

San Francisco Region Sports Car Club of America
Regular Monthly Meeting
Roundtable Pizza, 46600 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA
11:00 AM January 21, 2015

Present:

Gary Pitts RE

Mike Smith, Treasurer

Rod Simmons, Board Member

Barbara McClellan, Board Member

Clint De Witt, Board Member

Anthony Tabacco, Board Member

Blake Tatum, Secretary

1. Call To Order, Previous Minutes

Approved previous minutes

2. Liaison Reports and other New Business

Dave Allen – Report

Met with owner of AJ Automotive service in San Jose. AJ Automotive Service is a high end detail facility. They want to be the official SCCASFR automotive detailing facility. He will offer discounts on his service. We may offer weekend membership, plus the region pays the cost of the autocross entry. Before we sign off we need to see a letter of agreement. The owner will also have a SCCA car on display at his facility. We will send him copies of the WHEEL. AJ is also in discussion regarding ads in the WHEEL. Dave will finalize deal and bring back to the club.

Reno Region Track Day at Thunderhill – Gary - Dave Deborde

Gary regarding their event at Thunderhill on March 21-22. He had a request to use the club's Tow Truck, He will be responsible for picking it up and delivering it back to Kevin Cullen. Mike Smith will send Mike Short an e-mail making sure it will work out.

He would also like to borrow about six of our rental transponders which he can pick up and return to the SFR office.

Board agreed to cooperate with the Reno region as long as it does not conflict with our next event.

E46 Approval

The rules are already in place in NASA and SCCA. These rules are approved. The class will be promoted in the WHEEL and on social media.

National Convention - Gary (Policies)

Any board member that is attending the National Convention with the intent of conducting SFR SCCA business, will have their expenses paid. This year the only board member attending with the purpose of conducting club business is Gary Pitts. The club will pay his expenses (air and lodging).

Mike Smith wants Gary to bring up the pricing structure for the insurance at our events. This year the SCCA has changed it's pricing structure. They are currently charging a per entry fee instead of a per car fee. This changed in language will result in a significant increase in the insurance costs that the region pays. The main objection is that SCCA national Office is charged a per event fee regardless of the number of cars or entries that a particular event has. It is felt that this is a way to subsidize smaller regions who cannot afford to the insurance fee.

One issue is that SCCA requires a ten million dollar policy which is hard to get and costs a lot more. A five million dollar policy is much cheaper.

In addition the National office has mandated a \$6 per entry charge for a volunteer fund. We currently have several volunteer programs in place and it is felt that this is redundant.

Gary Pitts will meet with Brian McCarthy and Todd Butler regarding this issue at the Reno Round Table.

Matters Arising – All Liaisons

Barbara McClellan

Flagging and Communications will conduct a burn school at Sonoma with Sonoma Raceway personnel. According to Heather Streets the cost is about \$500. Sonoma will provide a truck. Attending burn school will be Communications and Flagging crews and will be held on Feb 15th at 10:00. The Emergency Crew from Sonoma and the Flagging and Communication crews from Sonoma Raceway will be attending. One of the objectives will be to get the SCCA crew and the Sonoma crew working in concert.

Worker of the weekend driver of the weekend do we continue? This will be determined at the chiefs meeting in Concord.

Banquet

What is the Date? Last board talked about the banquet at the last event of the year. This idea will be brought up at the chiefs meeting.

Anthony Tabacco

Solo finished with a profit of \$461.13. First event February 15th location TBA.

Schedule - Mike Smith

Additional event at Laguna this year the 10-30 to 10-31, Ferrari event, Pro Staffing.

Membership - Dave Allen

He will not retire from membership his goal is to get a new person to handle the Monterey area.

3. Old Business

Racecraft School - Progress Report

Gary has been in touch with all the chiefs and they like the idea, next up solicitation from a list of race instructors. Gary will be working with Hooked on Driving and Juan Pineda.

Wreckers

We will not have the trucks by drivers school. Unknown if we will have them by the first race. Buying them from Tow World.

FF Tires Revisited

Blake made a motion to approve the Formula F tire proposal as submitted by the Formula F group. Second by Anthony Tabacco, motion carried.

4. Financials – Mike Smith, Treasurer

Nothing of note other than normal monthly expenses.

Barbara wanted to know how the crews are notified regarding the amount of money in their budget. There is no process in place.

Adjourn until next regular meeting Vic's Allstar Café, Feb 25th.

Matters Arising via e-mail**Supplemental Regulations**

Barbara McClellan brought up item #15 from the supplemental regulations. At the Stewards Meeting it was felt that this rule is too subjective to be enforced, especially outside of an event. She moved that we remove #15 on page 3 of the supps and defer to the GCR when there are issues of unsportsmanlike conduct 2.1.7. This item was brought to a vote and lost.

Dave Arken asked that we remove the weight and restrictor size designation from the side of cars as required by the GCR. This regulation has initiated by the National Office to assist tech people while the car was in impound. It was felt that this is mostly a Majors issues and not needed for the regional level. Since our tech people do not have a problem with the omission of this designation from the car it was felt this was an unnecessary requirement for our competitors. Gary Pitts motioned that we change the supplemental regulations to remove such a requirement. Seconded by Anthony Tabacco. Motion carried.

Thunderhill Majors Event

The board received several e-mails from competitors regarding the Thunderhill Majors event. According to the contract that was signed by the region the event was going to be a two day event on the five mile track. Because of the overwhelming negative response to this proposal the board looked at several options.

Option #1 was to race the five mile track with a two day event

Option #2 was to race the five mile track over a three day event

Option #3 was to race the three mile track over two days

Option #4 was to race the three mile track over three days

The board voted and Option #3 received the most votes.

The Thunderhill Majors race will be a two day event on the three mile course.