

Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 PM, Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Jennifer Merideth, John Lisiecki, Pat Barber, Aaron Usher, Nathan Usher, Mike Nienhuis, Jon Jareo, Matt Wolfe, Jeremiah Mauricio, Rodney Beckwith III, Jerry Shiloff, Jennifer Glass, Rob Moran, Steve Balanecki, Greg Anthony, John Li

Minutes:

1. August meeting minutes were approved on line.
2. Current Business and Online Business
 - a. Budget for the 2015 Clare Color Tour rally was approved on line
3. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Aaron U. sent reports out electronically earlier this month. He reported that things are looking good as he received checks for the Grand Prix and from South Bend Region for the Majors race. He also reported that the GLDiv has cashed the check issued last March for the Spring Training session.
 - b. Solo - Jeremiah M. informed us that the events scheduled for Belle Isle have been moved to MIS due to unreasonable requirements placed on us by the state, especially the 25 mph speed limit. He has drafted an email inviting them to one of our remaining events so they can observe how we operate so we can hopefully hold at least one event on Belle Isle next year. He reported that MIS was very willing and flexible to accommodate us at their facility.
 - i. Matt W. inquired about other sites that may be available for future events and was informed that there is a list of potential sites. Jeremiah M. informed us that he is researching the use of Bosch facilities, as well as the Silverdome as some improvements have been made there. Pat B. mentioned that some sites we have used in the past are no longer suitable as they are not large enough to support the number of entrants we are drawing now. Matt indicated he will post on social media for input on possible sites.
 - c. Rally - Ken W. reported that the national rally held on August 22 & 23 was profitable, estimating about \$280 for the Thumbs Up rally with 18 cars and \$77 for CAST in Stone with 12 cars. He reported that there was an incident between a couple of pedestrians and a participant when a pedestrian decided to throw a stick the size of a baseball bat at the car. A couple of dents were made in the hood of the car.
 - i. Ken informed us that the POR held last weekend had 16 cars for the first rally and 15 cars for the second. There were issues with sand and a water hazard which caused the cancellation of 7 legs of the rally. There was an incident with one car rolling on its side into a ditch. The participant locked up the brakes going into a turn and slide off the road where there was a drop off into a ditch. An incident report was written, as well as a police report when the tow truck arrived to pull the vehicle out of the ditch. It was reported that the police were not happy that the driver did not remain at the scene.
 - ii. The Clare Color Tour rally is scheduled for October 3 in Clare with David Stone as rallymaster. The sanction request has been

- submitted, the flyer is on the website and Mike Bennett has broadcast it within the GLDiv.
- iii. Rallycross - Nathan U. informed us that the event held at Thistle Hill two weeks ago had 50 entrants and had children riding along. The children needed to be at least 10 years old and it was a full event.
 - d. Equipment - Ken W. informed us that he will be picking up the RV and will have it for about 6 weeks to make additional renovations.
 - i. Pat Barber mentioned that we may need to work on the fun mover as he received a report from Mike McClintock about a water leak. The problem was diagnosed by General RV as leaking at a window. Pat mentioned that we should anticipate replacing the roof next year due to the age of the fun mover, probably in the Spring.
 - e. Race - Jerry S. submitted the final budget for the double regional race held at Gingerman on May 16 & 17. The profits were shared by SBR, WOR and us and we netted \$1623.08 after awarding worker points to region members.
 - i. Jerry submitted the final budget for the recent Majors race at Gingerman, which netted the region \$9,423.26. He informed us that he has been assured that we will be co-chairing a Majors race next year.
 - ii. The dates for the double regional are May 21 & 22, 2016 and the Majors race will be July 9 & 10, 2016. Both events will be held at Gingerman.
 - iii. John Lisiecki reported that the dates for FSAE are currently scheduled for May 11 - 14, 2016 at MIS so this should not conflict with the double regional.
 - f. Membership report - Steve B. informed the board that we 1,411 members as of this morning, a decrease of 18 since last month. He reported that we gained 16 new members which indicates 34 members either did not renew or transferred to another region.
 - i. 4 service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month
 - g. Website - John Li informed us that no progress has been made since late Spring.
 - h. Open Exhaust - No report
 - i. Asst. RE - Jennifer G. reported that she is currently planning for the 2015 banquet. She has a couple of venues in mind, including returning to the Henry Ford. Events scheduled in January 2016, including the National Convention, have limited the banquet to the third weekend in January.
 - j. RE - Pat B. had sent an email to all board members promoting participation at the National Convention. He recommends that we all consider attending, especially Jeremiah M., as it is no longer associated with MSX Expo and will be more focused on providing material we can utilize, as well as networking with other regions.
 - i. Pat informed us that 38 drivers from the region participated at the recent Solo Nationals. There were 14 trophies awarded to region members. One member became a national champion and another member became a national winner.
4. Calendar Review - the calendar for the remainder of the year was reviewed and updated as necessary.
5. New Business
- a. Jennifer M. reported that she had discussions with national board members at the Solo Nationals last week. She reported that there may be some rules changes coming for Solo as they are considering lowering the minimum driver age to 14.

- b. Event budgets
 - i. Jerry S. submitted the budget for the day/night rallycross scheduled for November 14th at Oakshade. Steve B. moved to accept the budget as submitted and Jennifer G. seconded the motion. Nathan U. mentioned that this was the first budget to include a line item for the rental of Jerry's ATV and Ken W. thanked him for including this as a line item. The budget was approved.
 - ii. Aaron U. submitted the budget for the Pavement Ends rally to be held November 21st in Ionia. He will forward the sanction request to Ken W. to submit to headquarters. Steve B. moved to accept the budget as submitted and Jeremiah M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - iii. Jeremiah M. informed us that he had copies of the revised solo budgets due to moving the events from Belle Isle to MIS. He reported that each budget increased \$500 for the site rentals at MIS. Pat B. inquired if the increase was more than 10% above the initial budgets and Jeremiah informed us that it was not. As such, the amended budgets did not need to be submitted for approval.
 - c. Pat B. reminded us that a chairperson needs to be named for the 2016 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix and Jerry S. informed us that he would like to remain the chairperson. None of us disagreed.
 - i. Jerry S. informed us that he has been requested to be the Chief Steward at the double regional race next year by Dan Hodge, GLDiv Executive Steward. As he is also the co-chair for the event and cannot serve in both positions, he requested that Matt Wolfe consider being the co-chair for this event.
 - d. Discussion on upcoming election - Pat B. reminded us that the election of officers for 2016 is approaching. He confirmed that names and bios to appear on the ballot need be sent to Steve B. by September 30th to allow time to create and print the ballot. The terms for Steve B., Jennifer M, Mike N. and Aaron U. are expiring and Steve is ineligible to run again as he is term limited. Steve informed us he had posted a note on the region's forum seeking nominations and bios but has not received any as yet. Greg A. informed us that the post has been viewed 145 times. Matt W. offered to post a note on social media, possibly linking it to the forum post.
6. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 W. Liberty St., Plymouth, MI 48170 on October 21st. The date was changed to the third Wednesday as there is a conflict with the LSPR stage rally that week which some board members are planning to attend.
 7. Adjourned at 8:14 PM