

SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2014

Location: Walnut Creek Marriott, 2355 N. Main St., Walnut Creek

1. Call To Order

Called to order at 8:09 a.m.

Present: Ian Cook (Race Chairman), Clint deWitt (new Board member), Brian Ghidinelli, Sherry Grantz, Viet-Tam Luu, Barbara McClellan (new Board member), Michael Niemann, Gary Pitts, Mike Smith, Anthony Tabacco.

Welcome new members – Gary

Gary welcomed **Clint, Barbara** and **Blake**.

Thank outgoing members – Gary

Gary thanked **Brian, Michael N.** and **Tam** for their service.

2. Previous Minutes

Tam presented and the Board reviewed and approved the minutes (motion: **Brian**; second: **Mike S.**).

3. Liaison Reports and Other New Business

Tony: Autocross: Slush series canceled due to unavailability of Oakland site due to some delays in paperwork. No word on Marina Motorsports; availability at this point seems doubtful. The program will still finish in the black, but things are more uncertain than usual.

Brian: still need information from **Mike Short** on status of the wrecker. **Gary:** equipment on old wreckers worth about \$15k each so we've got that coming back to us. New replacement wrecker will cost about \$64k; we should consider whether to buy or lease.

Mike S.: talked with **Shannon Ell** about Thunderhill's scheduling priorities with regards to club activities.

Mike S. updated the Board about Laguna Seca's plans and situation.

Liaison Assignments – Gary

Gary presented Board members' liaison assignments.

Plan for day's activities – Gary

Gary talked about what would be presented and by whom at the Annual Meeting.

Gary presented the "2014 SFR Accomplishments" slide.

Sherry gave the Board copies of the Annual Meeting agenda and minutes.

Thunderhill Report – Gary

Gary: David Vodden (CEO, Thunderhill) will present at Annual Meeting. New expansion has been very successful with regards to number of days booked. Looking at 2-3 year payback on investment. New track layout takes some getting used to but people are overwhelmingly positive. Surprising number of bookings for the five-mile course. Food service operation is going very well. **Brian:** the track has received suggestions for one bypass section on new track to cut out the sharpest hairpins; it's being considered.

Brian: given the substantially improved food and catering capabilities of Thunderhill we should consider doing the banquet there. **Gary:** we should give some serious consideration to changing the format of our year-end activities: Annual Meeting, Banquet, etc. to make it more attractive, affordable and convenient for participants.

Matters Arising – Gary

Barbara said she thought the RDC Enduro should be discontinued; **Tony** countered that new RDC leadership and a “normal” schedule without Runoffs should result in better results. **Gary:** proposal from **David Vodden** for Thunderhill to work directly with RDC and not run Enduro under SCCA sanction. **Mike S.:** we should decide one way or another by March so we can promote and prospective entrants can plan.

Ian: 2015 NASA championships will be at Laguna Seca; see if it could present opportunities for us given we have more race weekends there. Discussion of scheduling at Sonoma, significance of Sonoma event to the club and future directions.

4. Old Business

Wreckers Update

(Discussed during Liaisons update.)

2015 Schedule Update

Mike S.: could not change Sonoma date so will have to work with our volunteers to figure out how to staff conflicting event.

Sherry: which races are doubles? Discussion. **Tam:** all race weekends will have two points races; whether or not SRF/SM festivals will be points races to be determined.

Supps

Sherry: new additions to the Supps include **Tam's** fairness addition, rules regarding use of drones, DSR rules. Spec Miata tires: Toyo RR for dry, RA1 wet, though both are allowed; **Tam** to work with **Sherry** to get final wording. **Sherry:** how to handle SM entries who want to run Hoosier tire? Discussion. Tell them they can run ITA/ITS, STL, ITX.

5. Financials – Mike Smith, Treasurer

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

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

Discussion about *The Wheel* and future opportunities and possibilities. **Tam:** consider going to an online blog-style format to drive more frequent engagement, maybe occasional podcasts. **Brian:** don't want to do away completely with print, as there's some value to having a tangible product.

Mike S.: will shortly start working with **Sherry** on 2015 budget. Discussion of 2015 entry fees. Same as last year, with a minor increase at Thunderhill.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Discussion of location, date and format of future meetings.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Round Table Pizza in Fremont.