

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at the Box Bar, Plymouth, MI

Attendees: Nathan Usher, Jennifer Merideth, John Kytasty, Scott Harvey Jr., Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Mike Nienhuis, John Li, Pat Barber, Eric Penn, Jon Armstrong, Ray Jason, Christopher Jason, Mike McClintock, Steve Balanecki

Agenda:

1. April meeting minutes were approved on line
2. Current Business
 - a. Follow up on Policy update - changes to policies were discussed at the February meeting and it was agreed to postpone any action until the following meeting to allow everyone time to review the proposed changes. Ken W. expressed his concern about how a member becomes authorized to drive any of the region's vehicles. John K. advised us that after Steve B. is added, we will have 12 members who are authorized to drive the vehicles. Jennifer M. will post the proposed changes to the forum for voting.
3. Reports
 - a. Membership report - We currently have 1,281 members as of this morning, up 32 from last month's meeting. Forty-four new members were added with 12 memberships either not being renewed or transferring to another region. Fourteen members received service awards. Twelve were mailed and two were presented at Waterford Hills last weekend.
 - b. Website - John Li advised us that it is slow going and he can add people who would be able to add content to the new site, which uses Word Press software. Pat B. recommended adding himself and the specialty directors so they can add information as we need to get started adding content. He mentioned that John, Bryan Danielson and Mike Burns should be responsible for tech support only, not for adding content. Pat also mentioned that we need to get the forum added to the website as the next step.
 - c. Open Exhaust - Mike N. provided draft copies of the newsletter for proof reading so we can inform him of any corrections prior to sending it to the printer on Friday. He recommended a cutoff date of June 15th to submit articles for the next issue as he's hoping to publish the OE quarterly. He recommended that the Rally and Rallycross directors submit articles similar to the one submitted by Jeremiah Mauricio for Solo.
 - d. FSAE - Mike McC. informed us that all equipment has been picked up, but needs to confirm the number of flag sets that will be needed. All cones have been received and he is missing one wheel dollie that had a bent wheel at last year's event. Mike informed us that Discount Tire has donated 15 cases of water and 50 goodie bags for SCCA volunteers. Pat and Tamara Barber will be cooking for the SCCA volunteers. There are more than enough volunteers to assist Mike with setting up the courses. Jennifer M. requested assistance with Timing & Scoring and Mike provided her a list of volunteers to choose someone to assist her. John K. advised that he will drop any equipment Mike needs that will be used this coming weekend at the double regional at Gingerman to Mike at his home on Sunday evening.
 - e. Equipment - John K. reported that the EZ Up, tent and grille have been purchased.
 - i. Ken W. advised that rally had a clock display failure, so we now have 8 working clocks. This amount is down from 13 we had a few years ago. A discussion ensued about acquiring replacement clocks. We currently use Time Wise clocks, as do other regions in the Midwest, but are difficult to find. Alfa Checkpoint clocks are an alternative, but cannot be synched with the Time Wise clocks, but are compatible with the rest of the equipment used in rally. Scott H. recommended we consider purchasing 5 or 6 Alfa clocks as backups. Ken mentioned that we would need to have one of each clocks available for synching for rally participants. Ken will submit a budget request to purchase Alfa Checkpoint clocks.
 - f. RE. - nothing to report

- g. Asst. RE
 - i. Review of Member Meeting - Jennifer M. informed us that lessons learned from the last meeting include the need to advertise the meeting to our members better and in a more timely manner. She mentioned that the meeting did have a fair number of members considering the delay in announcing it.
- h. Race
 - i. Gingerman - John K. advised us that there are 78 entrants to the double regional event this coming weekend
 - ii. FSAE begins next Wednesday, May 14 at MIS
 - iii. Grand Prix - all specialties are still looking for volunteers
 - iv. Majors at Gingerman is scheduled for July 12 - 13, 2014
- i. Solo
 - i. Ray J. informed us that there were 168 entrants for the Season Opener with a lot of new people attending.. He mentioned that it did run a little long as there was a delay due to a timing and scoring issue in the second heat. He advised that they could have had more cars on the course and there was some breakup of the concrete.
 - ii. A discussion ensued about classing issues and who is responsible for classing the vehicles. It was agreed that Solo participants are responsible for classing their own vehicles and are policed by their fellow competitors. If someone has concerns about a car being in the right class then they need to discuss it with the owner/driver of that vehicle.
 - 1. Jennifer M. informed us that she has requested for many years, and continues to request, assistance at registration to answer questions posed by new participants as she does not have the time to handle everything when dealing with the lines at registration.
 - 2. John Li advised us that the processes in our region are much looser than in other regions he has participated. He feels that the processes are at the whim of the chair people at our events and are not consistent from one event to another. He provided as an example, how does a cone get counted if it is hit after the finish. He stated that differing opinions were provided at separate events. He suggested that a checklist be used to provide consistency.
 - iii. Solo Safety Seminar - Eric P. informed us that 14 members attended the seminar on April 22nd. The purpose of the seminar is to qualify for either a new solo safety steward license or for a license renewal. A room at the Plymouth District Library was arranged at no expense to us by Frank Putman as one of the benefits provided to residents. The list of participants has been forwarded to the Divisional Administrator who needs to sign off on all licenses.
- j. Rally
 - i. Ken W. presented the final budgets for Son of Sno* Drift, Rally School, and Twilight Tour. Jennifer M. inquired what the actual expense related to supplies entailed on the Son of Sno* Drift budget as it was not requested in the original budget submission. Ken informed us that this was the expense to print the materials and maps needed for the rally. Scott H. advised us that he had previously printed these items at work at no expense which he could not do this year. Jennifer mentioned that the cost seemed significantly more than reported at other events and Ken informed us that the maps were oversized and needed to be cut down which contributed to the expense. Twilight Tour and the Rally School were profitable. Son of Sno* Drift had a minor loss due to the weather conditions.
 - ii. Twilight Tour had 21 cars entered with some participants who attended the recent rally school. There was an issue with one resident who doesn't like rallyists using his road. Nathan U. stopped to discuss the resident's concerns and had a stick broken over his fender for his effort.
 - iii. CAST in Stone and Letters of Intent rallies scheduled for June 7th & 8th are national rallies, chaired by Rob Moran
 - iv. The August rally will be chaired by John K. using the Midnight Monte title. It will be a regional event only in order to qualify the event as a Divisional event next year, which is a Great Lakes Division requirement.
 - v. POR will be chaired by Bruce Fisher and is scheduled for September 6th.
 - vi. The October rally will be chaired by David Stone and the December event by Aaron Usher.

- k. Rallycross
 - i. Jon A. presented the final budget for the event held in April, which was postponed from March due to weather and track conditions. Some members did not receive notification of the new date from MyAutoEvents. Nathan U. informed us that one member discovered the notice in his spam folder. It was agreed that we need to ensure that all entrants receive some notification if we need to postpone another event in the future.
 - ii. Nathan U. advised us that registration opened for the May event and there are currently 62 registered. It was recommended that we may want to consider increasing the entrance fee for future events since rallycross events sell out very quickly.
 - l. Treasurer - reports were sent to the board members via email. Aaron should be informed if there are any recommended corrections.
 - i. Pat B. informed us that the check issued for site deposits on Belle Isle for solo events has been returned to us. As management of the island is now the responsibility of the State of Michigan, rather than the City of Detroit, the check needs to be made out to the state rather than the city contrary to what was indicated on the invoice. The check will be returned to Aaron U. with the appropriate documentation to issue a replacement check. Ray J. will inform his Belle Isle contact, who has the same responsibilities with the state as she had with the city, that we will reissue the check to the State of Michigan.
4. Calendar Review - the 90 day calendar was reviewed
5. New Business
- a. Event budgets
 - i. Rallycross - Nathan U. presented the budget for the event to be held at I-96 Speedway on July 26 and 27, 2014. He mentioned that we may want to increase the number of participants from the 58 shown on the budget to 70. He stated that we can run later and there is a new track surface. Scott H. inquired about the use of the other field and Nathan informed us that it is dependent upon whether the income from renting the facility by WMR, the Furrin Group, and us is greater than what can be gained by leasing it to area farmers. Steve B. moved to accept the budget with the possibility of increasing the number of participants and Scott H. seconded the motion. The budget was passed.
 - ii. Solo - Ray J. informed us that he was contacted by Larry Tuttle of Michigan Electric Auto Association for our support with their annual event in June as we have in the past. The date of the event is June 7th. Ray mentioned that only a few members are necessary due to the low number of participants. Scott H. inquired if there were opportunities for more of our members and was informed that members with electric vehicles could possibly participate, but other members would only be able to attend as spectators. Scott H. moved to accept the budget presented and Mike N. seconded his motion. The budget passed.
 - iii. Rally - the budget for Moonlight Monte was presented by John K. It will be held August 9th and headquartered at Captain Joe's in Whitmore Lake. The rally will use the same roads used on previous rallies in that area. Mike N. moved to accept the budget and Jennifer M. seconded his motion. The budget passed.
 - iv. Solo - Jeremiah Mauricio emailed the budget for the Summer Heat Solo to be held on June 8, 2014. Jennifer M. reminded us that all budgets are to be submitted to the board for approval at least 60 days prior to the event. She advised us that we cannot open registration until we receive the sanction and she has had many complaints about not having registration open sooner than it has been. After some discussion Pat B. suggested we discuss this in Executive Session. It was agreed that if we did not approve this budget now then the event was in jeopardy of being cancelled. Ken W. moved to accept the budget and Scott H. seconded the motion. The budget was passed.
 - v. Jeremiah also emailed a copy of his revised annual budget, explaining that the room expense for the Solo Planning meeting was double the expense he had originally budgeted for based on the 2013 expense. Pat suggested this item be tabled and recommended that Jeremiah present it in person at the next board meeting or on line and everyone agreed.
6. June BOD meeting - June 11, 2014

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- a. Meeting Location - Steve B. suggested moving the location farther north next month as we've been at this location the past few months. Hogan's Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills was suggested as an alternative as they have private rooms available. It was agreed that we will meet at Hogan's.
7. Adjourned to Executive Session
 8. Steve B. moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ken W. and Mike N. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM