

# Detroit Region SCCA



July 8, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting  
7:01 PM, Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Ed Arthur, Ken Wiedbusch, Patrick Barber, Jeremiah Mauricio, Michael Nienhuis, Frank Putman, Eric Penn, Jennifer Glass, Steve Balanecki

## Minutes:

1. June meeting minutes were approved on line. Steve B. thanked everyone for their quick action on the forum.
2. Current Business and Online Business
  - a. Timewise clocks for Sno\*Drift Rally in August - Passed on line
  - b. Pat B. questioned who had authorization to drive the motor home as Christian Hubbel has driven it to Oscoda for this weekend's solo event. He recommended that Christian contact John Kytasty to ensure he is listed as an authorized driver with our insurance carrier.
3. Reports
  - a. Treasurer - Aaron U. sent reports out electronically in the past week. He is nearly caught up with the reporting for the May events and is waiting on checks from the Grand Prix and from SBR for our third of the profits from the May regional race. There was a discussion about making a donation to Doctors Without Borders in memory of Bob Pierson, as well as the distribution of his available worker points. Jennifer G. recommended that Jerry or Mary Shiloff should approach Pat Pierson about the family's wishes for the worker points. It was reported that the memorial for Bob at Waterford Hills was well attended by the race community and the Corvette Club. It was decided that the region would make a \$250.00 contribution to Doctors Without Borders in Bob's memory and Steve B. would issue the check request for Aaron U. to issue the check.
  - b. Solo - Jeremiah M. informed us that he is working with a couple of members to take over registration and timing & scoring for solo events from Jennifer Merideth. She has informed him that she will no longer be handling those activities. He mentioned that she has handwritten notes regarding some of the quirks in the software and primarily Motorsports Registration (MSR). He and Pat B. indicated that they do not have authorization to download some of the reports from MSR. Nathan U. informed us that he does have administration privileges for MSR and can provide the access anyone needs to view information and download reports. There is an event this weekend.
  - c. Rally - Ken W. informed us that rally has been on sort of a vacation and the next event is in August in Imlay City. All paperwork has been submitted.
  - d. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the event in June went off very well, although it was in jeopardy of being cancelled due to the course conditions. The FWD vehicles were the first to make runs on the course and it seemed to improve for later runs.
    - i. Nathan is currently working on a National Rallycross to be held later this year. He expressed concerns about low participation at national events and Jennifer G. indicated that this was normal. Nathan informed us that some drivers have stated that they do not want to participate due to the national rules, especially not being able to have a rider in the car. The rules are more of a hassle than anything else. The participation may also be low due to a

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Global Rallycross being held in Detroit on the same dates. Nathan informed us that early registration and tech inspection may occur on Friday night as there is a race at the site and they have offered free admission to any members participating in the national rallycross event that weekend. There are contingency awards but require stickers on the car to qualify. Some drivers have indicated they do not want to put them on their daily driver, but suggestions were offered to make them easier to take off after the event. The stickers were previously offered at no charge to the participants but there is a fee this year. Nathan suggested that we cover the cost at our expense this year, but notify participants that they will need to be purchased at future events. He suggested that we offer them at our cost.

- e. Equipment - No report
- f. Race - Pat B. relayed information from Jerry Shiloff regarding the Majors Race at Gingerman this coming weekend. Jerry is currently reviewing the roads for the Sno\*Drift Rally and was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He reported that there are 160 participants registered and that we have a low count on corner workers.
  - i. Ed A. mentioned that the Fire School will be held on August 9, 2015 at the Wayne County Community College facility used in the past. He has not seen the budget for the costs associated with this school and will submit the budget on line for approval. Registration for this event will be through MSR and is open to any SCCA, WHRRI or MTM member. The training is recommended for anyone who may have a need to respond to a vehicle fire and they do not need to be corner workers.
- g. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have increased our count from last month by 13 members. We have 1,418 as of this morning with 46 new members since the last meeting and 33 either not renewing or transferring to another region. Eric P. inquired if anyone had seen the on line version of Sports Car and if we were now listed among the top three jumbo regions for membership recognition. No one has seen the latest issue or knows where we are ranked.
  - i. 11 service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month
- h. Website - No report
- i. Open Exhaust - No report
- j. RE
  - i. August 12 BOD meeting - Jennifer G. will chair the meeting as Pat B will be out of town.
  - ii. Pat B. reported that he was absent for the latest conference call with jumbo REs and he has not received any minutes from that meeting.
  - iii. Pat B. mentioned that the SCCA National Convention will no longer be held in conjunction with the MSX Expo and is going back to the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Ken W. expressed concerns that the content appeared to be aimed at the region administrators and Pat B. informed us that those were the individuals who usually attend the convention. Jennifer G. stated her disappointment that it was being held at the casino, but was returning due to the lower costs associated with attending. Steve B. informed us that one reason for the lower costs may be due to the owner / manager of the facility being a SCCA member.
- k. Asst. RE - Nothing to report

4. Calendar Review - the 90 day calendar was reviewed and adjusted as necessary
5. New Business
  - a. Event budgets
    - i. Nathan U. presented the budget for the rallycross to be held September 15th at Thistle Hill. Steve B. moved to accept the budget as presented and Jeremiah M. seconded the motion. Nathan informed us that the low car count budgeted was based on last year's car count and he expects we will have more participants than last year. The budget was approved.
    - ii. Jeremiah M. presented the budget for the GLDiv Solo Series event to be held August 21 through 23 in Oscoda. He informed us that an ambulance is no longer required on site, but administrators need to know how to contact one if necessary. Pat B. suggested that we should have members, such as corner workers, on hand who know how to deal with rollovers, fires, and other issues that could occur. Jeremiah informed us that Marcus Merideth will be holding a solo trial, probably Sunday afternoon. He informed us that the speeds are greater than during a regular solo with possible speeds as high as 75 mph. Michael N. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - iii. Frank P. presented the budget for the Fall Into Autumn Solo scheduled for September 20th on Belle Isle. He has budgeted for 110 vehicles. Steve B. moved to accept the budget and Eric P. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - iv. Jeremiah M. presented the budget for the Season Ender Solo event to be held October 11th. He pointed out that the registration fee has been increased to \$40.00. Steve B. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - v. Michael N. presented the final budget for the FSAE event at MIS. Steve B. inquired if it reflected that late worker points awarded to Kevin Thompson and Aaron U. indicated that it did.
6. The next meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the Box Bar and Grille, Plymouth, MI on August 12th. Eric P. had suggested we consider holding it at Pasquale's Restaurant on Woodward in Royal Oak. He will investigate if there is any cost associated with the private room and post it on the forum for discussion.
7. Adjourned at 8:00 PM