

Detroit Region SCCA



November 11, 2015

Board of Directors Meeting

Thistle Hill, 64504 West 8 Mile Road, South Lyon, MI 48178

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Scott Harvey Jr., Jennifer Merideth, Jennifer Glass, Nathan Usher, Pat Barber, Aaron Usher, Jeremiah Mauricio, Eric Penn, Jon Jareo, Sue Wiedbusch, Ken Wiedbusch, John Lisiecki, Ed Arthur, Steve Balanecki

Agenda:

1. October meeting minute approval - The minutes were approved on line and are posted as a download on the website
2. Current Business and Online Business
 - a. Fun Mover Improvement - Decision for direction of repair required - Pat B. informed us that Mike McClintock advised him that he had received more detail on the quote from Harry's RV for repairs and modifications to the Fun Mover as requested at the last meeting. As Pat did not have the detailed information, he contacted Mike McC. on a conference call so he could provide us the information. Mike informed us that he had also spoken with General RV who required a \$150.00 fee to provide a quote which would be applied to any repairs / modifications they would perform. The board agreed that it was doubtful that General RV would perform any repairs and would not seek a quote from them.
 - i. Mike McC. informed us that the quote from Harry's RV for repairing the Fun Mover to original specifications was \$7,622.00 and the modifications would be an additional \$1,759.00 for a total of \$9,381.00. A discussion ensued and Steve B. moved that we accept the quote from Harry's RV, contracting with them to perform the repairs and proposed modifications to the Fun Mover for a cost not to exceed \$9,400.00. Jennifer G. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The conference call with Mike McC. was ended after the vote.
3. Reports
 - a. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. informed us that the results of an on line poll indicated members preferred to have the 2015 Awards Banquet held at Fox Hills by a slight margin over returning to the Henry Ford. She contacted the Henry Ford to inform them of the decision and advise them that we may return there for the 2016 banquet in 2017, possibly rotating between these two facilities each year. She will post on the forum to begin a discussion about the awards to be presented.
 - b. RE - Pat B. informed us that he did not have anything to report but confirmed the process of selecting the officers for 2016 would be held at next month's meeting. He reminded everyone that our current Secretary and Treasurer are term limited, so we should be thinking about who will fill those positions next year.
 - c. Membership report - Steve B. reported that we have 1,413 members as of this morning, 17 less than last month. We gained 3 new members, indicating 20 members either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region.
 - i. Six service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month.
 - d. Treasurer - Aaron U. emailed the financial reports to all board members last week. He reported that he has been working with Jeremiah M. to

finalize the Solo financial reports. He informed us that the non-profit status form for 2015 needs to be filed with the state and has a couple of outstanding site deposits that need to be rectified, including one for the use of the Silverdome parking lot.

- e. Solo - Jeremiah M. informed us that he is creating a summary of last season's events which he plans to present at next month's meeting. He stated that he has a list of potential sites we may be able to use for events next year and that personnel at Belle Isle have been unresponsive. A planning meeting for the 2016 season will be held next month at a location to be determined. His hope is to identify chairpersons for the events at this meeting with the schedule.
- f. Rally - Ken W. presented the final budget for the Clare Color Tour Rally, showing a loss of \$8.11. He believes David Stone did not submit all of his receipts for his fuel expense in order to report a near breakeven event. Pat B. suggested that all event chairpersons should accurately report all expenses, especially fuel.
 - i. Ken reported that the national RRB has created another level of rally to be positioned between national and regional rallies. The level will be named 'divisional' although they will not be associated with the divisions, rather hosted by the regions. The entry fees will be the same as our current regional fees and will be required to have a minimum number of controls and a minimum number of miles. All of the rallies we have hosted would qualify as divisional rallies. The goal is to reduce fees for shorter regional rallies in order to entice more novice entrants. He mentioned that the RRB will require requests for sanctions be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event rather than the current 14 days.
- g. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the last event was cancelled on site due to standing water. He stated that we will lose a portion of the site deposit and has discussed this with the owner of the site.
 - i. A meeting to determine the schedule of events for 2016 was finalized and was sent to Jerry Shiloff who included it on the event schedule he forwarded to the board earlier this week.
 - ii. Some rule changes are forthcoming for the 2016 season. Recommendations include reducing the speeds at each event by 10 mph and not scheduling an regional event a week before or after the national challenge event. He informed us that Rally Sprints will be rolled out nationwide next year.
- h. Equipment - Ken W. reported that he has all of the old timing equipment in his garage except for the lights.
- i. Race - Jerry Shiloff emailed the approved schedule for 2016 to all board members earlier this week. Ed A. informed us that there are some conflicts with the proposed Waterford Hills schedule and SCCA events and John Lisiecki informed us that the schedule has been placed on the Michigan Turn Marshals website except for Waterford Hills events. He will post these once they have been approved by the Waterford Hills Comp Board.
- j. Website - Nothing to report
- k. Street Survival - Eric P. informed us that he received a check for \$600.00 from the SCCA Foundation for hosting the TRSS at Fowlerville. As the check was made out to the region and included his name, he signed it and turned it over to Aaron to deposit.
 - i. Eric reported that he has been approached by the SCCA Foundation about hosting an event next year. A discussion ensued about hosting an open event, possibly using a lot at Schoolcraft College. He informed us that local police departments

currently use the lot for training exercises and the cost to rent the lot would be \$800.00 and the expense to rent a classroom would be an additional \$200.00. He will review possible dates so they do not conflict with either the BMW or Porsche Clubs who also host TRSS events. He informed us that our members would need to be more involved than at Fowlerville as FT Techno of America covers most of the expense there. He recommends limiting the number of students to 30 and having 15 instructors, charging \$75.00 per student for their entry fee. The SCCA Foundation reimburses regions \$600.00 for hosting these events and recommends defraying some of the expenses by soliciting for sponsors.

- I. Open Exhaust - No report
4. Calendar Review - Pat did not bring copies of the calendar, but we did review upcoming events to be held over the next couple of months.
5. New Business
 - a. Event budgets
 - i. Nathan U. presented the budget for Rallycross #1 scheduled for January 3, 2016. He informed us that the site and chairperson have not been confirmed and that the budget is based on the event's final budget from last year. He informed us that the \$50 fee for the ATV rental was not included in the written budget, but will be added. Steve B. moved to accept the revised budget and Jeremiah M. seconded the motion. The proposed budget was approved.
 - ii. Scott H. presented the budget for the Son of Sno* Drift Rally scheduled for January 9, 2016. He is planning on having the headquarters at Captain Joe's in Whitmore Lake. Jennifer G. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - iii. Jennifer G. presented the budget for the 2015 Awards Banquet to be held January 16, 2016 at Fox Hills. A review of line items and expenses ensued with some adjustments made. Steve B. moved to accept the adjusted budget and Jeremiah M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - iv. Ken W. inquired about the reporting of MSR fees on the event budgets since they take a percentage of all entry fees. He did not recall any line items on any rallycross or solo budgets itemizing this expense. Aaron U. confirmed that the expense is shown in his reports when he receives the report from MSR. Ken informed us that Mary Shiloff is currently working with MSR to move registration for rally events on line rather than mailing the forms and payments to her as is currently done. Jon J. informed us that he preferred paying through PayPal as was done prior to moving registration to MSR and paying by credit card.
 - b. Election Results - Steve B. reported that 139 ballots were received by the deadline with a few trickling in after the deadline. He offered the ballots for other board members to verify the accuracy of the results and everyone agreed to accept his count of the ballots. Steve informed us that the difference between the member receiving the most votes and the one receiving the least was 14 votes. The four members receiving the most votes were (in descending order) Ken Wiedbusch, Matt Wolfe, Mike Nienhuis and Jennifer Merideth.
 - i. Ken W. informed the board that he was flattered and had only submitted his name for consideration since there were only two names to be included on the ballot with less than a week prior to

the nomination deadline. He explained that he intended to step down as the Rally Director and accept the position of Chief of Equipment which he could not do as an elected board member. He therefore recused himself from serving as an elected member of the board, allowing Brian Thorpe to become the 4th member elected to the 2016 board.

- c. SCCA National Convention - Pat B. advised us that he was planning to attend and inquired about who was also planning to attend. Jennifer M. and Steve B. confirmed that they were planning to attend and Ken W. indicated that he was interested. Jon J. informed us that he had not seen the agenda for the convention and someone mentioned that it is supposed to be finalized and available at the end of this month or early December.
- d. FSAE - John L. reported that the kickoff meeting for the 2016 event at MIS was held the day before and he attended via the conference call for the last 20 minutes. He informed us that Ed A. and Steve B. were present at the meeting and could provide more detail. Ed A. reported that the plan is to move the Acceleration and Brake Test area to pit lane, the opposite side of the track from where they have been in the past. The reason for relocating these events is to allow us to layout the Autocross course and safety barriers on Thursday and leaving it set up for course walks until that event begins on Friday afternoon. The main benefit is that it removes the need for us to tear down the Acceleration and Skid Pads at the conclusion of those events Friday morning to build the Autocross course. There was also a proposal to only have one Skid Pad, leaving it on the back straight and extend the hours which would overlap with the Autocross. Final details and recommendations will be forthcoming from the next dynamics meeting to be held in January.
 - i. Ken W. initiated a discussion about the equipment needed to support the event, expressing concerns about duplicating some of the equipment provided by the region and national office. Jennifer M. informed us that while some equipment brought by the national office staff was the same as equipment we provided, it was not brought to FSAE specifically. Members from the national office support events across the country and take the equipment with them whether it is used or not. It was generally agreed that having some duplication of equipment was a safeguard, but a review of required equipment would be made.
 - ii. John L. provided a list of members and their responsibilities at the 2015 FSAE event. Pat B. recommended that the list and requirements be reviewed with Mike McC. and Mike Nienhuis for assignments and the budget for the 2016 event.
- e. Jon J. informed us that the hosts of the Empire Hill Climb, held near Traverse City, are interested in being sanctioned by the SCCA next year. Their event is currently scheduled for September 24, 2016 and is a time trial event. They had contacted Jerry & Mary Shiloff who referred them to Nathan U. and himself. To be sanctioned by the SCCA would require SCCA personnel to be involved with the operation of the event. Pat B. suggested that since it is located near Traverse City it may be better supported by Western Michigan Region since they have more members directly involved with supporting race related events than our region. Gordie Ensing, Dayle Frame, and Verne Wandell were mentioned as possible contacts in WMR.

6. The December meeting will be held on December 9, 2015 at Pat Barber's home, 5000 Bemis Heights, Brighton, MI 48114. He suggested that members arrive

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early, approximately 5:30 PM, to sort through and review the archive materials that were given him some time ago. He mentioned that there is a local restaurant that can be used to cater dinner prior to the meeting that begins at 7:00 PM. The menu and details will be shared prior to the meeting date.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM