

Detroit Region SCCA



March 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, John Kytasty, Ray Jason, Christopher Jason, Jeremiah Mauricio, Mike McClintock, Matt Wolfe

Minutes:

1. February meeting minutes approval - approved on line and posted on website
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
 - a. Ballot - mailed last week to all members. There were syntax errors in Article IV, Section 2 that do not require a revision as they do not affect the intent of the proposed changes.
3. Reports
 - a. RE - Pat informed us that the national convention appeared to be more focused on saving money and promoting the MSX Expo. There was a lack of emphasis on administering events and on volunteers. He felt that the most benefit he received from attending the convention was the networking accomplished between sessions rather than the sessions themselves. His was the only comment made at the end of the town hall session. He expressed his disappointment that the event schedule did not provide any detail about the subject. He sent an email summarizing his opinions to Lisa Noble, John Walsh and Steve Harris. Jerry S. informed us that the cost of the Majors races is increasing as more representatives from the national office are attending the events and the sanction fees are also increasing. Jennifer M. informed us that she and Marcus did benefit from visiting the vendors at the MSX Expo and was disappointed that there were no 'best practices' sessions scheduled for the convention. Steve B. stated that he had informed Lisa Noble at the event that he had a difficult time justifying the expense to attend the convention, as there was not enough content for him.
 - i. Pat informed us that while the national office appears to be micromanaging, we need to stay focused on providing good events for our members. He felt that the national office is focused on increasing the number of competitive licenses than on other events. Mike McC. expressed his appreciation for the board members as they support all of the events hosted by our region.
 - b. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. informed us that the membership meeting is next week at the Yankee Air Museum. She had budgeted \$400.00 for the rental expense which is actually \$200.00. She recommended that we make a donation of \$200.00 to the museum in addition to the actual rental expense. Steve B. moved to make this donation and Jerry S. seconded the proposal. The proposal was approved. Jennifer informed us that she needs more material and information for the meeting presentation.
 - c. Treasurer - Aaron U. informed us that he had emailed the reports to the board last week. He informed us that there was not much to process in February and is still getting caught up after being away for a couple of weeks. He informed us that he had received the vehicle insurance certificates and John K. requested he give them to he and Mike McC.
 - i. He questioned a recent invoice from MSR for workers who registered for the Grand Prix. Jerry S. informed him that there was supposed to be no charge for volunteers using MSR to register to work the Grand Prix and referred Aaron to contact Mary Shiloff.
 - ii. Aaron inquired if the cones had been ordered, which were approved at a prior meeting. A discussion ensued about the quantity to order and Steve B. proposed we order 400 cones and Jeremiah M. seconded the

- motion. The proposal was approved and Mike McC. agreed to order 400 cones.
- d. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have increased our membership by twenty-four since last month. We have 1,344 members as of this morning with 31 new members. There were seven members who either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region.
 - i. Twenty-three service awards were mailed at the beginning of this month.
 - e. Solo - Jeremiah M. informed us that he was recently notified that the lot at Belle Isle is not available for events from mid March through mid June so he will need to revise the locations on his schedule. He also informed us that the management at Belle Isle expressed concern about an incident at an event hosted by another group at the end of last season involving a participant who had an argument with the local police and referenced the region. Jeremiah informed them that this individual will not be permitted to participate in any of our events as a result of the altercation.
 - i. He is planning on using MIS as the site for the April 25th event, as well as May 17th after FSAE. He stated that hosting a solo school will not be possible at other sites. He informed us that MIS quoted him a cost of \$7,500.00 for each of the events. Mike McC. questioned the expense, indicating that he and Marcus Merideth had looked at the facilities and determined that the lot northwest of the race track would be able to be used rather than the infield of the race track. Mike will contact MIS to confirm the site location and expense.
 - ii. The event scheduled for June 6th will be at the Silverdome using the north lot.
 - iii. He has three budgets to present for approval and will submit them on line.
 - iv. Jennifer M. informed us that the EVO/Solo School is interested in having another event in the region. Jeremiah will contact them to investigate possibilities.
 - v. Ray J. has confirmed that Oscoda is available for the two events on the schedule.
 - f. FSAE - John Lisiecki reported that there was a good meeting held on February 15th to review the course design at Lawrence Tech University. He informed us that they are still working on getting volunteers. He stated that openings for Tech volunteers are filled for Wednesday and Thursday. Mike McC. reminded us that volunteers will be needed for setting up the courses on Thursday. John stated that worker registration is open on MSR through MTM and it was agreed that he should work with Jennifer M. for registration for other SCCA volunteers.
 - g. Website - John Li informed us that he has spoken with Bryan Danielson regarding transferring the files and forum to the new site. He feels the move can be made successfully in two days. He recommended that a notice be put on the current website that it will be shut down during the transfer and then reference the new site once the transfer is complete. Pat B. recommended they do a dry run to confirm the transfer of the files and forum is possible and then consider moving to the new site on March 28th & 29th.
 - h. Race - Jerry S. informed us that the Driver's School is scheduled for April 25 & 26 at Waterford Hills for the on track school.
 - i. The sups have been approved for the double regional race at Gingerman scheduled for may 16th & 17th. He has nine stewards committed to assist him at this event.
 - ii. Registration is open on MSR for workers for the Grand Prix, May 29 - 31.
 - iii. He expects the sups for the Majors race at Gingerman in July should be completed and submitted for approval this weekend.
 - iv. A PDX is planned for the double regional at Gingerman on May17th, scheduled as session number six.
 - i. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the February event was postponed by one week due to the cold temperatures and wind chill factor. There were 49 participants and there was a delay due to the need to remove snow, but none of the participants seemed to mind.

- i. The event scheduled for this weekend has been postponed to March 29th as the warm weather is expected to cause slippery track conditions.
 - ii. Dan Hutchison has been named to the Rally Sprint Committee and Ken W. informed us that Bob Martin is excited to host Rally Sprint events.
 - j. Rally - Ken W. informed us that the next event has been moved from April 11th to the 18th due to a conflict with the location and a national rally that weekend.
 - i. A double rally weekend is being considered for June with Rob Moran chairing the event.
 - ii. Ken purchased new hose for the timing equipment
 - k. Street Survival - Eric P. informed us that the event will be held in Fowlerville on September 26th and the sanction has been submitted.
 - l. Equipment - Mike McC. informed us that he is in the process of getting the Funmover ready for the season. The roof will be inspected for any leaks with any major repairs to be scheduled at the end of the season if necessary.
 - i. Ken W. inquired about the timing equipment being considered or solo events. Jeremiah informed us that it is a Farm Tek wireless system and has sought reviews by other regions who are using the same equipment. He intends to purchase two sets so we'll have one as a backup if needed. A discussion ensued about the ability to use our current displays rather than the purchasing the Farm Tek LED displays. It was recommended that we use our current displays as they are more visible than LED displays. Pat B. suggested we only purchase one set at this time and ensure it works for us before purchasing the second set. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to purchase both sets since there is a discount when purchasing more than one set.
 - m. Open Exhaust - Jennifer M. related an email sent by Mike Nienhuis earlier today. He indicated receipt of an article from Scott Harvey Jr. about Son of Sno* Drift, would like the Solo schedule ASAP, and a flyer for FSAE. He would like to finalize the OE and send it to the printer by the end of this month for mailing.
- 4. Calendar Review - The calendar was not reviewed to expedite the conclusion of the meeting. Ken W. reminded Pat B. to revise the date of the rally scheduled in April.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Timing Equipment Usage by FCA - Ed Arthur and John Lisiecki that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles has inquired about renting or leasing timing equipment to be used for FSAE teams invited by FCA to events at their proving grounds in Chelsea, MI and Naples, FL. FCA inquired of them if they could use our timing equipment. Ken W. recommended that we should only allow them use of the equipment if our members are operating it. He expressed concern that any possible damage to the equipment would be minimized. The event at the Chelsea Proving Grounds is scheduled for April 26th which conflicts with a solo event, so our equipment is not available. It was recommended that they contact other regions or groups who may be able to assist them. It was also recommended that they contact the Atlanta Region or one in Florida for possible assistance at the Naples Proving Grounds.
 - b. Nathan U. presented the budget for the May rallycross to be held at Thistle Hill. Jennifer G. mentioned that the expense for the port-a-john may increase. Jerry S. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer M. seconded his motion. The budget was approved.
 - c. John K. presented a budget to purchase another 10' X 20' pop-up canopy tent and a sidewall kit. Jerry S. moved to accept his budget and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - d. Jerry S. presented Bob Pierson's budget for the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix scheduled for May 28 - 31. Jeremiah M. moved to accept the budget as presented and Ken W. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - e. Matt Wolfe informed us of his responsibilities for handling the social media for the Automotive Hall of Fame and proposed to do the same for the Detroit Region. Pat B. inquired if he was seeking to be compensated for his effort and he informed us that a simple 'Thank You' was all he was requesting. It was agreed

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that Matt will manage the region's social media sites. John Li recommended that they work together as the completion of the new website nears.

- f. Frank P. informed us that he was contacted by Ken Lingenfelter in Brighton who offered to open his collection to view by our members. Jennifer G. informed him that this may be a good opportunity for a social event. Frank will email Jennifer and Steve B. more information.
 - g. Eric P. informed us that he inquired if there were any discounts for a Garmin VIRB since they are now a sponsor of SCCA. He discovered that none are offered and Pat B. reported that he understood they contributed a significant amount to become a sponsor. Eric did discover that Cabella's had the VIRB on sale and had copies of their advertisement for anyone who was interested.
6. April BOD meeting
- a. April 8, 2015 at the Box Bar & Grille, Plymouth, MI
7. Adjourned at 9:26 PM