

# SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2014**

**Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont**

## 1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:11 PM.

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

### Previous Minutes

Minutes of the March 19 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved (motion: **Mike S.**; second: **Brian**).

### Liaison Reports

**Tony:** Equipment Crew: looking for replacement trailer.

**Tony:** Autocross: upcoming event at Oakland canceled due to Warriors game.

**Michael N.:** Pit Marshals: **Michael Joseph** says more fire extinguishers are needed for Runoffs. **Mike S.:** not in our contract with National, so they will have to handle it.

**Michael N.:** Fire School: **Heather Streets** is organizing a Fire School at Sonoma, will need authorization for expenses.

**Michael N.:** Paddock Marshal: **Roger Tingstrom** has issues with people abusing paddock, would like some help. Maybe make paddock procedures more prominent in acceptance letter. Discussion of possible rules on paddock space use.

**Mike S.:** Timing & Scoring: spent money to get Internet access at Laguna and it wasn't very good. Verizon tower wasn't ready yet, should be there next event. Look into getting Verizon hotspots.

**Tam:** Autocross: the Solo program has proceeded with developing their own website.

### Thunderhill Report

**Gary:** paving of Thunderhill West extension should be done in May.

**Gary:** gave Chiefs and Stewards a tour of the new track over lunch on the Sunday of the last race weekend and they were very positive in their reception. Got some feedback about placement of some stations.

### Marcom Update

Reviewed update from **Lisa Diamond**. Discussed Spec Miata Festival party: there will be snacks and drinks, but no dinner, as in past events dinner has run very late and many people opt for alternate dinner plans.

## 2. Financials

### Treasurer Mike Smith

**Sherry:** things are going well thanks to school and the last two events. The Thunderhill Majors event was more successful than anticipated. The Board reviewed the latest financial report.

*Financial Reports are available to SFR members by request to the Region Office.*

### Other business

**Gary:** spoke with someone teaching a photography class who want to bring their class to our Thunderhill event. Told them that was fine as long as they don't try to sell their photos. **Tam:** do they want access to "hot" areas? **Gary:** yes, so they will need to buy weekend memberships.

## 3. Old Business

### Ferrari Challenge

**Mike S.:** we're responsible for staffing this event in May but we're at Thunderhill that same weekend. Talked to Cal Club; we will pay them to bring some of their tow equipment to cover needs at Laguna Seca. Then we will need to find some flaggers who aren't going to Thunderhill. **Brian** will talk to Malinda to get someone to coordinate Social for Laguna Seca. **Rod** will find a starter the Ferrari event.

### Other old business

**Mike S.:** upcoming Tudor race weekend event at Laguna Seca: some concerns about how things will be managed at the event.

## 4. New Business

### Pre-Runoffs Test Days plans

**Mike S.:** need to nail down details soon. Discussion of possible schedules, pricing. Board members agreed to cap entries to 50 per day to ensure a quality experience.

### Other New Business

**Sherry** presented proposed schedules for June 5th test day at Laguna Seca. Board members agreed on a three-session schedule, pricing of \$250. Cap entries with waitlist to avoid overselling.

**Sherry** presented proposed Thunderhill Rewards program. Motion by **Mike S.** (second: **Tam**) to accept proposal as written was defeated 3-1. Motion by **Tam** (second: **Rod**) to drop the season opener from the list of qualifying events, was defeated (3 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstaining). Motion by **Brian** (second: **Gary**) that all four events count for points, allowing drops for two races, neither of which can be on the final weekend was carried 6-0.

**Sherry:** posting points and results is problematic due to changes in MyLaps. Have points databases from each event but can't add them up yet. Also, track records aren't updated. Mike, Tam and Brian to work on it.

## **5. Adjourn until next regularly scheduled meeting.**

Adjourned at 10:00 pm; next meeting tentatively on May 21; will confirm date via E-mail.