

Detroit Region SCCA



June 10, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m , Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: John Lisiecki, Frank Putman, Jerry Shiloff, Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, John Kytasty, Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Pat Barber, Jeremiah Mauricio, Greg Anthony, Mike Nienhuis, Jennifer Merideth, Eric Penn, Diane Arthur, Ed Arthur, Steve Balanecki, Jennifer Glass

Minutes:

1. May meeting minutes approved at meeting.
2. Current Business and Online Business – No online business completed since last meeting.
3. Reports
 - a. Race
 - i. Regional Race at Gingerman - Jerry S. reported that there were 80 entrants on Saturday and 90 on Sunday. He expected a net profit of \$4,800.00 which would be split among the three regions. There were 12 - 14 workers at this event.
 - ii. Grand Prix - Jerry informed us that it was a very interesting event and a severe challenge. He informed us that Pat Pierson had called him on March 5th informing him that Bob was in the hospital and they would be unable to chair this event, thus passing the torch. Jerry reported that there were issues with golf carts and radios, but would be willing to chair the event next year if we agree. Pat B. reminded us that we had agreed to wait until September to make a final decision on the transition for next year. He mentioned that there were some surprises, especially the need to evacuate the track due to the weather issues, and some personnel issues. Jerry expressed his thanks to all volunteers who made the event successful. Pat B. expressed his gratitude to Jerry and Mary for taking charge of the event. Ken W. mentioned receiving compliments on the distribution of the radios.
 - b. FSAE - John L. reported that 63 members from our region and 10 from other regions volunteered at this event. He presented a summary handout and informed us that SAE is looking for a new location since MIS is not showing any interest in negotiating with SAE. John indicated that SAE would like to visit in July any potential sites we may identify. He stated that the proving grounds for Chrysler, Ford and General Motors may be possibilities with rotating between them each year. He reported that it rained on Friday and Saturday mornings, but cleared for the afternoon events. Jennifer M. reported that there were problems with the Timing & Scoring software used by the National Office, that it was not robust enough to continue using for the acceleration event. She recommended using our own software next year, especially if she doesn't handle the T&S. She thanked Jeremiah for manually backing up the software.
 - c. Solo - Jeremiah M. mentioned that there were no issues raised by MIS staff at the two events held at that site and he has penciled in potential dates for next year. He informed us that we have two events scheduled for next weekend, the Starting Line School and the Summer Heat Solo at the Silverdome. Greg A. recommended we bring some weed whackers and leaf blowers to clean up the course. Jeremiah informed us that he

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does not have final budgets yet but expects to show a modest profit. He informed us that only one school chose to attend the Solo event after FSAE and had 5 drivers.

- i. Ken W. inquired if Christian Hubbell was aware of and knowledgeable about the new timing equipment. Jeremiah indicated he was certain Christian was aware of it.
- d. Rally - Ken W. indicated that the July event was cancelled and would discuss the August event under new business.
- e. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the final budget for the May event was not finalized.
 - i. Nathan informed us that the insurance for the Rally Sprints covers six events and only three have been scheduled. He stated that we may be able to schedule one for our region up North in the fall. Ken W. inquired about how the rally stage would be timed and Nathan stated that we could use either the TSD rally timing equipment or clocks/watches. Jennifer G. presented Aaron with \$100.00 in cash from Paul Eddleston as payment for setting up a booth at the last event.
- f. Treasurer - Aaron reported that he is caught up on the paperwork for the most part after returning from the out of town event.
- g. Equipment - Pat B. mentioned that we purchased 10 new fire extinguishers. Jerry S. stated that everything worked well at the Grand Prix and that Bob Martin was able to wash the race trailer and motor home using the truck wash. Comments were made about them being almost unrecognizable after they were washed.
- h. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have increased our count from last month by 22 members. We have 1,405 as of this morning with 30 new members since the last meeting and 8 either not renewing or transferring to another region
 - i. 17 service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month
- i. Website - Pat B. reported receiving an email update from John Li who is currently in China. Mike Burns suffered a broken femur during an off road motorcycle accident in April and Bryan Danielson is learning a new job. These circumstances have prevented any further work being done on the new website. Pat suggested that we may need some paid professional assistance rather than asking for volunteers to manage the website. No estimate of the cost has been sought. The main issue right now is getting the forum moved to the new site. Ken W. has noticed an reduction in postings on the forum and an increase in postings on Facebook and wonders if the forum is still necessary. A discussion ensued and the consensus was that it is still needed.
- j. Open Exhaust - Mike N. had no updates
- k. RE
 - i. August 12 BOD meeting - Pat B. mentioned that he will be out of town for the meeting and requested Jennifer G. chair the meeting and she agreed.
- l. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. suggested holding a possible social outing, visiting available car collections. She is considering having it in conjunction with a possible rally and Ken W. agreed that it could be done. The planning could be done with a short turnaround and that the insurance for the rally would be a flat \$20.00. Jennifer M. informed us that we received tickets for the Motor Muster at Greenfield Village as part of the package with the banquet and offered them to Jennifer G.

4. Calendar Review - the 120 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 August 14th at Crystal. Steve B. moved to accept the budget as presented and Jerry S. seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it was accepted.
 - ii. Ken W. presented the budgets for the Thumbs Up and Cast in Stone rallies scheduled for August 22nd and 23rd in Imlay City. The Thumbs Up Rally will honor Jim Mickle, a long time rallyist who passed away a couple of years ago. Jerry S. moved to accept both budgets and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. Both were accepted. Ken W. mentioned that we need more assistance from some of our younger members to work controls. He mentioned that he really appreciated the continued assistance from Steve B. and Jon Jareo who has recently assisted with the controls. He requested the board's assistance in promoting volunteering at the rallies with the membership.
 - iii. Jeremiah M. presented the budget for the After The Fireworks solo to be held July 3 - 5 in Oscoda. Jennifer G. moved to accept the budget and Steve B. seconded the motion. Jeremiah advised that the event on Saturday would be a mirror solo. The budget was accepted.
 - b. JACircuits Timer re-distribution - Ken W. mentioned receiving a voicemail from Mike McClintock about moving our old timing equipment into the storage locker since the new timing equipment worked so well at MIS. Ken would like to take possession of the two display boards used with the rallycross timing equipment. We currently have four timers and rallycrossers in OVR are in need of replacement equipment. He suggested that we may want to offer our spare equipment for sale. Pat B. recommended that we hold on to the old equipment for the near future , but consider assisting other regions within the GLDiv. Nathan will contact OVR to offer to loan them a timer. Ken informed us he would like to move the timing equipment from the storage facility into his garage.
 - c. Eric P. informed us that there is an Electric Vehicle show in Mason at the Ingham County Fairgrounds on June 27th. He stated that we had not been approached to assist them with the event as we have in the past, and Pat B. mentioned that we had expressed our concerns with them about the low turnout of participants at last year's event.
6. July 8, 2015 meeting to be held at the Box Bar and Grille, Plymouth, MI
7. Adjourned at 8:23 PM