Detroit Region SCCA Board of Directors Meeting 11 July 2000 Holiday Inn (northeast corner of I-275 and 6 Mile Road) 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Attendees:

Bob Goppold

Henry Hausler Bob Martin Jody Jacobs Guy St. John

Kim Lyon Jim Mickle Chris Syfert

Pete Padden Carol Uller Mark Shehan

Call to Order

Bob Goppold called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Secretary's Report

Motion by Bob Martin to accept the Secretary's minutes as presented. Seconded by Pete Padden. Unanimously approved.

Membership Report

The region has 2139 members as of the June 2000 membership galley from the National Office. There were 82 non-renewals.

Worker Points Report

The latest worker points deck was distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Carol Uller to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Henry Hausler. Unanimously approved.

Budget

New

McKarney Autocross School and Detroit vs. NWOR Challenge Solo II budgets were presented. Motion by Chris Syfert to accept. Seconded by Henry Hausler. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

Bob Goppold has agreed to work with Secretarial Solutions to resolve the membership mailing list concern. Bob noted that he would report back his findings at the next board meeting.

New Business

Banquet

Mark Shehan agreed to pull together banquet facility costs/menus for January's annual Awards Banquet in time for the next board meeting. The board's first preference for banquet dates is the 3rd Saturday in January.

Jody Jacobs noted that she would pull together some alternatives to the Laurel Manor facility that has been used recently.

Website

Kim Lyon agreed to work with Scott Jasmund, region webmaster, one-on-one in resolving the region website support issues.

Jim Mickle discussed the need to get information to the region website in a timely fashion and with accurate information.

Bob Goppold agreed to e-mail the website that the board has openings for Special Events Coordinator, general membership meeting coordinator and board positions.

Elections

Bob Martin noted that Mark Shehan cannot serve on the board again in 2001 as this is his 6th consecutive year on the board in an elected or appointed position.

Bob Martin commented that the nominating committee was adding Mark Henderson to the list of candidates for the upcoming election.

Kim Lyon noted that he was told at the road race at Grattan that there are previous board members who would be willing to be on the board in the future.

General Membership Meetings

Jim Mickle noted that the general membership meetings are disorganized. Bob Martin mentioned that he thought that the members would like a monthly meeting rather than the sporadic meeting schedule we currently have.

Jim commented that "no-one is aware of when the meetings are moved" from their "regular" location.

In general the board agreed that the general membership meetings need to be scheduled for each month.

Bob Martin agreed to coordinate the general membership meetings for the rest of the year until a suitable alternate was found.

The board liked the idea of continuing the "How to get started" program for the February or March general membership meetings.

Chris Syfert agreed to help get speakers for future general membership meetings

Open Exhaust Newsletter

Jim Mickle commented that he would like to see the latest event schedules and meeting agenda's in each issue of the Open Exhaust. He noted that this had been done in the past. Jim mentioned that the Open Exhaust needs to be published on time. He commented that the Open Exhaust needed more realistic deadlines for submissions. He noted that "no-one is writing articles". He queried where the Regional Executive articles was from this year's National Convention. Jim noted that this is required. He also note that event entry forms for events and articles for the events should be in each Open Exhaust.

Jody Jacobs agreed that the latest schedule of events should be both in the Open Exhaust and posted on the web site.

Communication

Jim Mickle would like answer's to his e-mail questions ("to the leadership") in a timely fashion.

Kim Lyon noted at the Grattan race that he was told that some of the competitors feel that the Detroit Region Technical Inspectors are on "chronic witch hunts". Someone commented that the Detroit Region board is "lost" and is "going down the toilet". Kim commented that someone noted there are "books" on how to run the region. The board will investigate this.

Additional discussion was held during the board meeting regarding the direction of the board and its' leadership.

Training new members

Jody Jacobs noted that she would like to see more training for the various positions within the region. More follow through is also needed.

Jody commented that the chief/experienced region members should give new members defined tasks to accomplish/roles to get them more involved. We also need to do a better job of letting new members know whom to call if/when they have questions.

Rally Report

Pete Padden mentioned that the August Madness TSD Rally has been cancelled. The POR Rally is on schedule. The route is completed for the Thumbs Up rally.

Race Report

Henry Hausler noted that the race at Grattan went well. Unfortunately there was a little too much precipitation during the event. Henry commented that 55 cars participated. He mentioned that with the lower than expected turnout the organizers were able to provide separate practice and qualifying sessions (an unexpected good turn of events). Henry noted that they would try to schedule similar sessions at future races Henry commented that we had really good worker turnout.

Bob Martin noted that the entry forms for the National race had been mailed out. The worker forms would be mailed out shortly. Bob commented that no pets would be allowed at the race.

Assistant R.E. Report

Bob Goppold agreed to work on the various Open Exhaust newsletter issues that are on the table and to resolve the mailing list issues.

R.E. Report

Marcus is out of the country on business, will return on Wednesday the 19th.

Solo Report

Guy St. John commented that the Detroit vs. NWOR Challenge Solo II event is on and is scheduled for the GM Hydramatic plant at the Willow Run airport in Ypsilanti on Sunday July 30th.

Guy noted that we may be able to gain use of the Ypsilanti Ford plant for a future Solo II.

He commented that we no longer have use of the GM Proving Grounds in Milford for our Season Ender Solo II (due to building construction on the site), however, GM was trying to find an suitable alternate site.

It was commented that the Solo community should examine the rally schedule when planning events to make sure that they do not conflict.

Guy and Mark will jointly search for a new solo director for the 2001 season. If you are interested please let Guy or Mark know.

Adjourn

Kim Lyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm