



# Meeting Minutes

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*San Francisco Region SCCA Board of Directors*

*Date: July 17, 2019*

*Location: Vic's All-Star Kitchen  
201 Main St A, Pleasanton, CA 94566*

## Attendees:

### Directors:

Barbara McClellan	Regional Executive ( <i>absent</i> )
Tim Sullivan	Director; Assistant R/E, Treasurer, Competition Director
Blake Tatum	Director; Secretary
R.J. Gordy	Director
David Vodden	Director
Roger Eagleton	Director ( <i>absent</i> )
Seth Reid	Director

### Guests:

Youmna Zalzal	Business Manager
Bill Blake	Executive Steward for the NorPac Division

Meeting called to order at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 11:05 AM.

## 1. Treasurer's Report (Tim Sullivan)

- YTD: \$144,580
- Sonoma Regional: \$46,002
  - Test Day
    - (1) 9 drivers added an extra session
    - (2) 108 entrants
  - Races
    - (1) 212 entries; 176 unique drivers
    - (2) 36 dual entries
- Projected Super Tour: need ~80 more registrants to break even
- Trans Am Status:
  - As-yet unpaid
  - Terry indicated we'd have a check by the end of June. No reply to phone calls or e-mails since
  - We will contact Tony at TransAm to get payment
  - TransAm had a three year contract at Laguna. It does not include workers. TransAm received a 25% discount over Laguna charges for staffing
- Bank Accounts:
  - Bank of Commerce CD matures 15-Aug-2019; funds will be moved to Edward Jones
    - (1) One account has already been moved. New CD purchased: 12 months at 2%
  - Additional CDs maturing roughly monthly through December
- David Vodden presented the Region with a \$50,000 sponsorship check for 2019

## 2. Sonoma Regional Issues (Tim Sullivan, Bill Blake)

- Driver feedback: the Board received 3-4 letters regarding driver safety issues
- Safety
- Driver accountability
  - “I get punted and he goes on to win the race, while I’m sitting on the side of the road. He wins and there are no repercussions”
  - With us, people do things and there are no repercussions
  - Race Admin gets a list of who is on Probation and Suspension; this list is checked upon driver check-in
  - Body contact: automatic review without protests/black flags
  - Drivers often don’t want to initiate a protest. Why? Friends don’t want to cause issues with friends or shops or, generally, others within the community.
- Repercussions
  - SCCA points system
    - (1) National tracks points
    - (2) When was the last time we suspended someone’s license due to points?
    - (3) System
      - (a) Assessed at Tech: loss of on-track position, no points assessed
      - (b) Goes to SOM: points assessed against the license
      - (c) Protest: points assessed against the license
- Onboard cameras: Require
  - Ten years ago, this wouldn’t have been feasible
  - Now, technology has advanced and is cheap enough to make this possible
  - Other racing organizations have set this precedent:
    - (1) NASA
    - (2) Pro racing: Mazda
  - This would include the use of the 3rd and 4th car videos behind the offending cars, which would have the best view.
- Revision to Region Supplemental Rules
  - Supps can be changed to require onboard cameras
    - (1) not currently in the GCR
  - Language for 2019 will be entered as “strongly recommended,” then change to “required” in 2020
  - Bill Blake suggests we speak to Dave Arkin, on the Competition Board
  - Might need to implement this policy as a proof of concept to show National
- Implementation
  - “As a result of member input, the Board has looked into the prospect of requiring the mounting of forward-facing cameras on participants’ cars.” We will amend supps to reflect this
  - Enlist a small team to review onboard footage when drivers come through Impound
  - Bring back driver observers We will ask drivers via survey if they will want to implement Driver Observers. Brad Dressan had indicated on social media he would be ok with this
  - Corner workers are too busy to do double-duty
    - (1) Must be Drivers not driving at that regional-only race
    - (2) If a Driver Observer sees a problem and the Driver doesn’t want to pursue it, do we still take action?  
Yes: this isn’t personal, the rules must be followed.
  - Can we have a meeting where the Stewards explain what they do on-track?
    - (1) Drivers don’t know how the process works; education will help interactions between Drivers and Stewards
  - Can we utilize The Wheel?
  - Driver School
    - (1) Noted many times in the Facebook discussion as being deficient
  - Is there any advantage in identifying “problem drivers”?
    - (1) Stewards’ current process is to cycle through the different stewards’ roles. Lack of consistency in personnel/specialty assignment prevents the Steward from identifying problem people.
  - Time constraints for a protest: what if it takes longer to resolve than 30 minutes?

- (1) 30-minute limit is to initiate the process, not to resolve it.
- (2) Participant can initiate a protest and take the time needed to collect information/evidence.
- (3) Stewards must take time to review and assess evidence; this might take longer than race day.

- Post-session drivers' meeting? In Impound, directly after your session.

- Summary

- Education for Drivers of the Stewards' role
- Address feedback regarding the Novice Driver School
- Education of driving etiquette
- Article in The Wheel
- Reinstate Driver Observer specialty? Remind Drivers that Draft Cards can be used to discount race entry fees
- Change supps to highly support the use of forward facing cameras for the last two regional races of the 2019 season, then to require cameras in 2020 for all regional racers. We will send to SCCA National.

### 3. Liaison Reports

- David Vodden:

- David Vodden moved to invite the Concours Chiefs to the end-of-year banquet. R.J. Gordy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- R.J. Gordy:

- E-crew purchased two driver extraction units (unit price: \$400)

- Tim Sullivan

- No Paddock Marshal for the next two club events
  - (1) Telo Stewart will help out
  - (2) Dave Deborde and Ken Patterson will be paddocked and helping in the Tech area
  - (3) Tech: no issues

### 4. Orbitz 5 – Timing & Scoring Status: R.J. Gordy

- Purchased and in the process of being set up

### 5. Race Report/Status ALL

- Super Tour

- Regional 11/12 Labor Day Laguna

- Schedule has been approved regionally and sent to National for Sanction

- Regional 13/14/15 Thunderhill

- Will advertise via The Wheel and via social media

- 2020 schedule

- Track notes for next year
  - (1) Laguna will be shut down for a month next year; still no news as to which particular month
  - (2) Sonoma knows we want at least two dates
    - (a) Will not get July 4th, as that is on a Saturday
    - (b) Can we do three? (No)
  - (3) Thunderhill will work with us for scheduling
- Variable groups?
  - (1) Formula classes are sensitive to their groupings
    - (a) If we mix who the classes run with, would more drivers attend our races?
  - (2) Include Drivers in the discussion (Facebook, e-mail)
  - (3) If we offer changes/variables, will that generate interest?

### 6. Race Classes

- Classes to eliminate No entries in three years
- List generation Responsibility (Nan/Youmna will generate list)
- MC Class Laguna Regional 11/12
  - Hope to have National's blessing so the new class can run

### 7. Year End Awards Program – David

- Drivers Awards

- To be awarded at the Banquet, in a random drawing
  - (1) Open to 2019 class winners

- Prizes
  - (1) Free test days at Thunderhill for one year
  - (2) Free SCCA race entries held in our region for one year
- Prizes open to suggestion
  - (1) Case(s) of wine? Bell Wineries in Napa
- Worker awards
  - Special monetary prize?
  - More formal recognition than post-race or via Facebook, etc.
- Promotion
  - The Wheel
- 8. Year End Banquet - Blake Tatum
  - Kart racing
    - Awards to be given at the dinner, not directly post-race
  - Worker Awards
  - Hall of Fame/Evening schedule/MC/Speakers
    - Blake to write a script
    - Emcees this year: Tim Sullivan and David Vodden
    - Joke awards went over well. Will continue
- 9. Board Elections
  - Candidates?
    - Tim Sullivan indicated he will run for R.E.
    - Other positions? Three seats opening at the end of this year
  - Promotion
    - Ask James Chartres to put a banner on FB for signal boost
  - Petition must be in by the first Tuesday of September, approximately 45 days from now
- 10. Next meeting time and location:
  - August 21 at Vic's All-Star Kitchen, 201 Main St A, Pleasanton, CA 94566 at 11:00 AM

**Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.**