

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

Attendees:	Dick Cole	Bob Goppold	Henry Hausler
	Mark Henderson	Jody Jacobs	Kim Lyon
	Marcus Merideth	Pete Padden	Eric Penn
	Guy St. John	Mark Shehan	Barb Steencken
	Chris Syfert	Carol Uller	

Call to Order

Marcus called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Introductions

The 2000 board introduced themselves to the 2001 board.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Henry Hausler to accept the secretary's minutes. Seconded by Carol Uller. Unanimously approved.

Worker Points

The latest worker points compilation was distributed.

Membership Report

The National Office reported that the region had 2050 members in October 2000. The region had 2139 members at this time last year. Dick Cole commented that Detroit is no longer the largest region in CenDiv. Chicago is now the largest region within CenDiv.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Syfert noted that funds from Solo events were slow in coming in this year. Motion by Carol Uller to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Guy St. John. Unanimously approved.

Budgets

New

Motion by Chris Syfert to accept the 2001 Sno*Drift Club & Pro Rally budget. Seconded by Bob Goppold. Unanimously approved. The event is budgeted for a \$665 surplus.

Final

Season Ender Solo II and Thumbs Up National/Divisional Tour Rally final budgets were presented. Season Ender Solo II netted a \$1069 surplus. Thumbs Up rally netted a \$225 surplus.

Old Business

Equipment Trailer

It was decided that the equipment trailer will be left at Bob Martin's home until the end of the year.

Archives

To be discussed at a future board meeting.

Old Trophies

The general consensus from the board was that old trophies should be thrown away. They are not worth anything if returned to Little Bill's or another trophy supplier.

Web Page

Kim Lyon indicated that he would e-mail the web page contract to the board after his meeting with Scott Jasmund. It was agreed that we would pay the webmaster at the old, \$150/month rate for now. Mark Shehan will search the Secretary's records for previous webmaster board discussions.

Banquet

Mark has confirmed that Roger Johnson will be the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet. Roger is known throughout the SCCA Solo community and to those SCCA members who work at Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler. He conducts quite a few Ride and Drives throughout the year.

Discussion of location for the annual awards banquet took place. Mark Shehan explained that substitute locations were explored for the January 2001 banquet due to recent media exposure over food issues at Laurel Manor. Jody Jacobs presented information on the two leading locations, Somersert Inn and the Westin-Southfield. The board felt that the Westin was a better location as the Somsert Inn required a \$5000 minimum (along with a maximum of 160 attendees) which presents a significant risk to the region. The Westin has no minimum or maximum.

Some region members have expressed a desire to hold the banquet at a more "upscale" location. The Somerset Inn and Westin would fit that bill.

Motion by Mark Shehan to hold the annual awards banquet on Saturday January 20th at the Westin-Southfield (1500 Town Center). Seconded by Bob Goppold. Unanimously approved.

Jody noted that the Westin requires a final count of attendees 10 days in advance. Jody would like to know if we should block off rooms at the Westin for banquet attendees. The board indicated that they would ask other region members. Jody mentioned that the chicken dinner cost is \$22.95 per person. Gratuity is 19%.

Motion by Mark Shehan to set the ticket price at \$25 each and have the region absorb the net loss since the ticket price was \$25 last year and the cost would likely be higher this time around (the banquet typically loses money anyway). Seconded by Henry Hausler. Motion failed.

Motion by Bob Goppold to approve the banquet budget with a \$2800 net loss, with 2 menu items offered (the ticket priced would be back calculated from the net loss). 6 voted for the motion. 2 voted against. The motion passed.

The addition of a second menu item (vegetarian meals will be offered in addition, giving a total of 3 choices) will add \$2.00 per person to the cost. London Broil at \$24.95 (plus the \$2.00 split charge) is the second menu item.

The tentative schedule is 5 pm Cocktails and Hors D Oeuvre's, 6 pm Introductions, 6:30 pm Dinner, 8 pm Awards and 9:30 pm Adjourn for DJ and Bench Racing.

Give-a-ways will be targeted at \$2 per person. Nice key rings were suggested. Bill Slabey is working with Ford SVT, Roush and Classic Motorbooks on door prizes.

Jody indicated that she would like to set up a food tasting at the Westin (subsequent to the board meeting a food tasting was arranged for Monday November 27th with Jody Jacobs, Carol Uller, Bob Goppold and Mark Shehan invited).

Jody mentioned that hotel rooms at the Westin are \$89 per night. \$99 with a fancy breakfast.

Guy St. John has agreed to coordinate the trophies for the banquet. Mark noted that he has the permanent perpetual trophies in his basement.

It was suggested that Tim White, O.E. Editor, pull together the program for the Awards Banquet. Mark will help coordinate the program.

Mark will also work with Nancy Reichenbach on ordering Service Awards.

Kim Lyon and his wife have agreed to sell tickets for the banquet.

Mark noted that Thomas and Thomas Entertainment have agreed to provide the DJ for the banquet again this year.

Carol Uller will coordinate the printing of the tickets and invitations. The region needs to make sure that we invite R.E.'s from adjacent regions, the Area Director, a WHRRI rep, and an IMG rep. Mark mentioned that we should personally invite Rally and Solo award winners by either calling them or sending them a letter to help improve banquet attendance (in past years letters were sent to solo year-end trophy winners inviting them to attend the banquet).

Pete, Henry and Guy are aware that they need to provide results for Rally, Race and Solo to Mark for the program.

Jody agreed to contact Don Castle about taking pictures at the banquet.

New Business

Awards

Executive Session

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss awards for the upcoming awards banquet.

It was noted that award winners would get free entry to the banquet.

Regional Driver of the Year- Henry Hausler indicated that he would poll drivers for the award.

National Driver of the Year- Chris Winkler was chosen

Robert Collins- Ted Wollesen. Mark Shehan to ask Norm Anderson to convince Ted Wollesen to attend the banquet without actually revealing that he has won an award.

Karl Pel- Pattie Klimchuk

Tom Hallock- Marcus indicated that he would get a list of eligible members from Nancy Reichenbach.

Ira Garfunkel- Won't be given this year.

Solo Enthusiast- Mike McClintock

R.E. Award- The Special Events team that worked for Pattie Klimchuk

Rally- Tom Woodside.

End of Executive Session

Next Months Joint Meeting Agenda

Mark suggested that the awards banquet be added to the agenda for December.

Rally Report

Pete noted that the Thumbs Up Rally was held the weekend prior to the board meeting. He reported that the event was a success.

Pete mentioned that the 2001 rally schedule was firming up.

R.E. Report

Marcus commented on this year's CenDiv Roundtable. He mentioned that other regions within CenDiv are experiencing similar problems to our own.

He indicated that the December board meeting would be a joint meeting of the 2000 and 2001 boards. Please forward agenda items to Marcus.

Marcus distributed the tentative 2001 CenDiv Road Racing schedule.

Special Events Report

Bob Goppold suggested that we devote a future Open Exhaust to Pattie Klimchuk (for her years of service), with her picture on the front cover and an article inside detailing her contributions over the years to the region.

Solo Report

It was noted that the Solo program needs to do a better job of getting event audits in on time to avoid fines or worse from the national office.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.