

Board of Directors Meeting

Patrick Barber's Residence, 5000 Bemis Heights, Brighton, MI 48114

Pre-Meeting 5:00 pm

• Dinner and review of Historical Detroit Region Archive Documents.

Attendees: Pat Barber, Tamara Barber, John Lisiecki, Frank Putman, Jon Jareo, Jerry Shiloff, Jennifer Merideth, Eric Penn, Nathan Usher, John Fishbeck, John Li, Aaron Usher, Mike Nienhuis, Jennifer Glass, Steve Balanecki, Jason Franklin

Minutes:

Executive Session - 2016 Board Members - 6:55 pm

Board Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

- Pat B. reported that the officers and appointed directors for 2016, selected in the Executive Session, are as follows:
 - Regional Executive Pat Barber
 - o Assistant Regional Executive Mike Nienhuis
 - Treasurer Jennifer Glass
 - Secretary Brian Thorpe
 - Financial Director Aaron Usher
 - Race Director Jerry Shiloff
 - o Rally Director John Fishbeck
 - o Rallycross Director Jon Jareo
 - Solo Director Jeremiah Mauricio

Pat informed us that Ken Wiedbusch has agreed to be the Chief of Equipment . Steve B. was asked if he would continue as Chief of Membership and he agreed.

- The authorized signers on region checks will be the RE, Treasurer, Secretary, and Financial Director
- A discussion ensued about filling the other appointed positions. John Lisiecki inquired if Ed Arthur had
 agreed to continue as the Chief of F&C. Jerry S. advised us that Rhonda Knapp has stepped down as
 the Division Administrator (DA) for F&C and Dan Hodge has announced that Doug Mitchell will replace
 her with Ed Arthur as the Assistant DA. Pat B. will follow up with Ed to determine if he can and will
 continue as the region's Chief of F&C.
- 1. November meeting minute approval Steve B. reported that they had not been approved on line as of 3:44 pm. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.
- 2. Current Business and Online Business
 - a. Nothing to report
- 3. Reports
 - a. Asst. RE Jennifer G.
 - i. Award's Banquet Update Jennifer is working on the banquet and plans to mail postcard invitations to all members.
 - 1. She needs assistance in opening registration on MotorsportReg.com and Pat B. referred her to Jeremiah Mauricio.
 - 2. Frank P. informed us that the event calendar on our website has not been updated with information about the banquet. She will contact Mike Burns to update the calendar.



- 3. Jennifer would like assistance with supplying door prizes and Mike N. volunteered to contact Ford for items. Jennifer M. informed us that providing a free annual membership at last year's banquet appeared to be well received.
- 4. Steve B. agreed to be the emcee
- 5. Jennifer M. has the perpetual trophies and will provide the plates to Pat B. to have them engraved.
- 6. Pat B. suggested that Jennifer G. contact Matt Wolfe to post the information on Facebook and Mike Burns to post on the front page of the website.
- b. Race Jerry S. reported that the 2016 event schedule has the dates for all the race, rally, rallycross, Waterford Hills races and OTDs. The events at Waterford have been approved by their board. Jerry will send the schedule to the new board members.
 - i. Empire Hill Climb Jerry S. reported that the Empire Chamber of Commerce (ECC) has requested our assistance to have SCCA sanction and insure the event as a cost savings measure. All finances will be handled through the ECC so there will be no region monies involved with the event. Registration will be handled through MSR and event communications will be handled via Ham radio and CERT (long range radio transmission) with CERT operators using this as a test to determine their ability to handle transmissions in the event of any emergency. As the date of the event conflicts with the National Runoffs, WMR personnel will not be assisting us with providing the support and technical assistance. The length of the course will be 0.8 mile and have approximately 30 cars. Jerry will be the chief steward. Jennifer M. suggested that a budget should still be submitted even though no region monies are involved. Jerry indicated that we could supply worker points to our members who assist with the event, charging the expense to the ECC.
 - ii. FSAE John Lisiecki informed us that the site visit at MIS scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving was postponed due to snow and has been rescheduled for this Sunday. He indicated that Mike McClintock is planning to tour the site with Laura Wontrop and we should have an update at the next meeting. He informed us that he, Mike McClintock and Mike Nienhuis will be the co-chairs for the 2016 event.
- c. Rally Aaron U. provided the final budget for the Pavement Ends rally, which almost broke even. He stated that it would have shown a slight profit, but incurred the cost of shipping the trophies rather than delivered to the event by David Stone as he was unable to attend the event. He informed us that there were 9 teams preregistered and had 3 walk ups, resulting in the lowest turnout for this event. He wasn't sure if this was due to the timing or the weather conditions.
 - i. John F. informed us that the Son of Sno* Drift rally is scheduled for January 6, 2016, with headquarters at Captain Joe's in Whitmore Lake.
- d. Rallycross Nathan U. informed us that the event this past Saturday at Thistle Hill was a full event with 19 members on the wait list. He reported that there was an issue with a neighbor who bumped into Burke Davis with her vehicle. Jennifer G. informed us that she is considering whether a police report should be made due to this incident as well as notifying our insurance carrier. Jerry S. informed us that an incident report would need to be filed if a police report and notice to our insurance carrier are issued.
- e. Solo Jeremiah Mauricio was absent due to illness. Eric P. inquired if the planning meeting was still scheduled for this month, especially to review potential sites. No one had any information. Jennifer M. recommended that Raleigh Boreen be invited to attend the scheduling meeting to provide some guidance.
- f. Equipment Mike N. informed us that Mike McClintock emailed a photo of a computer that was found under the front seat of the Funmover and wanted to know if it could be destroyed. Suggestions were made on how to destroy it and it was agreed that it was no longer needed. Jennifer M. reminded us that we need to remove it from our inventory if it is still on our books.
 - i. Jerry S. informed us that the stairs on the RV used at rallycross events need to be repaired as they were damaged at the last event at I-96 Speedway. He recommended



that Bob Martin's worker points be used to pay for the repair as the damage was caused by Bob high centering the RV which he has done previously.

- ii. Jerry S. suggested that we purchase 6 new radios as we have used all of our current radios at recent events and could have used more.
- iii. Nathan U. recommended we consider purchasing a laptop to be used at rallycross events as he has been providing his personal laptop and not everyone knows how to operate a Mac. Jennifer G. inquired if a new laptop may also be needed for Solo and suggested that we may get better pricing if we purchase more than one at a time.
- g. Membership report Steve B. reported that we have 1,412 members as of this morning, 1 less than last month. We gained 8 new members, so 9 members either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region. He reported that we are listed as third for growth in the recent issue of Sports Car magazine. Jennifer M. inquired how we stand for the year end and Steve informed us that he had not performed any calculations to determine the results.
 - i. Six service awards were mailed this month
 - ii. We had one member, Peter Quenet, who celebrated his 50 year anniversary this year and should be recognized at the banquet.
- h. Treasurer Aaron U. informed us that he is awaiting the final paperwork for the solo events from Jeremiah M. Pat B. will complete the Michigan annual report now that we have the names of the new board members. Nathan U. is continuing to follow up on the return of the site deposit for a cancelled rallycross event. Aaron will roll over the deposit for the Silverdome site for solo events unless Jeremiah receives a refund from them. Aaron needs a copy of driver's licenses for Pat B., Jennifer G. and Brian Thorpe to complete the paperwork required by Comerica Bank to sign checks next year.
- i. Website John Li reported that he has no idea what to do with the current information on the region's forum to move it to the new website. Pat B. recommended that he at least set up a forum on the new website for the board members as he feels Facebook has replaced the use of the general forum. Others disagreed with this assessment. John Li informed us that he can move the current forum to the new site as archived data, meaning it could still be viewed but not allow additional posting. We could mirror the old site on the new site. He will have time over the next couple of weeks to develop a plan and intends to bring updates to the next meeting.
- j. RE. Pat B. expressed his appreciation to everyone who sorted through some of the archived material in his basement. He informed us that Brian Thorpe had offered to scan the old Open Exhaust newsletters. He had discovered a letter from Barbara Hallock thanking them for their support for her husband, Tom, prior to and after his passing away. Pat informed us that this is the type of material that we need to retain.
- k. Open Exhaust Mike N. informed us that he had no updates. Pat B. advised us that Brian Thorpe has expressed an interest in publishing only an on line version of the OE. Eric P. suggested that he provided with any duplicate OEs found in the archived material which he will take to the Detroit Public Library for their collection.
- 4. Calendar Review a printed version of the calendar was not available, but the event schedule for January was discussed. We have a full schedule for January. Jason Franklin informed us that he and his partner are hosting an independent rallycross event in Gladwin on February 6th & 7th, sanctioned through RallyAmerica. The site of the track will be on private land.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Event budgets Nathan U. remembered that the final budget for the Day/Night Rallycross held on November 14th was also available tonight. Jerry S. submitted the budget which showed a healthy profit.
 - i. Jon J. submitted the budget for the rallycross scheduled for February 13, 2016, chaired by Sean Grogan. Jerry S. moved to accept the budget as presented and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
- 6. New Business Perpetual Award Nominations / Selection
 - i. Robert Siegmund Pat B. has two individuals in mind and will advise Jennifer G. soon



- ii. Rallycross Enthusiast Nathan U. has decided on the nominee and will inform Jennifer G. later
- iii. Robert Collins determined by performance
- iv. Tom Hallock As this is awarded to members having less than two years, Steve B. will create a list of eligible members had send it to each board member. Selection will be on line using the forum.
- v. Solo Enthusiast Jeremiah M. needs to select the recipient
- vi. Chris Lindberg Tammy Breece has selected the recipient
- vii. Karl Pel no names were suggested and we were reminded that we don't have to award it each year if there is no one who appears deserving
- viii. Ira Garfunkel Names suggested include Matt Wolfe, Ryan Finch, and Tammy Breece
- ix. There was a discussion about recognizing Bob Pierson posthumously for his contributions throughout the years and to preserve his memory. It was agreed to table the discussion and that we did not want to rename an existing award.
- b. Adjourn 2015 Business
- 7. 2016 New Business
 - a. Director Budgets
 - i. Steve B. presented the budget for the Secretary on behalf of Brian Thorpe, since Brian had done the same for him previously. Mike N. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The annual budget was approved.
 - ii. Jerry S. presented the budget for the Race director. Mike N. moved to accept his budget and John F. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - iii. Jerry S. presented the budget for Registration on behalf of Mary Shiloff. Jennifer G. moved to accept the budget and John Lisiecki seconded the motion. The budget was approved after a discussion about the postage relating to weekend memberships was explained.
 - iv. Steve B. presented the budget for the Chief of Membership. Jerry S. moved to accept it and Jennfer G. seconded the motion. Jennifer M. questioned the fee for the GLDiv assessment and it was removed as it related to Divisional races which have been replaced by the Majors races. The budget was approved.
 - b. Coverage at National Convention Jennifer and Marcus Merideth have registered and reserved their room. Steve Balanecki and Pat Barber are planning to attend. Jon Jareo and John Lisiecki are considering attending. The region's reimbursement policy for attending the convention were reviewed.
- 8. January, 2016 Meeting Date and Location The meeting will be held on January 13th and the Box Bar was mentioned as the first choice as the site. John Lisiecki will contact them to possibly reserve the room.
- 9. Adjourned at 9:14 pm