

SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:12 p.m.

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

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the July 16 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved (motion: **Rod**; second: **Tony**).

Liaison Reports

Michael: trophies ordered for next event.

Tony: Membership: things went pretty smoothly at Reunion, David is grooming a successor.

Tony: Autocross: Marina Airport petition is circulating; **Brian:** affects many clubs.

Gary: Communications: 6 replacement radio cables needed; they're \$272 each.

Sherry: BOD Elections: only received a couple of petitions so far but several are pending.

Brian: Rescue: was supposed to talk with **Mike Short** about Tow truck; didn't get a chance to follow up.

Mike S.: T&S: one of the AMB decoder boxes failed; **Brian** has a spare that works. **Brian:** AMB is offering substantial discounts on upgraded boxes; **Mike S.** to call them.

2. Financials

Treasurer Mike Smith

Mike S. presented the Financial Report for the year through the end of July.

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

3. Old Business

RDC Enduro - Gary

Gary: should we run the 3 or 5 mile course? **Mike S.:** let's do the 3-mile; the 5-mile course wasn't hugely popular and staffing could be an issue.

Board members discussed how long the race should be. **Mike S.:** it's a 2-day weekend;

Gary: we could try to do a 1-day Regional; **Mike S.:** scheduling would be problematic; we

could omit practice sessions but very few people will sign up to run two sessions.

September 12-14 Race Groups – Mike S.

Mike S.: received a request to move GTL from group 3 to group 1 for safety reasons; very small number of entries affected so shouldn't be a problem. **Sherry:** already 234 entries with 3 weeks to go; should we enforce a 56-car entry cutoff? For some groups we can't move any classes around between groups to accommodate them. **Gary:** let's just put excess on waitlist but and leave things open until Qualifying, in case attrition allows some waitlisted cars to enter.

September Laguna Seca Test Weekend

Mike S. presented a schedule. **Gary:** looks ok; **Sherry** to publish to MotorsportReg.

Laguna Trailer Parking

Mike S.: Wolf lot will also be used by Runoffs preparation work, so we should cordon off one section for people who need to park there; also, anyone parking there will have to sign a hold-harmless agreement. Discussion followed regarding logistics; issue placards for those using the parking, confirming the owner has signed the agreement, and with some kind of expiration date. **Brian** to inform Registration; will finalize parking lot logistics closer to the event.

4. New Business

2015 Schedule

Mike S. presented tentative 2015 Road Racing schedule. Discussed whether we want 7 or 8-weekend schedule; **Mike S.:** 7-weekend schedule would allow for better spacing between events. **Mike S.:** do we want to an event on the Thunderhill West 2-mile course? Consensus: probably not, unless we get an unexpected groundswell of support. **Gary:** do we want to do the Majors on the 5-mile course? **Tam:** we could wait until we get feedback about the 5-mile after the 25-Hour race; **Brian:** the 25-Hour may not necessarily run on the 5-mile course.

Board members resolved to plan a 7-weekend schedule, and try to move the Majors event off the same weekend as the Long Beach Grand Prix.

Mike S.: Laguna Seca won't start accepting dates for a long while so our schedule there will be up in the air until then.

Thunderhill Report

Gary: nothing new to report, everything is running as usual.

DSR Proposal

Gary: received proposal to preserve DSR as a regional class. Board members agreed with moving forward with the proposal.

Runoffs Parties Proposals – Gary

Gary: **Donna Duffey** wants to hold an SFR-sponsored party to welcome SCCA members to the Runoffs; says she can get it fully sponsored. The Board agreed to give Donna a \$500

budget to start with. Discussion followed about likely attendance numbers and venues; **Gary** will talk with **Donna** about adjusting plans as needed.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.; next meeting will be September 24 at the same time and location.