

SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Present were: Brian Ghidinelli, Sherry Grantz, Viet-Tam Luu, Michael Niemann, Gary Pitts, Rod Simmons, Mike Smith, Tony Tabacco.

Region Administrators Report

Sherry: some confusion over race requirements for renewing license: wording has changed, need to work to explain changes to everyone. E-mail from **Terry Ozment** re: upcoming Regional race at Laguna Seca: we've opened registration but don't have a sanction yet. Need to get new SafeRacer SCCA Club Racing decals as they may be required going forward.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the February 1 meeting submitted by Tony Tabacco were reviewed and approved.

Liaison Reports

Mike S.: Timing & Scoring: new computers have been purchased. Some issues to resolve re: wireless/networking setup: need T&S + Registration networked together and with Internet access.

Gary: RDC: **Fred Peterson** would like to know definitively whether or not Enduro will be held this year. **Brian:** still too early to make a decision, but we should make a better effort to get things done earlier than in previous years.

Gary: Banquet: think about new ideas for improving Banquet.

Michael N.: Paddock Marshall: **Roger Tingstrom** training **Cecil Barbee** as assistant. Need new signs for trucks.

Michael N.: Trophies: some nice trophies for upcoming event, as trophies have come down in price. Questions remain re: **Chuck Koehler** availability and picture trophies; what to do for 1st race of upcoming weekend? **Sherry:** we have a lot of old unused trophies that we can repurpose. **Gary** will get in touch with **Chuck** to get an idea of his outlook for the months ahead.

Tony: Autocross: Event 3 coming up; things are going well and events are well-attended.

Tony: Course Marshals: didn't have the new oil sweep hopper ready for last weekend but are testing it this week.

Rod: Starters: would like to duplicate some of their equipment to avoid hauling it around track to track. **Gary:** we need to think carefully about spending money on more stuff.

Brian: HPDE: have a contact who may be able to help us set up and run an HPDE program; will have him come talk to us next meeting.

Gary: Sound: **Donna Duffey** concerned about lack of backup sound meter at Thunderhill. Shannon confirms Thunderhill does have one, and will have a new one for the new track extension.

2. Financials

Treasurer Mike Smith

Sherry: 53 students at drivers school, approximately \$32k income vs. \$24k budgeted, so the school may break-even as a standalone event.

The Board reviewed the monthly financial report. Copies of the Financial Report are available to SFR members by request to the Region Office.

3. Old Business

Runoffs Update – Ian Cook via Mike Smith

Not much new to report; at the moment National Office is busy with the Convention.

Review/Revisit Supps – Gary

Mike S.: add regional classes S2, PC, SRF3.

Gary: Formula Ford tire: received more feedback; nobody seems to be able to agree. Discussion. All agreed: go to GCR rules for 2014. **Sherry:** will remove Regional FF rules from Supps for this year? **Mike S.:** let competitors know ASAP about the change.

Other Business

Sherry: *The Wheel* editor **Blake Tatum** notes some changes in advertisers; otherwise, things are going well.

4. New Business

Thunderhill Report – Gary

The track's operations are going well; work on Thunderhill West is proceeding to plan, and everything should be ready for the inaugural June race weekend.

Entry fees need to be adjusted to cover the increased rental cost for the 5-mile track for the June event. Board members discussed, reached a consensus: \$555.

Other Business

Mike S.: items discussed with **Gill Campbell** of Laguna Seca:

- Possible joint test days in September, before Runoffs; think about promoting with high-profile driver coaches, social events.
- **Gill** floated idea about selling general admissions tickets to our events; we could get some promotion out of it, at no cost to us.
- Schedule conflict with Ferrari event in May; Laguna Seca would like us to work the event but we're racing at Thunderhill. **Brian:** maybe ask Cal Club to help out since their workers could benefit from some "practice" in preparation for the Runoffs.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, March 19.