

Detroit Region SCCA



April 9, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: Eric Penn, John Kytasty, Nathan Usher, Aaron, Usher, Jerry Shiloff, Diane Arthur, Ed Arthur, Pat Barber, Jeremiah Mauricio, Mike Nienhuis, Jennifer Glass, Scott Harvey, Steve Balanecki, John Li, Ray Jason, and Christopher Jason

Agenda:

1. March meeting minute approval. - minutes approved on line
2. Current Business
 - a. Follow up on Policy update - Postponed until next month's meeting
3. Reports
 - a. RE - nothing to report
 - b. Asst. RE - absent from meeting
 - i. Review of Member Meeting - Jerry Shiloff stated that it was well presented, but there was a low turnout. It was recommended that we consider another venue as we've held this meeting at the same location for a few years. The Henry Ford was offered as one venue to be considered.
 - c. Race
 - i. there is a driver's school scheduled at Waterford Hills. The classroom session will be held on April 12th. The on track school will be held April 26th and 27th in conjunction with F&C school.
 - ii. A double regional race will be held at Gingerman Raceway on May 10th and 11th, Mother's Day weekend. We will co-host the event with SBR and WOR. Profits will be shared with the three regions and any loss will be shared between SBR and us.
 - iii. The Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix will be held May 31 - June 1. It is believed most volunteer registrations have been received, but F&C, Emergency Services and hospitality still need volunteers. Registration will be at Sindbad's on Thursday evening with emergency registration available on Friday morning, May 31.
 - iv. A Majors Race will be held on July 11 - 13 at Gingerman Raceway co-hosted with SBR. Bob Pierson will chair the event as Jerry Shiloff will be at Waterford Hills that weekend as the Chief Steward.
 - v. Worker training is scheduled for August 15th at Waterford Hills. The subject is yet to be determined.
 - d. Solo
 - i. The signed contracts for the Silverdome have been received.
 - e. Rally
 - i. The Twilight Tour Rally is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 12th, with the first car scheduled to depart at 3:00 PM. The 130 mile route is being redone by Ken Wiedbusch as some of the roads are under water. 18 - 20 cars are preregistered.
 - ii. The rally school had 16 students. The roads were terrible, but it went well. While posted speeds were 35 mph, participants were only able to do 15 mph due to the road conditions.
 - iii. POR - help is always needed, as well as more competitors. The format is being revised for this year.

- f. Rallycross
 - i. The March event was postponed to April 26th due to weather and track conditions. There are 60 registered for the event with 8 on the wait list. While there were a few cancellations due to rescheduling the date these openings were filled quickly.
 - ii. Thehelmetman.com is sponsoring events this year with a helmet to be given away at the July event, possibly to the competitor with the fastest time in their class. Discounts on helmets will be given to all competitors.
 - iii. WMR is considering using I-96 Speedway and fields at Gingerman Raceway for sites to hold events this year.
- g. Treasurer
 - i. Aaron will be leaving for Missouri on April 13th to attend training for a new job. He expects to be unavailable for the first week and should be back in town at the end of the May or early June at the latest.
 - ii. Reports were emailed to all board members previously.
- h. Equipment
 - i. Flag Replacement - Jerry S. received an estimate of \$2,538 for 20 flag sets w/o storage bags. Three estimates for bags ranged from \$50 to \$12. It was agreed that he should proceed to have them fabricated for \$12.
 - ii. Fire Extinguishers - 4 are required at \$89 each to supply the MERVs used at the Grand Prix.
 - iii. The Fun Mover is out of storage and will need a new roof within the next two years. It is a 1998 model and the rubber roof is showing wear and tear. The estimated cost to replace it is \$2 - \$3000. It was suggested that we consider having the work done at the end of this season, prior to returning it to storage.
 - iv. The awning over the slide out on the Conquistador should be replaced. John K. will investigate the cost.
- i. Membership report
 - i. We are down 5 members since the last meeting, currently at 1,249. There are 19 new members, meaning 24 memberships were either not renewed or transferred to another region.
 - ii. 32 service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month from Zephyrhills, FL.
- j. Website
 - i. Update on Website - John Li reported that they are still reviewing software possibilities and the ability to keep the forum information.
 - ii. The new website, drscca.org, is ready to accept new content. Pat B. suggests that we begin reviewing the use of the new website and provide any recommendations to the designers.
- k. Open Exhaust
 - i. Mike N. is currently formatting the newsletter and hopes to provide us with a draft early next week.
 - ii. The deadline for the second issue is late June or early July.
- 4. Calendar Review
 - a. The 90 day calendar was reviewed
 - b. There was some concern about why our events are not being displayed in the email blast we receive from headquarters. It was discovered that no event is posted to the national calendar until the sanction is issued.
 - i. Some regions are able to request sanctions far in advance of their event as they use the same site year after year.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Event budgets

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- i. Solo - Ray Jason informed us that he has 5 contracts for use of the Silverdome at \$2,000 per day. He recommends combining the expense into one payment of \$10,000 to secure the site. He advised us that the expense to contract the site in Oscoda for two weekends would be \$2,300 and Belle Isle would be \$2,500. Jerry S. moved to accept the proposed budgets and Mike N. seconded the proposal. The budgets passed unanimously.
 1. Access to Belle Isle this year will not require participants to pay for a State Park access fee as it is grandfathered in for this year. It may be required next year.
 - ii. Solo Season Opener budget was presented. John K. moved to accept the budget and Jerry S. seconded the motion. The budget was passed unanimously.
 - iii. Memorial Day Solo budget was presented. Steve B. moved to accept the budget and Scott H. seconded the motion. It was mentioned that the worker points shown are combined for this event and the EVO/Starting Line school. The budget passed unanimously.
 - iv. Nathan presented us with a revised Rallycross Director's budget that included the cost of insurance on the Conquistador. Jerry S. moved to accept the revised budget and Mike N. seconded the motion. It was accepted unanimously.
 - v. The budget for the June Rallycross (#5) to be held at Marshall was presented. Mike N. moved to accept the budget and Scott H. seconded the motion. The entry fee was revised to be \$50.00. The budget was passed unanimously.
 - vi. John K. submitted budgets to purchase a 4 burner gas grille and 10' X 20' pop up canopy tent. Scott H. moved to accept the budgets and Mike N. seconded the proposal. It was recommended that the Treasurer list this new equipment in Race inventory. The budgets passed unanimously.
 - vii. Jennifer G. advised us that she had received a 'cease and desist' notification from the township to use Thistle Hill as a commercial race track. She discussed the issue with the township's ordinance officer who indicated they had received a couple of complaints from some neighbors of her property. After the discussion it was agreed that no permit was required and there were no violations of any ordinances. The township did request some advance notice of any upcoming events.
- b. Policy Review - delayed until next month
 - c. Charter - Pat B. is still searching for the original charter. Jennifer G. indicated it was not in her possession, but Brian Thorpe may have it in materials he received when he was Secretary a few years ago. Pat will follow up with Brian.
6. May BOD meeting
 - a. To be held May 7th to avoid a conflict with Formula SAE
 - b. The Box Bar & Grille in Plymouth was selected as the location
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM