**SFR SCCA**

**Board Minutes**

**August 23, 2023**

Tim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Members in attendance were Tim Sullivan, Peter Phung, Bill Booth, John MacIntyre, Joe Montana, Blake Tatum and Linda Rogaski. Barry Kashar was an invited guest.

**Minutes**

The minutes for the July meeting have been approved previously by e-mail.

**Grid**

Barry asked to talk to the Board regarding grid procedures. To help new grid volunteers he would like to see grid sheets include the car#, position and driver name. This helps the new volunteers meet and recognize drivers. Barry is working with Timing to make sure grid sheets include this information. Barry also expressed concern about the Group 6 & 7 grids. The current structure of these two groups being gridded in a different format than the other groups is hard on the grid crew. Barry says when their volunteer numbers are short they don’t have time for special training for gridding these two groups. The Board agreed to look at the issue for the 2024 season.

**Financials**

Bill reported that Regional 11-12 was profitable, the first event this year that we did not lose money. There are still outstanding bills coming in for the event. Tim had consulted an attorney regarding the cancellation of the Regional 9-10 event. They recommended we bill Monterey County for the loss of the “trade” days and for the other costs incurred, e.g. ambulance, etc. We are approximately $300,000 in the red before considering accounts receivable due from Monterey County from Regional 9-10, Pre-Reunion and the Reunion.

**Pre-Reunion and Reunion**

Both events went well, days were long but Tim thinks we gave a great impression of the work SFR does to the track organizers.

**IndyCar**

We will be using the Safety Team for pit services they are working with IndyCar to determine how many staff will be needed. We will again use Short Caution and Marina Tow to complete all IndyCar equipment requirements.

**2024 Schedule**

This is a work in progress. Tim has given dates to Laguna and Sonoma for our preferred dates. We have not heard back. We are trying to avoid holiday weekends whenever possible. After discussion it was agreed that Drivers School would be held the first weekend of February so as to not conflict with the Super Bowl. The Board also agreed to not do a SuperTour, National charges are astronomical for the event. We do not get enough entries to justify the costs, but we hope to do a Majors/Restricted Regional at Thunderhill in April.

It is anticipated we will staff Pro events at Laguna as our current contract runs through 2024.

To offset not having a Super Tour we will conduct a Western Shootout Regional Race Championship at Sonoma on Labor Day weekend. This will be an event reminiscent of the PCRRC.

As soon as have confirmation from Laguna and Sonoma on our requested we will formally ask for event days at Thunderhill. They have our temporary schedule currently. The Board also discussed conducting an Enduro on the last Sunday of the final race at Thunderhill.

**Awards Banquet**

The Awards Banquet will be held the Saturday night of the Regional 15-16-17 event. For those classes where a winner will not be decided on Saturday the award will be issued Sunday after their race. Tim will talk to Jim Thompson about serving a more up-scale dinner than traditionally served.

**Elections**

After some discussion the Board agreed to move the submission date for petitions from September 1, 2023 to September 4, 2023 close of business. Linda motioned and Tim seconded that all petitions must be received in the office by COB September 4, 2023. The motion passed.

**Recruitment and Retention**

John stated that the any Board member interested can meet with him and Mark Mizzola at World Speed during the Regional 13-14 event to discuss suggestions, plans, etc. for recruitment of new volunteers,

**Old Business**

The Annual Meeting will be held via zoom on Saturday November 18, 2023. Tim will get the information out to all members. Voting will start no earlier than October 18, 2023.

**New Business**

Blake reported that Formula Mazda drivers presented him with a petition asking that red flag procedures be changed. After discussion regarding what the current procedure is and how per the GCR it will remain that way, it was agreed there is room for improvement. John is helping develop training around critical care and critical incidents. He thinks it is very important for the e-crew to meet prior to all events to discuss processes and procedures. It is hoped there will be e-crew (and other interested people) training before Drivers School.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM.