

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W Liberty St, Plymouth, MI 48170

Attendees: Aaron Usher, Brian Thorpe, Nathan Usher, Ken Wiedbusch, Jennifer Glass, Mike McClintock, Frank Putman, Eric Penn, Mike Nienhuis, Pat Barber, Jennifer Merideth, John Lisiecki, Steve Balanecki

Minutes:

1. September meeting minute approval - approved on line and posted to the website for download
2. Current Business and Online Business – No Online Business
3. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Aaron emailed the September financial reports to all board members on October 8th. He may have difficulty completing and sending the October reports prior to the November board meeting due to his schedule. He provided the list of capital equipment including two purchases this year. We purchased the wireless timing equipment and a new canopy. He informed us that he has not received the financial reports from the last two solo events and that Jeremiah is following up to provide them.
 - i. Jennifer M. informed Aaron that the two computers listed on the equipment report are no longer in her possession.
 - ii. Ken W. informed us that the old timing equipment is currently in his garage.
 - b. Solo - Pat B. mentioned that Jeremiah sent an email informing us that he was unable to attend this meeting as he is in Alabama for his grandmother's funeral. Pat informed us that the last event seemed to be successful and that it was a nice day.
 - i. Mike N. inquired if the region had any interest in hosting or co-hosting a pro-solo event. Pat B. informed us that we have had discussions with the national office but does not appear to be one of their priorities. Mike McClintock stated that we have the majority of the equipment but it's the software that would be needed for us to consider hosting this type of event.
 - c. Rally - Ken W. provided the final budgets for POR, Thumbs Up, and CAST in Stone rallies. He reported that we broke even on the POR budget considering the low participation. He mentioned that Bruce Fisher probably had not accounted for all of the fuel he used in planning and running the rally which contributed to the slight profit. Pat B. inquired if the low participation was due to the timing of the event, wondering if it has always run the weekend after Labor Day. Ken informed us that it has been run on this same weekend for the past 15 years as there are less people visiting up north after Labor Day and it's before the opening of the small game hunting season.
 - i. A discussion and recommendation was made to ensure all rally masters are reimbursed in full for all of their expenses relating to the rallies they host.
 - ii. Frank P. inquired about the average participation at POR for the last five years and Ken informed us that we average between 15 and 20 participants. He recommended that we consider advertising our rallies at local colleges and universities as a means to boost participation.
 - iii. Ken reported that things are happening at the national office in order to support regional and divisional rally programs. He stated that national rallies have been the focus of the National Road Rally Board (NRRB) with no support for regional or divisional rallies. He informed us that Greg Lester, rally scorekeeper for the GLDiv, sent a two page letter to the NRRB and two directors expressing his concerns about the lack of support. Ken stated that the NRRB is proposing to create a sub-committee whose purpose is to support and promote regional and division rallies. One of the current concerns is that participants are able to earn

national points at regional rallies and that there is no consistency in the length of the rallies. He cited one rally that lasts approximately an hour and a half, but still qualifies for national points. Ken informed us that a recommendation by the sub-committee is to create intermediate rallies which would qualify for national points. He also advised us that he informed them that there should be no increase in costs associated with hosting an intermediate rally.

1. Our next rally is scheduled for November 21st in Ionia with Aaron Usher as chairperson.
- d. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the next rallycross event is this coming weekend and has 36 registered participants. He feels the count is low due to the amount of time elapsed since the last event.
 - e. Equipment - Mike McClintock reported that water is leaking into the Fun Mover after a rain. He cleaned it up and had it inspected by General RV who reported that the top leaks as well as around the windows. They suggested that the areas could be caulked, but will continue to require maintenance. Mike got two quotes, one to perform only the maintenance and another to redesign the front end and interior space, installing more glass to provide better visibility for members handling timing & scoring. The company who provided the quote for the maintenance only informed him that they do not want to do the repair work. He provided us a copy of the written quote from Harry's RV for both the repairs and the redesign. A discussion ensued about modifying the Fun Mover or consider purchasing a trailer equipped similar to those used by the national office, as well as another region. The policy regarding the requirement for three quotes was also discussed. The main concern about replacing the Fun Mover with a trailer was needing someone to tow the trailer to our events.
 - i. As it was difficult to separate the repair expense from the redesign expense on the quote, it was recommended that Mike request separate quotes from Harry's RV, one for only the repairs and the other for the design modifications. It was agreed that any work should be done over the winter prior to the beginning of next season. Mike will provide the quotes either for on line discussion and voting by the board or at the next board meeting.
 - f. Race - Pat B. reviewed the 2016 race schedule which is already well into the planning stages.
 - i. John L. informed us that he has updated the Michigan Turn Marshals website with the race schedule for 2016.
 - ii. John L. reported that there was a FSAE dynamics event conference call on October 13th which included possibilities for changing the schedule and location of some events in response to some of the comments on the follow up survey from this past May.
 - g. Membership report - Steve B. informed the board that we 1,430 members as of October 16, an increase of 19 since last month. He reported that we gained 56 new members which indicates 37 members either did not renew or transferred to another region. It was asked if Steve had an idea where we gained the new members and he informed us that he had not reviewed the source for the new members. Eric P. mentioned that it was possible the increase was due to the memberships provided to students at the Street Survival event.
 - i. 4 service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month, including a 50 year award to Pere Quenet.
 - h. Website - Nothing new to report
 - i. Street Survival - Eric P. reported that 23 students participated in the event, the weather was good and the students were happy. He mentioned that instructors now need to be SCCA members for insurance purposes, even if it was a weekend membership. Students were provided a SCCA membership upon completion of the event. He reported that he

did not need to purchase any supplies as some were left over from last year. He also stated that we share supplies with the BMW club that hosts a TRSS event in August. While some supplies are shipped from event to event, shipping costs are reduced by national having the training manuals printed at Kinko's locally and shipped to the event chairperson.

- i. Eric informed us that he has investigated the use of a lot at Schoolcraft College, used for Public Safety training, and may be suitable for us to host a TRSS in addition to the one in Fowlerville.
 - j. Open Exhaust - Mike N. informed us that he is working on the design and reviewed newsletters from other regions for ideas. A discussion ensued about the format and content, especially considering the use of social media being used to post recent information and results.
 - k. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. informed us that she is looking into sites for the banquet in January. One site is the same one used for last year's banquet, A Taste of History at the Henry Ford and another is also at the Henry Ford, Eagle Tavern. Another site is the log cabin clubhouse at Fox Hills in Salem Township which could be \$15.00 less per person than last year's banquet. She mentioned a preference for Fox Hills as it was closer to her home than the Henry Ford. It was agreed that the final choice of sites was hers to make, but she may post an on line poll for everyone to submit their personal preference.
 - l. RE - Nothing new to report
4. Calendar Review - The 120 day calendar was reviewed.
5. New Business
- a. Event budgets
 - i. Nathan U. presented the budget for Rallycross #11 scheduled for December 5th. Steve B. moved to accept the budget as presented and Jennifer G. and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - b. Discussion on upcoming election - Steve B. reported that ballots were mailed this past Monday and he received his in the today's mail, as did Nathan U. There are five members seeking one of four positions. The candidates are Jennifer Merideth, Mike Nienhuis, Brian Thorpe, Ken Wiedbusch, and Matt Wolfe. Ken W. mentioned that he only submitted his nomination to ensure we had four members on the ballot.
 - c. SCCA National Convention - Pat B. opened the discussion about the proposed content of the convention, focusing more on SCCA leadership than motorsports expo as at the past two conventions. Ken W. mentioned that he would be interested in attending if there is content directly associated with road rallies, but has not received confirmation that there will be a focus group. As has been communicated by headquarters, registration fees are being waived for one of four region members attending the convention. One member should be considered an Ascender, identified as either (1) a new member who has taken on a leadership role early in their SCCA Career, (2) a leader in waiting, who has been tagged to be the next person to take on a specific position, or (3) an individual that Region leadership has identified as a future leader for the Region or Club. Pat suggested that since this person's registration fee would be waived, and we reimburse members for this fee, then we may be able to contribute towards their travel expenses instead.
 - d. Mike McClintock demonstrated the new wireless timing equipment. He expressed concerns that the sensors are not water proof and could be damaged if a car hit them. He mentioned that they could be protected from rain by placing plastic bags over them. He had seen boxes that could house the sensors and tripods used by another region. He inquired about the expense to manufacture some for our use and was provided a verbal quote of \$250.00. A discussion ensued about the need for these and the results to a

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driver of a cart if they hit one of the boxes. No decision was made on how to protect the sensors from possible damage due to contact from a competitor's vehicle.

6. Next meeting - November 11, 2015 at Thistle Hill, 64504 West 8 Mile Road, South Lyon, MI 48178
 - a. Pat B. offered to host the December meeting at his home with the intention of reviewing the archived region material in his possession.
7. Adjourned - 9:10 PM