

Detroit Region SCCA Board of Directors Meeting
10 April 2001
Holiday Inn (northeast corner of I-275 and 6 Mile Road)
7:30 – 10:00 pm

Attendees: Dick Cole Pete Padden Barbara Steencken
Cynthia Kempton Heather Shehan Jody R. Jacobs
Mark D. Henderson Bill Slabey Jeremy Sutton
Bob Goppold Eric Penn
Henry Hausler

Call to Order

Dick Cole called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Secretary Report – Electronic votes

It was decided that in the future the secretary would keep track of electronic votes and include them in the meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report

Dick presented the budget for the 2001 Detroit Grand Prix. It will generate a surplus of \$1140. Dick noted that –if- the Detroit Grand Prix happens in 2002 the Region will ask for more return. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night parties are major expenses. The Region needs more reserves. Worker costs are ok. Discussion followed. Pete motioned to approve the 2001 Detroit Grand Prix budget. Heather seconded. Approved.

The Cast in Stone budget was presented. Mark motioned to approve. Bob seconded the motion. It was approved.

The March 2001 financial statement was submitted.

The Moonlight Monte budget was submitted.

Old Business

New Business

Worker Incentives

Dick noted that we have a new F&C chief who came up with some new worker incentives. Workers want to have their membership paid from working. Currently, using worker points to pay for membership won't cover it all. Only about half would be covered if the worker worked all the races in a season. Dick suggested using "funny money" for worker points instead of keeping track of worker points. One worker point is worth three dollars. Current members could "cash out" their current worker points. Discussion followed as to what to spend worker points on such as merchandise and/or membership. Dick suggested considering increasing worker points value. There is a need to define worker points in a document on the Region web page and/or the Open Exhaust.

RE's Report

Transponders

Dick reported that transponder sales started. 300 letters were sent to the Detroit Region race drivers. The process of selling transponders is taking longer than expected.

Hot Line

The Mickles (current voice of the hotline) will be gone during winter. The Region needs someone to take over the hotline. They need to be in the Detroit area. Send suggestions to Dick.

Web Site & Open Exhaust

There will be a meeting at (race) driver's school to discuss the web site. Scott, Tim, Kim, and Dick are discussing it. The web site needs to be updated sooner.

The Open Exhaust is currently mailed to 300 members. Dick suggested a mailing of the Open Exhaust to the general membership once a year with ballots for members to continue receiving it in the mail. The Open Exhaust should be a recruiting tool in at least one issue. Send ideas to Dick before (race) driver's school.

Dick presented the March 2001 issue of SCCA RENEWS. SCCA has redone region breakouts into small, medium, medium/large, large, and jumbo category sizes. Promotions at SCCA were discussed. There is an insert in Super Street magazine that showcases SCCA. There is no date for the fire school yet...

Policy & Bylaws

Report & Discussion

The membership chairperson should send membership reports to all chiefs of specialty and not just board members. We need to examine what is in the new member packets from secretarial services.

Bob inquired about a use of club equipment policy that specifies that club equipment be used for region-sanctioned events only. Scales are missing. Dick responded that the policy is in the bylaws already and that the board must approve of equipment borrowing.

Dick suggested the Region take credit cards. SCCA national should make the membership card a credit card and waiver, etc...

Reports

Jody and Mark discussed the possibility of doing a social outing on a Friday night or Saturday at Carrail. It would cost \$24 per person and there's a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 200. No kids under the age of 14 are allowed in Carrail. Catering would be through the Whitney only. Barb suggested making it part of a rally tour. It was suggested to have it during an October or November weekend. We will consider it in fall. We need to find out if there is interest.

Race

Drivers School

Cynthia reported there are six entries so far. IRP cancelled theirs so we may get some from there.

Double Regional

Henry discussed the double regional.

Endurance

Jeremy discussed the enduro at Gingerman. He is finalizing supps and entry forms. Everything is going as planned. They have a second sponsor Spec Miata was suggested as a class. There is cross promotion with the 12 hours of the Sears Point and the Gingerman Enduro. Supps are going to Bill Farr, then to the national office.

Solo II

Solo School

Heather reported that the Solo School will be held at Flint for the driving portion. The classroom will be in Walled Lake.

Season opener

The Season Opener will be at GM Willow Run.

Truck Drivers

There is a need for a qualified driver for the equipment truck.

Rally

Rally School

Pete reported that the rally school is in good shape.

Events

Cast in Stone was discussed

Discussion

Dick discussed membership. Chicago and Detroit regions are about even in membership numbers. Detroit needs a membership recruiting drive. How are membership app handled? Solo School takes membership apps. Bill suggested web membership registration with a credit card. Discussion followed concerning the need to grow the Region. Ideas were discussed such as the web site and Open Exhaust and to accept credit cards. We need something with an app form to hand to people. The business cards with the schedules on them were discussed. Denver's goal for 2005 is 20% increase in membership. More discussion followed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The July board meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday.

No general membership meeting will be held in June, July, or August.