

# Detroit Region SCCA



August 9, 2023  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Location: Zoom

## **Present:**

1. Alex DellaTorre x
2. Cindy Wisner x
3. Greg Valade x
4. Matt Conklin x
5. Eric Penn x
6. Matt Wolfe late x
7. Cade Wilson x
8. Nick Aranda x
9. Gary Godula x
10. Ed Arthur x
11. Piotr Roszczenko x

## **Also Attending:**

Sonja Marie (Membership)  
Ken Wiedbusch (Equipment)  
Russell Soto

## **Not Attending:**

12. Andie Wolfe
13. Ankit Mathur

The Monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. The meeting began with ten (10) voting members in attendance – with 9 voting members constituting a quorum.

## **1. Current Business and Online Business**

- Alex introduced Russell Soto who is a member of the Northern New Jersey region and is joining us as a guest. Russ shared information about himself – racing since 8 years old. Moved to Detroit as auto engineer.
- Previous month's minutes for July Board meeting review/approval Motion by Gary and second by Matt C.  
Motion approved

- Treasurer/Finance Monthly Report / Investment  
Treasurer's report was presented by Matt C. Matt C. shared info about himself. He is Region treasurer. Matt shared profit/loss and year to date. Matt shared pick up of revenue from RallyCross events and \$\$ from members' dues. Costs come in slower than revenue so costs will catch up to the revenue. Matt reimbursed expenses in August. Matt explained professional services, fire extinguisher certification, vehicle repairs and tax prep. Matt is moving money from fifth third back to Comerica. We are bringing in 5-600 per month from our investments.  
Ankit had a conflict and will try to join late.

## 2. Reports

Alex reminded participants that everyone needs to be thinking what do you want to do – what will you be doing in 4-5 months.

- F & C: Shout out to MI Turn Marshals for the notices about the events and continued attention to growth. MI Turn Marshals is sharing training videos and SCCA has set up training prior to
  - Membership report (Sonja) We currently have 1471 members. We have 28 new, 34 expired. Alex has rolled out social program to our members and to prospective members.
  - \*Website – Alex would like help with the website. Eric needs updates that Alex will do. Alex would like Russ to consider helping with the website. Question about the forum on the website from John Fishbeck. Cade shared information about the website and forum  
Question about how do members prefer to communicate  
Discussion of engagement and timing of posts  
Q about keeping forum up? If so, why? Now using Facebook  
Forum has not been updated and Facebook has an email notice feature Alex suggests driving traffic to Facebook pages  
Discussion of WHRRI website conversations Discussion that forum is not needed – have gotten away from the forum. Alex will come up with an update
  - Marketing/ Social Media Discussion (Facebook) Cade introduced himself – 25 years of racing – involved when a naval officer with NASA and with GM and now racing with SCCA. He is working on a survey to send out for feedback about marketing after receipt of surveys  
Cade will look to leverage commonalities and formulate a plan
  - Equipment Ken/Gary/Ankit Ken has been with SCCA 20-21 years in last stint. He supported a number of teams. In 2002 Ken and Dennis went out to run a Rally. In 2012 national champions in L class. Ken inherited equipment – storage locker in Wixom, storage at farm in S Lyon There are two motorhomes – one for autocross and one for major events and rallycross. Equipment referred to only once in Bylaws Ken learned license plates expired end of June. Matt C

Forwarded certificates of insurance and SOS will not accept PO box.

He changed addresses to Ken's address. Historically the treasurer would get the notices. Four fire extinguishers need to be updated – will handle next April. Three major events – FSAE, Grand Prix and Empire Hill Climb are all different. Ken needs to submit expenses and will eventually get paid.

- **AutoCross/Solo (Greg and Gary)**
  - Greg – new job as solo director: 12 years autocrossing and on board 3-4 years
  - August 19 - Planning test and tune event budget – Greg shared – he will be driving at test and tune – tag to the budget opened up the wait list – was at 62. will let Corvette club copy the course for the next day
  - Gary – 2 budgets to look at and one for tagging to the minutes  
Final two events- budgets on the screen  
Sept 24 #3 day after Street Survival 160 cars about 2270 surplus  
Council is council of sports car clubs that put on autocross events  
Motion by Eric second by Ed A Motion passed  
2<sup>nd</sup> budget #4 Oct 15 season ender 160 cars and cap at 180  
corrected 2270 is the estimated surplus  
Motion by Eric and second by Matt C Motion passed
- **\*Race (Nick)**
  - In California
  - Wrap up on Gingerman Bert Majors (July 15-16) – Have not received budget report yet from South Bend
  - Nick has prospects for race director for next year
- **Road Rally (Piotr)**
  - POR September 8/9 Gaylord MI -- Piotr took over director's role – 5<sup>th</sup> year work by chairmen of events and rallymasters. most important role is to get budgets approved – oldest rally in the state  
75<sup>th</sup> running registration is open this year two separate rallies  
Last year was one event - two day rally National competitors can earn more points  
Budget was approved last year - Piotr is only changing the budget by adding pins Discussion of insurance and sanctions  
The line of \$4.50 will go away – may not go away with national rally  
Now called event fee by national – next year budget will be different  
Motion to approve adding the pins to the budget by Cindy  
Second by Gary Motion passed  
Two more rallies on the schedule registrations not open yet – One in October and one in November
- **Rallycross (Matt W.)**

- Matt W joined
- Event this weekend at Auto City at 70 car cap  
Budget submitted for this event for this evening  
same budget as July - take advantage of long daylight hours and  
number of runs Matt motioned to approve and Gary second Motion  
passed upcoming 1 event in October 2 day in November and  
season ender in December

### Special Event Updates

- Street Survival® - Eric described the Fowlerville event He is recruiting volunteers. The program has changed sponsors- FCP euro and Liqui Moly Sponsor funds pay for sanctions and a little bit of surplus
- \*Empire Hill Climb Sep 16\* Alex is in for the 2023 Empire Hill Climb Discussion of the event and sellout in 3 minutes perhaps we should try to do more events Matt W has ideas and considering feasibility
- **Assistant RE (Andi)** Andi has moved back to Kansas and will be difficult to participate next year
- **RE (Alex)**
  - 2024 Position Planning and critical openings (cross-training, succession planning, knowledge transfer) Discussion of RE role and asst RE role and need for transition
    - Positions in 2024 – a few critical positions are open
    - Assistant RE is open -- consider to be training and next in line for RE
    - Alex is open to train an ER for 2024
    - Would like direction by Sept in person board meeting
    - Road racing – Alex will reach out
    - Let Alex know if need to recruit for position
    - Eric suggested persons attending weekly solo meetings
    - Discussion about joining a meeting and seeing what the meetings are like
  - Social Events Report Outs: Going well Lots are upcoming
    - Be friendly and reach out - bring them into the circle
    - Next Friday Woodward cruise WHRRI and SCCA plus MMRA invited us too will be a racing extravaganza
    - Use to promote motor sports and DRSCCA OTD that weekend Stop by and wear an SCCA shirt
    - Will be Facebook post and more show up around noon
    - Ed will get with Ron and talk about having folks attend

- **Upcoming events:**
  - Summer Fun Rallycross (August 12)
  - Autocross Test Day (August 19)
  - Street Survival Fowlerville (September 23)
  - SBR/DET Regional (September 23-24) new time – supps approved and schedule sent out
  - Fall Into Autumn Autocross (September 24)

### 3. New Business

- 2024 Terms
- Call for volunteers/Directors look at who is at the events and who can be further involved
- **Next Meeting Date September 13 –at Waterford Hills in person**
- Ed reminded the board he wants to share the FSAE final budget performance shared by Ed Arthur
  - Did better on worker points and fuel and did not have to buy head sets
  - Could still be expense for ice
  - Not as many gas cards as budgeted
- Discussion of worker points Motion by Gary and second by Eric to approve an exception to the FSAE policy and award worker points for tech SCCA for Thursday, Friday and Saturday tech Motion passed

### 4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm