**

- i. Banquet planning is underway. A new venue (Italian American) had to be found when One Under rented our room to another group.
- ii. Mike is requesting Specialty Directors to get him lists of event chairs asap so he can order awards.
- iii. Jerry advised that Thayer Automotive will send 2 people to the event. Jerry also has banners that should be displayed at the banquet.
- iv. Jen G to email last year's program to Mike.

**f. RE.**

- i. Charter Renewal. Jen M needs info regarding "Certificate of good standing" from Pat and Aaron to complete. Jen G. to supply the 2015 tax filing. Steve B to supply the form with 2017 Board of Directors information

**g. Treasurer**

- i. 2016 was a good year. We ended with \$163,627.77 in the bank, up \$9,388.85 from the end of 2015. Our activities resulted in \$23,773.77 surplus and we spent \$14,384.92 on equipment. The club has \$141,618.94 in equipment.

**h. Membership report**

- i. We have 1388 members, down from 1435 a month ago. There were 6 new members, so 53 members did not renew or changed regions. Steve reported that 24 of the expired memberships were from Street Survival programs in 2014-2015.
- ii. 8 service awards were mailed in December

**i. Equipment**

- i. Some pylons perished in the bitterly cold RX event. Ken states there are 280 pylons in the RX trailer, so RX will need more pylons.
- ii. There are 100 new pylons in the storage trailer. Ken and Mike will confer to see if we need to order more pylons. We use more at FSAE lately because of venue and program changes.

**j. Open Exhaust**

- i. A OE edition was published late December. Thank-you Brian!
- ii. John Kytasty noted that he did not receive one through email. Most likely his company firewall stopped it. This probably happens to other members too.

**k. Street Survival®**

- i. No concrete plans yet, but likely will continue with Aisin to hold one in Fowlerville.
- ii. Schoolcraft could be a good location for another SS event.

**l. Website**

- i. Jen M wants to proceed as quickly as possible with the new site.
- ii. The new site is mostly ready, but some files need to be moved, such as blank forms for budgets, etc..
- iii. Pat is crafting a letter to S. Couture, but it was suggested that a phone call before the letter would be best.
- iv. We will pay through March to keep the current site working while we transition.

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- v. We want to retain the domain name.
- vi. Feb 15 was suggested as the date we start using the new forums and lock the old forums.

## 4. Calendar Review

- a. In spite of the winter season, the next three months are busy, with RallyCross events, Rally events, Banquet, National Convention.

## 5. New Business

- a. Event and Annual Budgets
  - i. Secretary-Motion to approve (MTA) -Jerry Shiloff, Jon Jareo 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - ii. Open Exhaust – MTA Mike Nienhuis, Jen Merideth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - iii. RE – MTA Jen Glass, Ido Waksman 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - iv. Member at Large, Frank Putman – MTA Jen Glass, Jen Merideth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - v. Registrar – MTA Scott Harvey, John Fishbeck 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - vi. Race – MTA Mike Nienhuis, Jen Merideth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - vii. Treasurer – MTA Jerry Shiloff, Jon Jareo 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - viii. Rally – MTA Jerry Shiloff, Scott Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - ix. Equipment – MTA Scott Harvey, Mike Nienhuis 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - x. Solo – MTA Jon Jareo, Mike Nienhuis 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously
  - xi. RallyCross – MTA Jen Merideth, Matt Wolfe 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously. The budget includes inexpensive balaclavas to be used with loaner helmets to keep them more sanitary. The cost decreases the more you buy, so Jon will order a bunch and split the cost with solo. Solo and RX should also consider ordering loaner helmets at the same time to get the best price.
  - xii. Rally School – MTA Scott Harvey, Jen Merideth 2<sup>nd</sup>. To be held March 18, headquartered at Captain Joe's, Whitmore Lake.

## 6. AOB

- a. Jerry Shiloff noted that Weekend Membership fees to the national office have increased to \$10. We still charge \$15, but send \$10 to national. It appears that the national office will continue to not charge fees for Rally.
- b. It was also noted that sanction and insurance fees have changed for each specialty
- c. Mike McClintock reported on some potential changes for FSAE. They want to use their timing equipment. There is also discussion of overlapping the autocross, skid pad, and acceleration events during the day. There are advantages and disadvantages to this, but one issue is whether we have enough experience volunteers to staff everything. More details will be known after the late January meeting.

## 7. February 2017 Meeting Date and Location

- a. February 8, Box Bar if available

## 8. Adjourn

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm