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

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: John Kytasty, Pat Barber, Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Ed Arthur, Eric Penn, Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Jeremiah Mauricio, Jennifer Merideth, Mike Nienhuis, Scott Harvey Jr., Jerry Shiloff, Steve Balanecki, Frank Putman, John Lisiecki, Bob Pierson

- 1. November meeting minutes approved on line
- 2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
 - a. a vote to approve sponsoring a month the calendars Amanda Skelly will be giving out to people at rallies this year- Passed 8-0
 - b. Proposed By-laws change to add a Financial Director. A discussion ensued and confirmed that the new position would have voting privileges. Scott H. recommended that the change should also state that the individual should be a member in good standing. It was agreed that any check issued for more than \$2,500.00 would require two signatures, increasing the current limit of \$500.00. Mike N. will submit the proposal with the recommended changes for a vote on the on line forum.

3. Reports

- a. Asst. RE
 - i. Award's Banquet Update Jennifer M. informed us that she had not received a as good a proposal from the Marriott as she had hoped. She informed us that they proposed a cost of \$71.00 per person. She received a better proposal from the Henry Ford, located in the Taste of History room, and submitted a budget proposal based on their offer. A discussion ensued and the consensus was to hold the banquet on January 24th, keep the cost of a banquet ticket at \$40.00, and have a cash bar. Jennifer recommended an alternative to printing name tags, suggesting an aluminum luggage tag as a souvenir. Steve B. moved that the proposed budget be accepted with the discussed changes and Scott H. seconded the motion. The proposed budget was passed. Jennifer M. asked for door prize items. Steve B. will be the emcee at the event and will provide the names of any members who celebrated their 50th anniversary of SCCA membership to include with other complimentary tickets.

b. Race

- i. Jerry S. provided us a revised final schedule for 2015 races and other events in and around the region
- ii. Bob P. informed us that the World Challenge will field GT & GTA cars at the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix next year. No decision has been made regarding access to the island for individuals who do not have a Michigan State Park Pass. He informed us that Penske has spent four million dollars to repave the track. The pavement is being replaced rather than resurfaced. The track from station six up to Race Control has already been repaved. The track from Race Control to the bridge at turn one will be repaved once the weather permits in the Spring. Jerry S. informed us that he is looking for chiefs for this Grand Prix.
- iii. Discussion of race facilities at Milan Dragway Jerry S. informed us that he was approached to possibly host a regional race at the facility. The facility has not been approved as a site by SCCA to sanction. Pat B. recommended Jerry send them an email informing them that we are not interested in their offer at this time.

c. Rallycross

 Nathan U. submitted the final budget for the event held on November 15th.

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- We will host a national challenge race at I-96 speedway on July 25 & 26, 2015.
- iii. Nathan U. informed us that the MAE website has been down since last weekend, so we are unable to pull any reports to determine registration for the event this coming weekend. He has been informed that their server may be up tomorrow and there may be some delays in starting the event this weekend if it is not available.

d. Rally

- i. Ken W. deferred to Aaron U. who presented the final budget for the Pavement Ends rally held this past weekend. It was a successful event with 19 vehicles participating.
- ii. Scott H. informed us that the next rally, Son of Sno* Drift, will be held on January 10th with the headquarters being at Captain Joe's in Whitmore Lake. He informed us that roads not used in previous rallies have been included.

e. Solo

i. Jeremiah M. informed us that he is currently working on the schedule which may include three new venues that are being considered. One site being considered was the Coleman A. Young airport in Detroit, but has been eliminated as they want a \$5,000 per day fee.

f. Equipment

- Aaron U. provided us a list of capital equipment from last year for review.
 It was agreed that the list should include the Alpha clocks used in our road rallies, using the combined value rather than individual value.
- ii. Coverage for FSAE Pat B. informed us that Mike McClintock will be sidelined for approximately six months due to recent surgery and will not be available to chair the event. As a result, Pat B. is seeking a replacement chair and seeks recommendations by the end of the month. Mike McC. will be available for consultation.
- iii. Ken W. informed us that he is still working on the motor home per the list of items to be completed in Stage One. The construction of the workspace has been completed with the next step to remove the water tank, probably in the Spring. The limited slip differential has not been replaced as many repair shops do not have a large enough door to allow them to work on the motor home inside and the cost for having a RV repair facility perform the repairs exceeds the cost of the previously approved budget. The proposed budget may need to be resubmitted for 2015.

g. Membership report

- Steve B. informed us that we currently have 1,311 members as of this morning. This is down six members since the last meeting. We gained three new members and lost nine due to the either non-renewals or transferring to another region.
- ii. Fourteen service awards were mailed at the beginning of December.

h. Treasurer

- i. Aaron U. emailed the financial reports to all board members prior to the meeting.
- ii. Aaron U. informed us that the deposit for rental of the Silverdome property will be rolled over into next year and is dependent upon the Solo schedule once it is finalized.

i. Website

- i. Pat B. informed us that there has been no movement on the new website
- j. RE.
- i. Pat B. had nothing to report

k. Open Exhaust

- i. Mike N. had nothing to report
- 4. Calendar Review The 90 day calendar was reviewed.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Award Nominations

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- i. Decision needed on Robert Collins Award Pat B. informed us that the recipient of this award is chosen by the race director. Jerry S. informed us that there are two individuals who he feels are eligible based on their earnings of national points and is seeking our opinions on who should receive the award. A discussion ensued and it was recommended that Mike Novak be presented the award based on the criteria.
- ii. Pat B. informed us that he is seeking nominees for the Tom Hallock award. Frank P. recommended Keith Armitage and John K. nominated Evan Christensen.
- iii. Seth Taylor needs to determine the recipient of the Chris Lindberg trophy as the immediate past recipient
- iv. Mike McClintock was nominated to receive the Karl Pel award
- v. Pat B. informed us that he needs nominees to receive the Ira Garfunkel award for outstanding sportsmanship.
- vi. Pat B. will select the recipient of the Robert Siegmund award
- b. Adjourn 2014 Business 9:20 PM
- 6. Executive Session
 - a. Selection of new club officers
 - i. Pat B. was reelected as our Regional Executive, Aaron Usher as Treasurer and Steve Balanecki as Secretary. No one present expressed an interest in becoming the Assistant Regional Executive for 2015. Pat B. will follow up with Jennifer Glass as she was unable to be present at the meeting.
 - b. Any Other Business
 - i. None
- 7. 2015 New Business
 - a. Event budgets
 - i. Scott H. presented the proposed budget for Son of Sno* Drift rally, apologizing for presenting it late. As we experienced an overall loss when holding the event last year, the registration fee has been increased. Jerry S. moved to accept the proposed budget and Mike N. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - ii. Nathan U. presented the proposed budget for the February rallycross to be held at I-96 Speedway. Jerry S. moved to accept the proposed budget and Steve B. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - b. Coverage at National Convention.
 - i. Those currently planning on attending to represent our region are Jennifer M., Frank P., Steve B., and Pat B.
 - c. Director Budgets
 - Pat B. reminded us that these budgets need to presented at the next meeting.
- 8. January BOD meeting
 - a. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015 at the Box Bar & Grille in Plymouth, MI
- 9. Adjourned at 9:55 PM