

# Detroit Region SCCA



March 18, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting  
6:53 PM - Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Meeting was rescheduled from March 12, 2014, due to snow storm.

Attendees: Ed Arthur, Jeremiah Mauricio, Eric Penn, Sue Wiedbusch, Ken Wiedbusch, Scott Harvey, Nathan Usher, Tamara Barber, John Li, John Kytasty, Jennifer Merideth, Pat Barber, Steve Balanecki, Jerry Shiloff, Mike Nienhuis, Aaron Usher

## Agenda:

1. February meeting minute approval. Minutes were approved on line.
2. Current Business
  - a. Detroit Grand Prix Follow Up - Bob & Pat Pierson are the chairpersons for the event. We will have new flag sets and six new water fire extinguishers for the MERVs. Registration will be on Thursday evening, May 29th at Sinbad's as it was last year with dinner and a cash bar. There will be emergency registration at 5:00 AM at the trailer near the Naval Armory the same as last year. John Kytasty will host the 'After Race Party' on Friday and Saturday evening.
  - ~~b. Follow up on Policy Updates - Are we ready for approval?~~
  - ~~e. SCCA Charter~~
3. Reports
  - a. RE
    - i. Follow up on SCCA convention - The convention was held March 7 - 9, 2014, in Charlotte, NC. The convention was shortened one day this year and was held in conjunction with MSX with the goal of increasing attendance by providing access to equipment suppliers and seminars. Members who attended the convention included Pat Barber, Jennifer and Marcus Merideth, Steve Balanecki, Nathan Usher, Ray Jason and Frank Putman.
      1. Pat reported that a question was raised regarding insurance coverage on personal equipment used during a sanctioned event. It was confirmed that all equipment used in an official capacity during an event would be covered by the event insurance.
      2. Club Racing Experience - the intent is to host another class of racing during a regional event to allow crew members/engineers the opportunity of an on track experience in a car that has already been through tech. A competition license would not be required. The experience is designed to fit somewhere between an OTD and a fun run.
        - a. There would be a limited set of rules with the Time Trial manual being reduced from about 900 pages to 31 pages.
      3. Ken inquired if anything was mentioned at the convention about Sports Car eliminating the division reports from the magazine. He was informed that the information was eliminated as the information was three months old by the time the magazine is printed. The information is or can be provided sooner using other types of media.
      4. Nathan reported that Rallycross is considering adding rally sprints which would have a longer course and faster speeds. He has additional information that can be reviewed off line.
      5. Marcus has posted a summary of his experience on the forums and Steve provided his summary to the board members in a separate email.
      6. Jennifer M. requested everyone's notes be placed on the forum to allow all members the opportunity to view them.
  - b. Asst. RE
    - i. Review of Member Meeting - will be held tomorrow, March 19th at the Tech Shop. Jennifer provided everyone the slides to review and edit as necessary. She requested assistance with the 2013 accomplishments and Pat informed her

that he would provide her with the additional information as well as plans for this year.

- c. Race - Jerry reviewed the dates and locations for all events being held this season. He advised us that drivers receiving their novice license at either school being held at Waterford Hills or Blackhawk would receive a discount of \$50.00 off their entrance fee for the regional race at Gingerman in May. Drivers running more than one class at the regional would receive a discount of \$150.00 off their entry fee.
  - i. Budgets for the new flag sets and fire extinguishers will be submitted for on line voting in the near future.
- d. Solo
  - i. Starting line - This is still a go with the EVO school. Saturday, May 24th, will be Starting Line and EVO1 with Starting Line and EVO2 on Sunday. The contract still needs to be signed. The Memorial Day solo will be held on Monday, May 26th. All events are at the Silverdome.
  - ii. The Season Opener is scheduled for April 27th and Sean Alexander will be the chairman. The Silverdome has fenced off the northeast lot which may prevent us from using it due to the size of the area. They are also negotiating with another group who is interested in renting the lot. They have offered us the use of the southwest lot which we've used in the past. The Silverdome will advise us by the end of the month if they have another lot rental on that date. It was recommended that we still hold the event at the Silverdome rather than move to another venue.
  - iii. The Solo planning meeting is scheduled for this weekend. Any expenses are to be charged to the director's budget rather than a separate event budget.
- e. Rally - The rally school is scheduled for March 29th at Captain Joes in Whitmore Lake. Currently there is one person registered.
  - i. The Twilight Tour rally is scheduled for April 12th with the Sports Bar in Ann Arbor as headquarters
- f. Rallycross
  - i. Events - Rallycross #2 on February 15th ended about half way through the event due to course conditions. Many participants either needed to be towed out of snow banks or experienced vehicle breakage. The final budget was presented, showing a small profit due to the additional expense of snow removal.
  - ii. Rallycross #3, scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 22, may be in jeopardy due to the current weather. A decision to reschedule the event will be made within the next few days after evaluating the course.
  - iii. Nathan reminded us of a potential helmet sponsor and he was advised to continue the discussion with the supplier.
- g. Treasurer
  - i. Aaron informed us that he has accepted a job offer in Missouri. He will be training for one month, probably May, and then returning to Michigan. He will inform us then if we need to consider replacing him as Treasurer.
  - ii. Financial status - We have had a slow month with more expense than income. Site deposits and convention reimbursements make up the majority of the expense. We are experiencing the same cycle as in previous years, so this is nothing new. Aaron informed us that our cash position is not in jeopardy.
- h. Equipment
  - i. Flag Replacement - quotes are currently being gathered
  - ii. Fire extinguishers - six additional water fire extinguishers are required for the MERVs at the Grand Prix
  - iii. 400 cones have been received
  - iv. John K. requested we purchase a small grille and tent to be used at the Grand Prix. He advised us that the equipment could be used for other events as well. He provided an estimate of \$700 for these items. He will submit a budget request for on line voting.
- i. Membership report - We currently have 1,254 members as of March 12th. This is an increase of 8 since last month. We gained 27 new members since the last board meeting and 19 memberships that were not renewed. Twenty-three service awards were mailed at the beginning of this month.
- j. Website
  - i. Update on Website - Pat informed us that we have a new server being tested

- ii. There are two new domain names; drscca.org and drscca.com.
  - iii. Testing is currently being conducted using Word Press which is the same software being promoted by the national office.
  - iv. The expense for the software will be less than we are paying for our current software
  - v. A demonstration may be provided at the membership meeting tomorrow night
  - vi. We will not interrupt the current system until the new site is up and running
  - k. Open Exhaust - Mike has enough articles to publish the newsletter, but admits he is behind in combining them. He hopes to have it finished by the end of the month and will forward it to the board members once it is completed and prior to publishing. Jerry will provide him with the contact information for Pyramid who we've used for past printing and mailings.
4. Calendar Review - The current 90 day calendar was reviewed and minor changes were recommended.
5. New Business
- a. Event budgets
    - i. CAST in Stone - Tour rally - chaired by Rob Moran in Chelsea, MI. This is a national rally scheduled for June 7th. Steve B. moved to approve and Scott H. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - ii. Letters of Intent - Course rally - chaired by Rob Moran in Chelsea, MI. This is the second part of the national rally scheduled for June 8th. Jerry S. moved to approve and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
    - iii. Press on Regardless - chaired by Bruce Fisher. Ken advised us that Bruce was very disappointed with the small number of participants at past POR events and has restructured this year's event with the hopes of increasing participation. Ken provided us with Bruce's written comments after receiving permission from Bruce. His comments were attached to the budget request. The event will be a one day event with two rallies with combined points. Participants will have the opportunity to enter both rallies, or only the first half. Scott H. moved to approve the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
  - b. Spring Training March 15 - The region was well represented with fifteen members registered. GLDiv will bill the region for the registration fees.
    - i. Ed Arthur is the Assistance Division Administrator for F&C, replacing Karen Crider who has accepted a new job in Florida.
    - ii. Jeremiah informed us that Solo is considering a new series, CAM, with the hopes of attracting individuals who have significantly modified their vehicles but do not fit in the current classes.
    - iii. Ken W. expressed his regrets that there was nothing on the agenda for rally. He informed us that rally planning and participation is declining in Ohio. He informed us that individuals who planned past rallies are no longer with us.
    - iv. Eric informed us that there was a webcast of the Street Survival Summit
      - 1. Ross Bentley who has published a book relating to street survival is reviewing and rewriting the material we use. It is expected to be available this coming May
      - 2. All in car coaches need to take the on line training and pass with an 80% competency. This will ensure all coaches are providing the same material and respond to outside inquires regarding the competency of those coaching the students.
  - c. Website - John Li informed us that there is difficulty in transferring the current forums to the new site but he is investigating options.
  - d. ~~Policy Review~~
6. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Box Bar in Plymouth, MI
7. Adjourned at 8:27 PM