

Detroit Region SCCA



February 11, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting
Called to order at 7:00 PM
The Box Bar & Grille, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: Pat Barber, Jerry Shiloff, Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Aaron Usher, Nathan Usher, John Lisiecki, Ed Arthur, Dr. Jennifer Glass, Jennifer Merideth, Eric Penn, Steve Balanecki, Frank Putman, John Li

Minutes:

1. Meeting minute approval - approved on line and posted on website
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
 - a. Follow up on Assistant RE Budget - approved on line
 - b. Follow up on By Law update - Michael Nienhuis emailed three proposed revisions to the by-laws to the board prior to the meeting. As he is out of town on business, Steve B. will post three separate notes on the BOD Voting & Executive Session forum for review and discussion.. Once this is completed, the proposed revisions will be posted on the forum for approval to submit them to the membership for their approval per Article V Section 1 of the by-laws.
3. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Aaron U. informed us that he had emailed the reports to the board previously. Most of the banquet expenses have been posted. The audit has been completed at an expense of \$550.00 and the tax forms have been filed. He provided us a copy of the letter from the auditor. Aaron will be out of town from February 22 through March 7 and will not be able to process any checks or recordkeeping.
 - i. Pat B. inquired if we have submitted the invoice for FSAE. Aaron indicated that FSAE provides us with a purchase order and then we invoice them referencing the PO number, which he has not received. John Lisiecki informed us that there was a FSAE organizing committee meeting recently and the contract with MIS has not been finalized. Ken W. informed us that one of the timing heads was damaged and wondered if it needed to be repaired prior to FSAE. It was agreed that it should be repaired.
 - b. Asst. RE
 - i. Awards Banquet follow up - Jennifer M. informed us that she received many positive comments about the event, particularly the venue and food. She requested a review of the line item pertaining to worker points redeemed for banquet registration fees as it appears it is shown as an expense rather than income. If it was posted as an expense then the overall expense is within the budgeted expense. There were some missing chairman's awards which she needed to replace. Working with the personnel at the Henry Ford was less stressful than she experienced at previous banquets. Jerry S. reported that he received favorable comments from the Thayer Automotive representatives who attended the banquet.
 - ii. Jennifer G. is open to suggestions for the upcoming membership meeting next month. Venues suggested included the Firehouse, Roush Industries, Tech Shop, and the Automotive Heritage Museum. She will investigate to determine which location would be best for the meeting. Historically, about thirty members attend this annual meeting.
 - c. Race - Jerry S. presented the budget for the Spring Sprints regional race to be held at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, May 15 - 17. Jennifer G. moved to accept the budget and Steve B. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - i. CDBIGP - Jerry S. reported that he was informed that there is a practice session being planned for the stadium trucks on Thursday afternoon and this may require us to provide corner workers. He has not been informed

- about the logistics getting workers to and from the island and the timing may interfere with Thursday night registration.
- ii. Majors - the race at Gingerman is scheduled for July 11 & 12 and a free practice is being considered for Friday evening for the competitors. Jerry indicated that we will need workers if this is scheduled.
 - iii. Driver's School is scheduled for April 25 & 26 at Waterford Hills for the on track school.
- d. Rallycross - Nathan U. presented the final budget for the January Rallycross at the last meeting.
- i. The next event is scheduled for this coming Sunday and the forecast is for a very cold day. Jerry S. recommended that anyone attending should dress for driving/riding snowmobiles.
 - ii. Nathan advised us that planning for Rally Sprints is moving forward. The event will either be a higher speed rallycross or a single stage rally. Pilot events are scheduled in the near future and requirements will be formalized after reviewing the results. He reported that our members are very interested in this type of event.
 - iii. Nathan informed us that the date and location of the National Rallycross Championship was recently announced. It is scheduled for August 7 & 8 in Indianola, Indiana.
- e. Rally - Ken W. reported that there have been no events since the last meeting, but we had four members compete in the Ohio Winter Rally. He informed us that our members took first place in the Stock and Limited classes and a second place in the Equipped class. There were a total of 19 vehicles that competed.
- i. Rally School is scheduled for the end of March and the sanction request has been submitted.
- f. Solo - Eric P. reported that there was a planning meeting last weekend and Jeremiah has all of the details.
- i. He informed us that we will be hosting a driver's school on Belle Isle on April 25 & 26, co-chaired by John Li and Josh McDonough. The classroom session will be held on the 25th with the on track session held on the 26th. Pat B. reminded him that the budget for this event should be submitted very shortly to meet the 60 day window criteria. John Li inquired about what materials will be needed, including any presentations. It was suggested that he contact event chairs from previous events.
 - ii. Eric reported that the sites to be used this season include Belle Isle, Oscoda and MIS the day after FSAE (May 17). There was a discussion relating to scheduling conflicting events as this is the same weekend as the regional race at Gingerman.
 - iii. Frank P. inquired if there was a discussion at the planning meeting about co-hosting an event at Oscoda with SVR in August as we've done in the past. Eric informed us that he believes this topic was discussed.
 - iv. Eric informed his that there will be no events held at the Silverdome this year and recommends we request a refund of our deposit. Pat B. recommended that Jeremiah contact the Silverdome for the refund.
- g. FSAE - John Lisiecki reported that there was an organizing committee meeting held on January 20th and a course design meeting is scheduled for this Sunday at Lawrence Tech University. He informed us that SAE is requesting that we make the course layouts for the autocross and endurance events available on the FSAE website once the layouts are finalized. He informed us that the courses are designed to minimize the movement of safety barriers used for each event.
- h. Equipment - nothing to report
- i. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have increased our membership by twenty since last month. We have 1,320 members as of this morning with 26 new members and one transfer from Cal Club, Shaun Bailey. There were seven members who either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region.
 - i. Fourteen service awards were mailed at the beginning of this month.

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- j. Website - John Li reported that there are no updates, that the forum still needs to be transitioned to the new site. He informed us he still needs to review how to proceed with Bryan Danielson and Pat B. inquired if anyone has reviewed this with Steve Couture who designed and maintains the current website. Pat B. mentioned that we also have forms on the current website that need to be available for download on the new site. Jennifer M. mentioned that historical material that is only available on the website also needs to be moved to the new site so it is readily available to our members.
 - k. RE. - Pat B. informed us that the national convention is next week in Charlotte, NC. He expressed concern about the significant reduction in material being presented at the convention and that the focus appears to be shifting more to the expo rather than a convention. He expressed a concern that there is no town hall scheduled where members can pose questions to the board, the meeting between jumbo region RE's and the board has been eliminated, and Nathan U. advised us that there are no rally board meetings scheduled. Pat informed us the structure of the national office is changing with many reassignments and demotions for many of the staff.
 - l. Open Exhaust - no updates
4. Calendar Review - The calendar was reviewed through the end of May with some changes recommended during the review.
5. New Business
- a. Rally - Ken W. presented the budget for the Twilight Tour rally scheduled for April 11 with the Sports Bar being headquarters for the event. It will be co-chaired by he and Dennis Wiedbusch. Steve B. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
6. March BOD meeting
- a. March 11, 2015 at the Box Bar & Grille, Plymouth, MI
7. Adjourned at 8:27 PM