

October 8, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting  
7:00 p.m.,  
The 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, Mike McClintock, Mike Nienhuis, Scott Harvey Jr., Jerry Shiloff, Steve Balanecki, Frank Putman, John Li, Zach Johnson (guest)

1. September meeting minutes approved.
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business - None
3. Reports
  - a. Street Survival - Eric Penn reported that it was a great event with 21 students participating. There were 5 groups, no rain and the event finished early. The change in format and information provided more driving time for the students and less classroom time than previous sessions. He reported that the results of the survey were interesting, providing positive feedback. Eric informed us that supplies were either reused from last year or borrowed from the solo supplies, so no expenses were incurred. Mike McC. inquired if volunteers receive any worker points for their participation and was informed that worker points are not awarded. Eric informed us that volunteers receive either a polo shirt or t-shirt for their participation and lunch provided by the facility. Jerry S. recommended we consider providing two worker points per day for members who volunteer at this special event and Pat B. suggested we find a way to fund this.
  - b. Membership report - We have 1,306 members as of this morning, a loss of 18 since the last meeting. We added 16 new members since the last meeting, however 34 members either did not renew their membership or transferred to another region. Thirteen service awards were mailed at the beginning of the month.
  - c. Secretary - 2015 Board of Directors ballot - There are seven members who are listed on the ballot, 3 incumbents and 4 others. Four versions of the ballot were provided to board members via email to review and recommend a format. One version was selected and forwarded to Pyramid earlier today for printing and mailing so members should receive it by October 22nd.
  - d. Treasurer - Aaron informed us that we have an estimated cash balance of \$145,000, about \$13,000 more than at this time last year. He informed us that processing of weekend memberships causes delays in reporting.
    - i. Jeremiah M. and Steve B. advised that headquarters is currently testing an on line application to allow non-members to apply for a weekend membership using a smart phone, laptop or tablet. The goal is to reduce the amount of paperwork handled by the national office and at on site registration at events. The pros and cons were discussed.
  - e. Rally - Ken W. reported that the Clare Color Tour had 13 participants, down possibly due to the rainy weather. He reported that the roads were slippery and slimy, but the colors were beautiful. He informed us that the team of Scott Harvey Jr. and Rob Moran were the winners of this event. Scott H. informed us that he believed their fortune was due to their use of mud tires which none of the other teams used. Ken W. stated that Control #2 was thrown out as the team had chosen the correct intersection but in the wrong county.
    - i. The next event is the Pavement Ends rally on December 6th in Lansing. This event will be chaired by Aaron Usher, who informed us that Tom Woodside will be the safety steward and the flyer has been posted on the website. Pat B. challenged all board members to either compete or volunteer to work the event.
    - ii. The 17th annual Son of Sno\*Drift Rally is scheduled for January 10, 2015.

- f. Rallycross
  - i. Nathan U. reported that the September Rallycross had 38 entrants. John K. informed us that the final budget is nearly complete, waiting for the worker points earned report. He informed us that there were no hiccups or issues.
  - ii. Nathan U. advised us that the October event at I-96 Speedway currently has 33 entrants to date.
  - iii. Nathan informed us that Bob Martin has been in contact with Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon, Ohio for the November event, which was previously scheduled for the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. He stated that this site may be suitable for the National Challenge event the region is hosting next year. This will be a day/night event and he is reviewing possible dates to avoid any scheduling conflicts.
  - iv. Nathan informed us that five members represented the region at the National Rallycross Challenge event which had 110 registered participants. Our members represented the region very well at the event.
- g. RE - Pat B. informed us that he has been reviewing past records that comprise about 10 file drawers of material from the region's past which were given him a couple of months ago. He has not found the original charter, but has found that we apparently receive a new charter each year. He has received the charters from the past two years from headquarters. He did find the original articles of incorporation as a 503C company from 1984 and realizes we are two separate entities, one chartered by the SCCA and one incorporated as a non-profit entity. He has copies of the Open Exhaust newsletters from 1963 into the 1990's, informing us that it was not published regularly even years ago. He recommends that some of these materials should be archived rather than thrown away and has been researching possible opportunities. He informed us that the Detroit Public Library has newsletters and materials from other automotive related clubs, but there is a \$100 fee for residents outside of the city of Detroit to access the material. Eric P. informed us that the library does provide free access to the materials on occasion. Pat indicated he may need some assistance when investigating this with the library. He also informed us that he would appreciate some assistance in determining what materials should be retained and what should be thrown away. He is considering hosting a reviewing party for the board members at his home, possibly next month, to sort through the material.
- h. Asst. RE - Jennifer Merideth is still in Germany.
  - i. Banquet - Pat B. advised us that January 17, 2015, is the tentative date for the annual banquet. During the ensuing discussion, January 24th was mentioned as a possible better date. Jennifer is considering a location in Detroit for the venue, coinciding with the International Auto Show.
- i. Race - Jerry S. provided us a copy of a proposed schedule listing Waterford Hills, Regional, Majors, and other race related events for 2015. He informed us that the date of our regional race in May at Gingerman has changed from Mother's Day weekend to the following weekend, May 16 & 17, as the track is being repaved the prior weekend. Unfortunately, this may conflict with Formula SAE at MIS. A discussion ensued about staffing both events and Jerry reminded us that the regional will be hosted by South Bend, Western Ohio and the Detroit Region, so is not too concerned about staffing at Gingerman.
  - i. The scheduling meeting for the 2015 race season will be held in Dayton, OH, on November 8th to confirm the proposed schedule.
  - ii. The schedule for races at Waterford Hills will be decided in early January 2015.
  - iii. Jerry S. reminded us that next year will be the last year he is eligible to remain as Race Director. Further discussion regarding term limits was tabled to be discussed under New Business.
- j. Website - John L. informed us that there has not been much progress made on the new website as he recently bought a new house which has more priority than the website.

- k. Open Exhaust - Mike N. is still seeking material to publish the newsletter shortly and set a deadline of October 10th for any items. Jerry S. has an article to send to him.
  - l. Solo- Jeremiah M. informed us that the Season Ender event had 163 entrants who enjoyed 5 runs on a rain free day. The only issue during the event was due to overlooking the need for port-a-johns, but facilities were available nearby. The event finished early. Participation increased over last year. Based on this information, Pat B. requested all event directors to provide a summary of event participation comparing this year with the previous year.
    - i. Frank P. reported that there were 174 participants at the Fall Into Autumn event with about 10% attending a solo event for the first time.
    - ii. Jeremiah M. informed us that he has begun preparations for next year and is looking for a site to replace the Silverdome as the surface is no longer suitable for our events. It was suggested that the surface is becoming more conducive to hosting rallycross events rather than solo events.
      - 1. Pat B. informed us that he does have a contact at Selfridge Air Base as one alternative.
      - 2. Frank P. suggested the possibility of looking at a site in Windsor. During the ensuing discussion, it was mentioned that this may not be feasible as our insurance may not cover an event there and not all members have a required passport.
  - m. Equipment - Mike McC. requested we consider purchasing 200 orange vests to be used for Formula SAE as there are not enough available at the event for volunteers. The vests have been provided by the event organizer (SAE) in the past, but he would prefer that we provide them and maintain control of the distribution. Frank P. mentioned that we are also in need of green safety vests that are used by the Solo Safety Stewards. Mike will investigate a source and expense and submit a budget request for the vests, possibly to include our logo on them.
    - i. Ken W. informed us that the rallycross RV (Conquistador) will be returned to Thistle Hill after the next rallycross event. It is currently in his driveway being renovated, which is going very well. The flag sets used for races have been moved into the race trailer. Ken informed us that some of the storage bags have too many flags and others, not enough. He recommends that they be reorganized and that we consider how to store the sets in the race trailer. He recommended the use of a larger storage bag, capable of holding 5 flag sets with a strap or hook to hang them in the trailer.
    - ii. Mike McC. informed us that he is preparing the Fun Mover for storage and believes there are 297 cones in inventory. He stated that the Fun Mover will be empty prior to moving it into storage. The owner of the facility passed away and his children are assuming the responsibility for the facility. They are currently working with an attorney to formulate a business plan and Mike will continue to negotiate with them for storing the Fun Mover.
    - iii. Ken W. informed us that the rallycross trailer is currently in good shape, although there was some minor damage. He believes the undercarriage should be wire brushed and coated with rust proofing next year. He reported that the trailer is currently at capacity for storing equipment. He requested we consider procuring some type of reflectors or reflective tape to identify cones during future day/night rallycross events.
4. Calendar Review
- a. Roundtable / fall scheduling meeting - scheduled for November 8th in Dayton, OH
  - b. Pat B. suggested that we begin reviewing potential candidates for the awards which are presented at the banquet. He reminded us that the recipient is to be decided at the BoD meeting in December.

5. New Business
  - a. Event budgets
    - i. Nathan U. presented the proposed budget for the rallycross scheduled for December 13th at Thistle Hill, chaired by Jennifer Glass. Jerry moved to approve the budget, Steve B. seconded his motion and the budget was approved.
  - b. Fall Ballot for BoD members - Steve B. informed the board that the cost of the ballot is covered by the Secretary's annual budget, which apparently was not submitted at the beginning of the year. He will provide it after we receive the invoice for printing and mailing the upcoming ballot. The board agreed.
  - c. Pat B. informed us that he would like to put together some items branded with our logo to be sold or given away at our events. Some items suggested included stickers, patches, and possibly t-shirts for the purpose of promoting our region as we had in the past. Ken W. reminded us that we relied on a Chief of Merchandising in the past for this responsibility. A discussion ensued with no decision reached.
  - d. Pat B. raised the issue of term limits due to earlier comments and discussion, especially for appointed director positions and the Treasurer. We reviewed the effects that these term limits have caused over the past few years, as well as the reason the term limits were adopted. One suggestion was to consider shifting the responsibility of the Treasurer to a Director of Finance, which could be an appointed position. Scott H. suggested we consider paying someone to perform the bookkeeping tasks and Jerry S. reminded us that Mary Shiloff had previously estimated that they require about 20 to 30 hours per week to properly perform these duties. This was previously submitted to the board, but the proposal was not supported. Frank P. informed us that he has been involved with other non-profit groups who have experienced legal problems when they have not adhered to their policies and by-laws and reminded us that any changes need to be submitted to all members and approved.
    - i. Pat B. requested that a proposal be submitted to eliminate the current term limits of appointed director positions. Steve B. will investigate and submit the proposal.
    - ii. Pat B. requested Jerry S. to investigate and propose a solution to eliminating the term limits for the current Treasurer position.
    - iii. Pat B. would like both of these proposals completed so we could present a ballot to the membership in December.
6. November BOD meeting
  - a. Meeting Location - Hogan's Restaurant, Garden Room, 6450 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
7. Adjourned at 9:16 PM