

September 10, 2014

Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m,
Thistle Hill, South Lyon, MI

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Jeremiah Mauricio, John Li, Mike Nienhuis, Eric Penn, Pat Barber, Jennifer Merideth, Scott Harvey Jr., Nathan Usher, Aaron Usher, Sue Wiedbusch, Ken Wiedbusch, Steve Balanecki

1. August meeting minutes were approved on line and submitted for posting on the website
2. Current Business & Follow up from Online Business
 - a. Region Policy Publication - submitted for posting on the website
 - b. National Championship Participant Support Proposal - Hawaiian style shirts with the region's logo were purchased for \$45.00. They were offered at \$20.00 each to members who drove and participated at the Solo Nationals and full price to those who did not participate. Forty shirts were sold and only two members decided not to purchase a shirt.
3. Reports
 - a. Membership - Steve B. reported that we had 1,341 members as of the last meeting and have 1,324 as of today, a loss of 17 members. We gained 9 new members since the last meeting with 26 members either not renewing their membership or transferring to another region. Eric P. reported that the October issue of SportsCar magazine still indicates that we remain as the number one jumbo region for growth.. Eight service awards were mailed this month.
 - b. Treasurer - Aaron U. reported that the reports were sent to the board members via email. The reimbursement for hosting the Solo and EVO schools was received and deposited. He informed us that we currently have approximately \$140,000.00 in cash, an increase over the \$132,000.00 we had at this time last year. He still has checks to write. Deposits made on August 31st were posted on September 2nd due to the holiday weekend. He has received the invoice for \$1,500.00 from headquarters today for renting their radios for use at Formula SAE. Pat B. advised the board that some members questioned whether we lost money while hosting the Solo and EVO schools and Aaron informed us that both events showed a slight profit, not a loss.
 - c. Rally
 - i. POR - Ken W. reported that the event was held last Saturday, running two rallies. There were 16 participants for the first rally and 13 for the second. Scott H. reported that the roads were good and that Bruce Fisher put on a good event and should continue.
 - ii. The next rally is the Clare Color Tour scheduled for October 4th.
 - iii. Ken W. informed us that he participated in a town hall conference call which reported a 10% increase in rally participation over last year. The Road Rally Board had decided to combine the USRRC with a Vintage rally this year, scheduled for Sept. 18 - 21, and are disappointed that no SCCA members have registered as yet. The RRB is still discussing whose insurance will cover the event. Cheryl Babbe is publishing a road rally newsletter every 2 months and is getting some financial support from the national office. There has been a change in officers on the RRB with only one member per division being able to serve on the board.
 - d. Rallycross
 - i. Nathan U. reported that the August event had 45 participants. There was a new designer who provided a very good course. He estimates the event will post a profit of approximately \$1,300.00.
 - ii. The Great Lakes Division National Challenge ran 3 weekends ago at National Trails Raceway in Nebraska. Modified and prepared classes ran first, followed by the Stock class. There were some cars that broke down with some concerned that the run order contributed to the failures.

- iii. The next event is scheduled for September 20th at Thistle Hill and the cap of 50 participants has been met. There was one cancellation and Nathan has heard of one more possible, but these openings should be filled.
 - e. RE
 - i. Pat B. had nothing new to report.
 - f. Assistant RE
 - i. Banquet - Jennifer M. mentioned that since we liked the food and type of venue at this past banquet, she is considering The Henry Ford Museum as a possible location for the upcoming banquet. Pat B. indicated that the cost of catering events at the museum was pricey, but it was a good venue. Mike N. informed her that he may have a contact for her at the museum.
 - g. Street Survival - Eric P. informed us that the event is scheduled for September 27th in Fowlerville. As registration was not filled by Fowlerville students, the event was opened to any student residing in Livingston County. He informed us that the SCCA Tire Rack national office requires weekend memberships for any non-SCCA volunteers to ensure they are covered by our insurance. There would be no fee for these memberships. Pat B. asked whose insurance would cover any damage incurred to students' vehicles. Eric informed us that since this was not a timed event then any damage should be covered under the owner's insurance plan.
 - h. Race
 - i. No report as Jerry Shiloff is in England.
 - i. Website
 - i. John Li is attempting to keep continuity using PHBB software and feels it should be an easy transition. Pat B. recommends we change over at the end of the year using either drscca.com or .org. Email accounts are not tied to the website and should be transitioned around Thanksgiving.
 - j. Open Exhaust
 - i. Mike N. advised us that he still needs articles. Ken W. informed us he would ask Brian Thorpe to submit an article.
 - k. Solo
 - i. Jeremiah M. informed us that there was a decent turnout at Oscoda considering the wet weather. He had not received a list of the worker points earned at the event and Steve B. informed him he would forward the information he had received from Ray Jason. Jen M. will forward the report of worker points redeemed to Aaron U. and Steve B.
 - l. Equipment
 - i. Ken W. informed us that the Rallycross trailer is at his house and will be for another week. He is working on repositioning equipment to balance the weight in the trailer. He informed us that the trailer is currently at the maximum weight limit on the axle after loading the generator into the trailer.
 - ii. He stated that a table is missing from the inventory and believes it was damaged at the Grand Prix. He estimates the cost to replace it at \$80.00 and will submit the expense for reimbursement once it is purchased.
4. Calendar Review
- a. The calendar for the next 90 days was reviewed.
5. New Business
- a. Event budgets
 - i. Rallycross - Nathan U. presented the budget for the Day/Night event scheduled for November 15th. He informed us that the original event site at Marshal is no longer available for rallycross events. The Calhoun County Fairgrounds is repurposing the area we used previously. He recommends increasing the track rental by \$250.00 as we consider another site. I-96 Speedway is being considered, as well as Oakshade Raceway, a 3/8 mile track, which is NWO Region, south of Adrian. He informed us that a decision will need to be made at the October board meeting. Steve B. moved to approve the revised budget and Scott H. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
 - ii. Solo - Jeremiah M. submitted the proposed budget for the Season Ender event scheduled for October 5th at Belle Isle. He carried over the numbers used at last year's event. Scott H. moved to approve the budget and Jennifer M. seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

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- b. Pat B. reminded everyone that biographies need to be sent to Steve B. by September 30th to appear on the ballot for the 2015 election of board members. Pat B., John Kytasty, and Eric P. are eligible for re-election. Scott H. is term limited and ineligible to run again. The ballot delivery deadline is October 22nd and returned no later than November 7th. A discussion ensued about providing on line voting in the future, ensuring only one vote per member, and maintaining anonymity. John Li will investigate. Aaron U. and Steve B. confirmed that they will be unable to run next year as both are term limited. Jen M. proposed that we consider extending or eliminating the current term limits and a discussion ensued with no decision made. Jen M. proposed we use a light purple colored paper for the ballot this year and we agreed.
6. October BOD Meeting
 - a. The meeting is scheduled for October 8th and Jennifer M. will contact the Box Bar in Plymouth to reserve a room or locate another venue in the area. She will notify us of the location.
 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM