



Detroit Region SCCA – BOD Meeting Minutes

March 12th, 2025 6:30PM – 8:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Zoom

Present:

1. Alex Delle Torre (Regional Exec)
2. Mike Rodriguez (Assistant Regional Exec)
3. Matt Conklin (Treasurer)
4. Nathan Crosty (Financial Director)
5. Ed Arthur (Member at Large)
6. Eric Penn (Member at Large)
7. Ken Wiedbusch (Member at Large)
8. Jay Pistana (Road Racing Director)
9. Greg Valade (Solo Director)
10. Matt Wolfe (Rallycross Director)

Sonja Marie (Membership), Michael Schmidt (SIM League), Pat Barber (DGP)

Not Attending

Brian Lamparski (Member at Large)
Gary Godula (Secretary)
Piotr Roszczenko (Road Rally Director)

Meeting called to order 6:34pm. The meeting began with 10 voting members in attendance, with 9 voting members constituting a quorum.

1. Report Current Business and Online Business

- Previous month's minutes review/approval. Jay Motioned to Approve, Greg 2nd the Motion. February minutes approved.

2. Reports

- Treasurer Report (Matt C)
 - Reviewed Profit/Loss Statement for Jan./Feb.2025 resulting in Net Loss due to the Banquet, which was expected. Outstanding bills remain.
 - The 1st 2 Rallycross events resulted in a loss. Per Matt W., the 1st event turned into a Test & Tune due to low turnout. The 2nd event was low turnout as well. Working on improving turnout for the next event, the Milan Tarmac RallyX.



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- Money Market Account: We are earning less interest on our accounts now compared to last year. This is because rates are dropping. Matt may discuss other options with Alex & Nathan for better rates.
- Financial Director (Nathan)
 - Nathan is reviewing debits & credits, t-charts, checking MSR entries.
 - Nathan plans to attend the Drivers School in April, hopefully in his car.
- Membership (Sonja M.)
 - Feb. meeting we had 1485 members. Since then we have had 18 new members, 12 memberships expired and 1 member came back. We are currently at 1492 members. We sent 29 service awards for March.
 - Sonja desires to step down from membership director. Need candidates.
- Website (Alex reported for Nick R.)
 - The new website launched successfully. Please review and notify Alex & Nick of any issues or updates needed.
 - Please review other regions websites for ideas. Reach out to them for help or ideas in growing your area.
- Equipment – Individual Reports per Area:
 - Matt W.: Nothing new.
 - Greg: He and Gary took the Fun Mover to General RV today. They will fix the awning & some other little things. It should be back in 2 weeks.
 - Ed: FSAE-He is trying to see how logistics will work. He will do a cone count soon.
 - Ken: He has a budget for approval. He presented his equipment budget noting the storage of the Fun Mover should be under Solo now. Matt C. motioned to approve, Matt W. 2nd the motion. The budget passed.
- Street Survival (Eric)
 - Eric will be ordering supplies through Street Survival directly, not through the SCCA like in the past.
 - National Office have updated the TRSS organizer handbook to remove references to the BMW car club.
- Detroit Grand Prix (Pat)
 - May 30-Jun.1.
 - He presented his budget for approval. Matt C. motioned to approve, Mike 2nd the motion. The budget passed.
 - Volunteer registration will open soon on MSR. There is a concern that the Canadian volunteers, which account for a majority of fire fighter volunteers, may not come because of the political climate. There is an



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effort to make sure there were no Major events scheduled for this weekend as well so that F&C volunteer count would not be down.

- Coverage of DGP will be on Fox, lived-streamed qualifying and racing. Race Sunday will be Noon-3pm. Coverage ends at 3pm so they will be done early on Sunday from previous years.
- We only have 1yr. left with City of Detroit for DGP (2025), working on a 2yr extension (2026-27). The Ren. Cen. Should not be torn down before 2027. I-375 construction will happen before 2027, which should change access to the center of the track.
- Empire Hill Climb (Matt W.)
 - Tentative date of Sept. 13th.
- FSAE (Ed)
 - He is behind on the budget. He will email it for approval.
- Marketing (Mike)
 - Nothing new to report. Need to work on the new website.
 - Alex noted that we will need newsletter access on the website.
- MTM/F&C (Ed)
 - He will cover during Spring Training discussion.
- I-Racing/SIM (Mike S.)
 - This is the final week of the current season. Pro/Am, 35 cars each night.
 - There will be 2weeks off before the next season starts. The next season will be held on Tuesdays only and they will alternate cars each week. He is expecting a 50% loss in participants with the next season.
 - Super Lap Awards will be held 3/22/25 7-9pm & is a free event. Super Lap pays for broadcasting of the season and season end awards.
- Road Racing (Jay)
 - He completed the Sups for the May race. The sanction# is issued & insurance obtained. He needs to workout play for time trials.
 - The trophies from the banquet, for recipients that could not attend, are being distributed.
 - He is still working on bracket racing sanction and pre-test for the school
 - He attended Spring Training and is now licensed as a Steward.
 - Per Alex: WHRRI School this year will be held April 25 (classroom), April 26 & 27 (on-track). F&C School will be held the same weekend. See MSR to register. May 24-25 is the SCCA regional race @ WHRRI. Sat May 24, will be a party & social event date too. Come & enjoy!
- Rallycross (Matt W.)
 - He opened the March event @ Milan on MSR and already has 23 entries.



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- He is hitting marketing hard to bring his area back into the black. Site rental costs have been up. He just needs more people to attend. He has been talking to NW Ohio & Saginaw Valley to come and play and to collaborate on events. He needs 70-75 cars per event, not the 60 he has been budgeting for.
 - He has reached out to sponsors to pay their outstanding funds from 2025. He is also securing 2026 sponsorships.
- Road Rally (Piotr-not in attendance/ Alex reported)
 - Piotr sent report out in email. Alex reviewed with everyone. Next event is Road Rally School on 4/12/25. Alex asked Matt W. to cross-promote the event.
- Solo (Greg)
 - Schoolcraft should have the remainder of the available schedule posted next month. The first ½ of the season is currently published.
 - Current 2025 sponsorship: La Fontaine @ \$2500 (will pay soon) and Roush @ \$2500.
 - March 15: State of the Union @ the Roush Collection from 10-noon. They will get a tour and host the yearly meeting to assign event chairs for this year's events.
 - March 22: FunMover Cleanout, perform a clean out of the Fun Mover, inventory and verify equipment function.
 - He attended Spring Training. There were some changes for licensing of course designers & safety stewards.
 - Test & Tune in Owosso on 4/13/25 budget presented for approval. Matt W. motioned to approve, Mike R. seconds the motion, budget passes.
- Assistant RE (Mike)
 - Nothing new to report. He is still learning the role.
- Regional Executive (Alex)
 - He needs help with the newsletter. Open Exhaust was the Asst. RE's responsibility. If Mike can help out, that would be great. He asked for help from everyone.
 - Merchandizing: Alex asked if anyone met Amy Powers at the banquet. She knows automotive marketing and will hopefully have some merchandise for us to sell in 2025.
 - Banquet Recap: Alex asked for feedback. It seems a good time was had regardless of the shortage of food. Greg, Eric & Mike gave a thumbs up but said the food shortage was ridiculous. Jay asked why there was a food shortage when we were short people because of illnesses? Alex



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responded saying we provided a head-count of 125. But shortly after the food was being served, Mary & Tammy (registrars) said we were at 80% of registered people and we were out of food. So the banquet hall did not make enough for the count provided and tried to blame us. Pat Barber recommended that we use Sinbad's for next year's banquet. Alex asked Mike R. to book it now. Pat will send Mike the contact details.

- Alex asked if anyone went to the Auto Rama. Mike R. Eric, Ed, Gary, and Alex attended. Alex asked if anyone wanted to chair a booth for next year, but no one was interested.
- Spring Training: Alex asked everyone in attendance to send him an email with 3 bullets on what they learned @ the event so we can adhere to our guidelines and they can receive reimbursement. Ed said he had a conversation with Langley King, a social media coordinator and was impressed. Eric was made aware of online training and is now licensed. Jay met regional & national stewards and got 1 to sign up for the May WHRRI event.

3. Current Business

- Alex: DRSCCA Annual Meeting will be held March 27, 2025. In the past, we hosted it online and it lasted 1hr. 95% of the participants were the board members. Jay recommended that the 2026 meeting be reduced to 30 minutes and Mike R. recommended we hold it from 7-7:30pm. Both items were approved by everyone.
- Alex asked everyone to update last year's presentation and email it to Alex and Mike R. by Monday 3/17/25. Alex will email the invite for the annual meeting.

4. New Business

- None discussed

Next meeting April 9th – Zoom.

Adjourn 8:30pm

Budgets Approved in Meeting:

Director: Equipment Director Annual Budget

Road Racing: Detroit Grand Prix DRSCCA Event Support Budget

Solo: Owosso Test and Tune April 13th



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Budgets Approved Online February 15th to March 12th
None.