

Detroit Region SCCA



May 6, 2015

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

Attendees: Jennifer Merideth, Mike Nienhuis, Dr. Jennifer Glass, Ken Wiedbusch, Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Pat Barber, John Lisiecki, Eric Penn, Steve Balanecki

Minutes:

1. April meeting minutes approval - approved
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
 - a. Bob Pierson - passed away on April 30th. Pat B. provided sympathy cards to be signed by board members and sent to Pat and Dawn.
 - b. Summer Heat and Starting Line Budget - Pat B. informed us that there were questions about the budgets, especially regarding the free entries into solo events after attending the Starting Line School. The sanction fee for the Summer Heat Solo is covered by the Starting Line School. It was agreed that the monies need to be accounted for properly.
3. Reports
 - a. RE - Pat B. indicated he had nothing to report but wondered about sending flowers for Bob Pierson's funeral / memorial or to make a donation on his behalf. Jennifer G. recommended we review past practices. Jennifer M. mentioned that we could make a donation to the SCCA Foundation in his memory. His obituary recommended donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to Doctors Without Borders. Jennifer G. informed us that she would review the possibility of providing flowers to Pat Pierson. Steve B. advised us that Bob had a significant number of available worker points and Jennifer G. suggesting using them for a donation in Bob's memory. This topic will be reviewed with Pat Pierson in the future.
 - b. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. had nothing to report.
 - c. Race - Jerry Shiloff emailed his report to the board members.
 - i. Grand Prix update - Pat B. informed us that Jerry and Mary Shiloff that a race director for 2016 will not need to be named before September.
 - d. Solo - There was a discussion about the entry fee for the Toledo event. Jennifer M. indicated that it was significantly less than the fees for our events and Mike N. informed us that they have a very good site and draw more participants which allows NWOR to reduce the entry fees.
 - i. Live Timing - Jennifer M. informed us that the software to support it has been purchased and there is not much tech support. She informed us that it can be hosted from our server but users would need to be in range of the Wi-Fi signal. A discussion ensued about the ability to access and broadcast the data via smart phones. It was suggested that we consider dedicating a page on our website for members to access the live timing.
 - e. FSAE - John L. reported that we have enough volunteers. He and Pat have discussed what food should be provided and he sent an email to all F & C members to determine how many meals would need to be provided.
 - i. Mike N. informed us that the equipment has been consolidated and plans on delivering it to MIS on Wednesday.
 - ii. John L. mentioned that a meeting was held at Waterford Hills with the F & C personnel who will be at MIS. The handouts that were provided at the meeting are available on the MTM website.
 - iii. Ken W. informed us that he and Bob Martin removed material from the race trailer so it is ready to go to MIS. It was recommended that the flag sets used at the Grand Prix should be removed and put in the box van as John L. has the flags needed for the endurance event and Mike N. has the flags necessary for the autocross event.
 - iv. Ken W. inquired about the need to bring the rallycross timing equipment as he has in the past. He informed us that it was never used and he had nothing to do once he arrived at the event. Mike N. and Jennifer M.

agreed that it was not needed at FSAE as we have enough equipment since the equipment used by the national office will also be on site.

- v. Jennifer M. informed us that she is donating her laptop to the region and will leave it in the Fun Mover in the event it may be needed at future events.
 - vi. John Lisiecki informed us that the event hosted by FCA at their Chelsea Proving Grounds on April 24 - 26 for select FSAE teams was successful and they hired some students at the event.
 - f. Rally - Ken W. provided the final budget for the Twilight Tour Rally. He reported that John Li's vehicle was the only one that did not finish. The shock mounting broke which prevented him from continuing.
 - i. The rally scheduled for July has been cancelled as John Kytasty has a scheduling conflict and cannot chair the event.
 - ii. The next rally is scheduled for August which will be a national rally, chaired by Rob Moran.
 - iii. The sanction request for POR has been submitted.
 - g. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that next event is scheduled for May and there are 60 participants registered with some on the wait list. He informed us that the cap should have been at 50, but was overlooked when registration was opened. He suggested that the number could be reduced to the preferred 50 participants by not filling any vacancies due to cancellations.
 - i. Nathan has been appointed as a division Assistant Rallycross Safety Steward and has discussed with Jon Jareo about becoming the region's Rallycross Director next year.
 - h. Treasurer - Aaron U. emailed the reports to the board last week. He reported that our balance is down about \$10,000 this month due to large expenses for FSAE and the Grand Prix.
 - i. Aaron provided us the results of his analysis of the checks written last year. He recommended that any check to be issued for more than \$1,500.00 should require two signatures. While the amount of \$2,500.00 was approved by the recent change in the by-laws, there were only 19 checks written last year for more than \$1,500.00 which he feels is manageable. Everyone agreed with his assessment and Pat B. recommended the checks be revised as necessary.
 - ii. Aaron mentioned that the accounting at GLDiv is very lax. He informed us that they had apparently lost a check from us last year, so he issued a replacement check. The missing check and the replacement check were both cashed. Jennifer G. informed us that many members of the GLDiv board have expressed a desire to step down, but no one has volunteered as a replacement.
 - i. Equipment - Ken W. informed us that the rear differential has been replaced in the RV, as well as the rear brakes. He informed us that the only way to service the rear brakes was to remove the axle shafts and was performed after the differential was replaced.
 - i. Ken mentioned that he is planning on delivering the equipment needed on the MERVs at the Grand Prix to Blackie tomorrow.
 - j. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have increased our membership by eight since last month. We have 1,383 members as of this morning with twenty-eight new members. There were twenty members who either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region.
 - i. Eighteen service awards were mailed at the beginning of this month.
 - k. Website - nothing to report
 - l. Open Exhaust - Mike N. informed us that the issue may be ready after FSAE.
4. Calendar Review - The calendar was reviewed and revised as necessary.
5. New Business
- a. Rallycross - Nathan U. presented the budget for the July rallycross to be held at I-96 Speedway on July 25th & 26th, chaired by Bob Martin. He informed us that this is a national rallycross and the previous year's budget is actually from 2013 when we last hosted a national rallycross. He reported that Jerry and Mary

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Shiloff will not be available to assist with this event and asked if Jennifer G. might be available to handle registration. She will check her schedule. Jennifer M. moved to accept the budget and Mike N. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

- b. Jennifer M. reminded us that budgets for Solo events continue to be out of compliance with our policy requirement that they be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event. This causes delays in opening registration, resulting in inquiries from members interested in registering for the events. Pat B. will review this Jeremiah Mauricio. Pat mentioned that there is a solid core team of members for the Rally and Rallycross series and suggested that we may need something similar to support our Solo series, possibly a steering committee. It was mentioned that planning a solo event at Belle Isle in the springtime should not have been considering knowing that preparations for the Grand Prix would make the site unavailable.
 - c. Post Event Budget Review - Pat B. informed us that we do not have a policy that requires a post event budget review although it is stated on the budget form. A discussion ensued regarding who should be providing the initial budget to the board. Pat mentioned that he has waived his approval of the sanctions, so does not see them. He recommended that all sanctions should be sent to the Secretary so they become part of our records. He also stated that he is unsure who is responsible for the various jobs performed at each event.
 - d. Financial Director - Next Steps - It was suggested that we need to provide the requirements for this position to allow us to identify potential candidates. A question was posed about the possibility of posting the request to fill this position on the region's website forum.
 - e. Street Survival - Eric P. informed us that the requirement for two signatures on the minor waivers have been changed. These waivers now only require one signature.
 - f. Solo - Eric P. reported that the Detroit Council of Sports Car Clubs has suggested that we consider hosting an event. A discussion ensued. It was mentioned that we have in the past, but many of the members complained when it was run per SCCA rules. The number of participants was low at past events we hosted as they either could not or would not comply with SCCA rules. It was agreed that any event we hosted would need to comply with SCCA rules. Eric mentioned this only for our information.
6. June BOD meeting
 - a. Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Box Bar & Grille, Plymouth, MI
 7. Adjourned at 8:48 PM