

August 13, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting  
7:00 p.m,  
The Box Bar & Grille, Plymouth, MI

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Attendees: Eric Penn, Pat Barber, Ed Arthur, Jennifer Merideth, Scott Harvey Jr., Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Jerry Shiloff, Sue Wiedbusch, Ken Wiedbusch, Steve Balanecki

1. July meeting minutes were approved on line
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
  - a. Region Policy Publication - The revision previously approved has not been uploaded to the website. Jennifer M. wants to verify that there are no typographical errors in the approved version and Pat B. will forward it to Mike Burns to have it uploaded.
  - b. Rally Cross Budget at Thistle Hill 9-20 - Passed 9-0
  - c. July Meeting Minutes - approved 10-0
  - d. Getting Ready for Nationals Solo 8/15-17 Passed 11-0
  - e. Fall into Autumn Solo 9/14 - Passed 11-0
3. Reports
  - a. Membership - Steve B. reported that we had 1,364 members as of the last meeting and have 1,341 as of today, a loss of 23 members. We gained 18 new members since the last meeting with 41 members either not renewing their membership or transferring to another region. As of the September issue of SportsCar magazine, we are the number one jumbo region for growth at 9.8%, surpassing Oregon Region. Ten service awards were mailed this month, including a 50 year award for Peter Klain.
  - b. Treasurer - Aaron U. reported that it has been a light month so far. Pat B. informed us that the payment from National for expenses related to the Solo School is expected within the next couple of weeks. The delay was caused by us not having all the receipts until recently.
  - c. Rally
    - i. Moonlight Monte - Ken W. provided the final budget for the event and informed us that Tom Woodside did more than assist John Kytasty as the Safety Steward. As this was John's first rally as chairperson, Tom also assisted him in organizing the rally. There were 18 controls for the event and it ran very well with the teams of Usher and Wiedbusch tied. Ken informed us that the Usher team took the trophy.
    - ii. POR - Ken W. reported that planning is pretty well set for this year's event.
    - iii. Ken W. informed us that he has been requested to participate in a town hall conference call with the Road Rally Board and active participants and will do his best to represent us well.
    - iv. The new clocks we recently acquired were used on some of the controls for the Moonlight Monte Rally. Scott H. had an opportunity to use one and reported that it worked well, having the capability to scroll backward to view previous times recorded. Scott mentioned that the clock had a charging cord which could be plugged into a vehicle's cigarette lighter socket if the nine volt battery required charging during an event. He informed us that the adaptor has an LED that indicates the cord has power to charge the battery. Scott also informed us that the read out displays to the thousandth of a minute and Ken informed us that he may block this so it only reads to the hundredth of a minute. Scott recommends that we consider purchasing these same clocks in the future as it worked very well and he considers it a good investment.
    - v. Scott H. asked for any comments or criticism that could be provided to John Kytasty as this was the first rally he chaired. Aaron U. mentioned that he noticed some similar errors made when comparing this rally to the first rally he chaired. There were no major issues.

Ken W. informed us that John attempted to copy and paste the information directly from the course description onto the control slips, which is difficult. He suggested that John read through the control slips with another member to verify the control slip directions. This would prevent throwing out the results of a control due to any errors. It was accepted as a good rally by all participants and Ken W. will recommend that John's rallies be considered for more than region only points in the future.

- d. Rallycross
  - i. Nathan U. reported that the recent two day event should be profitable by approximately \$1,000.00. He informed us that the car count was a little lower than expected with some participants running only one day rather than both days.
  - ii. Jerry S. reported that Thayer Automotive recently contributed \$1,500.00 for both POR and Rallycross with \$300.00 marked for POR. Pat B. asked if we need to send Thayer a letter thanking them for their contribution and Jerry reported that they have been thanked.
  - iii. Nathan U. informed us that we have 42 entrants registered for the event this coming weekend. It will be chaired by Doug Harvey at Crystal and have a cap of 50 participants.
  - iv. The event following this weekend's event is a Divisional and Nathan reported that we currently have five region members registered.
  - v. Nathan expects there will be three region members entered to participate in the National event scheduled in October.
- e. RE
  - i. Pat B. reported that he received two file cabinets full of region material from Kathy Kelm. He has not scanned through all of the material but reported finding Open Exhaust newsletters dated from 1964 through 1984. As we need a place to store and access the material, he will contact the Detroit Public Library for their assistance. He informed us that the library has assisted the local Triumph club by cataloging and storing their newsletters.
- f. Assistant RE
  - i. Jennifer M. asked for recommendations for the Annual Banquet to be held in January. She asked if we wanted to continue spending enough money to have a good event as we did this past year, or spend less money to have an average event. All agreed that we should spend enough money to provide a good event as this is our one opportunity to give something back to the members. Jerry S. requested that we consider recommending a dress code as t-shirts and jeans are more casual than should be worn to this event. Scott H. informed us that he would like to have hors d'oeuvres served as he missed them at the last banquet.
- g. Race
  - i. Jerry S. presented the final budget for the Majors race at Gingerman. The event was profitable, however the car count was lower than expected. He theorized that registration was lower as the runoffs are scheduled for Mazda Laguna Seca in California and many of the local drivers are not planning on participating in the runoffs.
  - ii. Jerry has negotiated with Gingerman to reserve the track for another regional race on Mother's Day weekend next year, as well as the Majors race on July 11th and 12th.
  - iii. A discussion ensued about attendance at the Majors races. Pat B. informed us that the National office indicates that attendance has increased at the Majors races. Jerry S. felt this was not accurate for events held in the Eastern United States with the exception of Mid-Ohio and Road America as many drivers simply appreciate the opportunity to race at those tracks. He feels that the majority of the participants at the runoffs this year will be drivers who reside west of the Rocky Mountains. As the runoffs are scheduled to run at Daytona and Mid-Ohio the next two years, Jerry does not expect many drivers from west of the Rocky Mountains will be participating.
- h. Website
  - i. Nothing to report
- i. Open Exhaust
  - i. Steve B. reminded us that the proposed deadline to submit articles was August 1st and Pat B. informed us that Mike N. is still seeking articles so he can publish the next newsletter. Jerry S. informed us that he will have some material to send to Mike. He will include a comment from Steve Harris, our area director, who felt our support of the recent Majors race was the poster child for how it should be done.

- j. Solo
    - i. Eric P. reported that there is a divisional event at Oscoda this coming weekend. There is some discussion about the Formula Junior B class being able to participate with clone motors rather than spec motors. Ray Jason has advised that clone motors are not permitted at the national level and as this event uses the national rules then clone motors should not be allowed. Pat B. informed us that he, Jennifer M., and Jeremiah Mauricio have discussed this and have agreed that entrants in this class should be able to participate with clone motors and they are seeking the general opinion of the board. It was reported that there is not much difference in speed between vehicles using the clone vs the spec motor, that is more the skill of the driver that determines their success. It was also reported that there have not been any safety issues with vehicles using the clone motor. These same vehicles ran at Oscoda last month without any issues. As our purpose in hosting events is to provide everyone an opportunity to participate, the consensus of the board is to support our Solo Director in recommending that these vehicles be allowed to participate as they have in the past. Jerry S. suggested that issues such as this could be avoided at future events by including it in any supplemental information.
  - k. Equipment
    - i. No reports
4. Calendar Review
- a. The calendar for the next 90 days was reviewed.
  - b. Steve B. reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting nominations for the upcoming election of board members is September 30th. Bios need to be received by that date to allow time to create, print and mail the ballot so they can be returned and counted prior to the November board of directors meeting. Scott H. advised that he is termed out and ineligible to run.
5. New Business
- a. Event budgets
    - i. Rally - Ken W. presented the budget for the Clare Color Tour, chaired by David Stone scheduled for October 4th. Jerry S. moved to approve the budget and it was seconded by Scott H. There was some discussion regarding the number of entries. The budget was approved.
    - ii. Rally - Aaron U. presented the budget for the Pavement Ends rally which he will be chairing. It is scheduled for December 6th, headquartered in Lansing. Scott H. moved to approve the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the move. The budget was approved.
    - iii. Rallycross - Nathan U. presented the budget for the October Rallycross at I-96 Speedway scheduled for October 25th and chaired by Bob Martin. He mentioned that the track rental may have increased by \$250.00 which will reduce the estimated profit by that amount. Scott H. moved to approve the revised budget and Steve B. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - iv. Race - Ed A. presented a budget for the Advanced Worker Training to be held this coming Sunday, the 17th, at Waterford Hills Road Racing track. He apologized for not presenting this budget sooner. Expenses for the training will be shared between the region and WHRRI as in the past. He explained that the instruction will involve how to properly respond to on track incidents involving race cars and drivers, with both classroom and on track training. There was a discussion about insurance coverage and Ed will verify whether Waterford Hills or our insurance would cover any potential injuries. Ed reminded us that there would be no cars running on the track, only staged incident scenes. Jerry S. moved to approve the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - v. Equipment - Ken W. presented a budget for electrical power supply for the Rallycross RV on behalf of John Kytasty. He explained that the equipment is necessary to maintain the RV battery's charge while it is not being used. Previous equipment used was inadequate and was damaged. Steve B. moved to approved the budget and Nathan U. seconded the motion. Jennifer M. inquired if this expense was already included in the annual Rallycross Director's budget and Nathan U. informed us that there was no specific line item in that budget for equipment maintenance. The budget was approved.
    - vi. Equipment - Ken W. presented a budget to replace the differential in the Rallycross RV. He informed us that this item was previously submitted last year, but was declined due to

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the requirement for three quotes was not met. As this requirement has changed, the budget is being resubmitted. Scott H. moved to approve the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

- vii. Equipment - Ken W. presented a budget to purchase material to create interior storage in the Rallycross RV. He informed us that this should be considered as phase one. He and John Kytasty plan to remove the waste tank, shower, and toilet. The space is to be converted for equipment storage. The budget includes the purchase of tire chains for winter use and electrical components that will allow us to charge the batteries used for the timing equipment. Their hope is to have this work done by the end of this year. Steve B. moved to approve the budget and Scott H. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
  - b. Eric P. provided an update regarding headquarters position about unmanned aircraft at solo events. He informed us that the Solo Board will allow the operation of unmanned aircraft at events. They require that the user receive approval from the event chairperson, must have FAA certification and their own insurance. He wondered if any of the other specialty boards have enacted a similar policy.
  - c. Pat B. asked if we have any flags or banners that display the SCCA or Detroit Region logo. Ken W. advised that if we have any then they may be stored in the race trailer, but have not been used in years. Pat informed us that he will investigate getting flags or banners with our logo for the purpose of better publicizing and indentifying our club to both our members and the general public. Jennifer M. will also ask Dave Whitworth of SPS if he may be able to provide us the items.
  - d. Pat B. suggested that the club put a package together for our members who participate in national events (race, rally, rallycross and solo). He suggested that we provide a t-shirt, polo shirt, decals or other items that identify them as members of the Detroit Region. The purpose is to better publicize our region within the SCCA and support our members. He informed us that workers receive these types of items for participating at races both inside and outside of our region. No decision was made to proceed with this idea.
6. August BOD Meeting
    - a. Scott H. offered to host the meeting at Thistle Hill next month and the board accepted his offer. The September meeting will be held on September 10, 2014, at Thistle Hill, 64504 W. Eight Mile Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178.
  7. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM