

**Minutes**  
**SFR BOD**  
**January 15, 2022**

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. Members in attendance were Tim Sullivan, Bill Booth, Christopher Linkous, Seth Reid, Blake Tatum and Joe Montana.

**Minutes**

Approved by email.

**Financials**

Bill advised they are in the process of closing out the books for 2021. Right now we are showing a loss for the year. However, Laguna still owes for Velocity and assorted track days. Bill thinks we will come closer to breaking even when all accounting is done.

The close-out for VIP points not used above 500 points has not been done yet. Hopefully, this will be finished in the next few weeks. The issue of providing 1099 forms has not been decided.

**2022 To Do's**

Bill and Trish are working on re-vamping the tracking of VIP points to make it easier to keep the reporting current. He gave a big thank you to Rhea for tracking the 2021 points. The process will require Chiefs of Specialty to report to the Board Secretary (right now Linda in Race Administration) names of volunteers and days/hours worked. This information will be reported no later than Sunday afternoon of regional events. For Pro events the information will be e-mailed to Linda. Volunteers wishing to use points will submit their request to the office, Trish and/or Courtney will track the information and forward to RJ for completion of the order if it is a SWAG request. Forms will be developed to help the process. The points will be tallied and posted on the website quarterly.

Discussion followed on how best to track Draft Cards, currently there is no tracking. One question was should the driver volunteer hours be tracked the same as volunteers and at the same value? Bill and Seth will work on coming up with a acceptable process for draft cards.

In addition, Bill and the accounting staff are in the process for developing a pay-invoice process that will ensure bills are paid timely. Bill will provide information on the process to the Board to finalize at the February meeting.

**Driver's School**

Tim reported that we are anticipating more than 50 students! This will be the largest school in the last few years. RDC and the Region are providing scholarships for three (3) volunteers: Greg Martin – F&C, Mai Williams – Timing, and Sierra Lacey – Photography. Bruce Trenery is providing one car Tim anticipates we will be able to rent a car from DIG racing. It was suggested we make arrangements at the beginning of the season for the following Driver's School to make sure there are rental cars available, preferably Miata's. Tim said he will follow up on this after the 2022 Drivers School.

### **Timing and Scoring Chief**

Tim reported that Marcy has stated she will be traveling in 2022 and will not be Timing Chief. This leaves a vacancy. The new chief will be responsible for recruitment and training. It was suggested that Trish chief Timing for 2022 during the re-building process. She is responsible for the auditing and reporting processes and being chief will enable her to make sure all information is reported accurately and timely.

Discussion followed about needing chiefs for other specialties, including Grid. New liaisons were appointed for the Specialties. (See attached.) There was discussion about the need to incentivize chiefs – should they be given more points, free membership and/or no-charge for the banquet? Discussion will continue.

It was also decided that Blake will provide recognition for a specialty crew in each edition of the Wheel – including pictures.

### **Chief's Meeting**

It was decided that a Zoom Chief's Meeting will be held Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. For this meeting just Chiefs will be included. Tim will get an email out to hold the date.

### **Laguna Updates**

Tim reported that we will be hosting a test day on January 31 from 9:00-5:00. There will be two groups of 35. If necessary a third group could be added. The cost will be \$300. It has not been determined if it is SCCA insurance or Thunderhill insurance.

Catering at Laguna is up in the air. Gordon Chen, who has been providing the lunches and dinners has retired. There is an approved County vendor list that all vendors are supposed to be on before we can contract with them. Loose Caboose has agreed to provide lunches, but they are not on the list. Someone would have to go pick them up. Finding approved vendors willing to commit to the region's race schedule is a work in progress.

### **Web Updates**

Bill stated that he has not had the time to re-work the webpage. He recommends that all updates to the web-page be provided to Warrior Webmaster for posting, at least that way there is current information on the web-page, e.g. schedules, calendars, etc. It was agreed this was a good first step. Bill and Blake will work to get new content written so the entire site can be refreshed.

### **Social Media**

Warrior Webmasters will post content on Social Media sites if they are provided with the content. Content needs to be timely and thought-out. After discussion it was suggested Lynne might take on the task of providing Warrior Webmasters with current information for posting on the different social media sites. She does a great job getting info on the SFR Facebook page.

### **Supplemental Regulations**

Tim reported on the following changes, among others:

- \$25 per race “surcharge” to fund equipment replacement. This is to be held in a separate account to fund capital expenditures for equipment replacement which includes truck, vehicle and equipment.
- 102.9 sound limit at all three tracks
- Waiver changes
- Protest time of 30 minutes

Discussion followed regarding the addition of a TA Vintage class. Cory Newlon, has requested that the Region add a TA Vintage class (TAV) to Group 3, he has the class specs. He states there are drivers interested in participating if they have a class. Discussion followed.

Linda motioned and Christopher seconded that a TAV class be added to Group 3 with the caveat that at least 3 cars participate in the group by the end of the year. Tim called for a vote five votes in favor, two against. The motion passed.

Tim plans to submit the 2022 Supplemental Regulations to national for approval within the next week.

### **Equipment Needs**

The Board identified two areas of greatest need – Scales and E-Crew trucks. The Pace Car should be replaced, but at this time it is not a high priority.

Tim will look into the cost of replacing the scales. Two of the E-Crew trucks should be replaced the cost of maintenance to keep them in good order is going up. The Region cannot afford to replace two trucks in one year. The cost for one truck is going to be approximately \$80,000. It is doubtful there are any “deals” on vehicles right now.

The Bookkeeper is adding a line item to the budget to track the increase in entry fees to be used for capital improvement.

### **Property Board**

There has not been an official meeting of the Subcommittee and the Property's Board. Tim stated there are staff changes at Thunderhill. Bob Maybell is now working four (4) days a week and Lee Noll is leaving shortly. The new gift/pro shop will be completed this year.

### **New Business**

#### Planning for 2022 and forward:

Christopher provided a SWOT analyses as to where the Region is now. Discussion followed on what areas should be focused on:

- Worker recruitment and retention
- Driver competition

Suggestions followed on different ways to improve driver competition enjoyment.

1. One Restricted Regional – One Laguna event will not include Group 2 cars giving more time for the other classes.
2. Establish a team to work on conducting a West Coast Championship in September 2023 or 2024. Bill will talk to John MacIntire to see if he will take the lead on organizing a group of workers/drivers to conceptualize the event. The Board can then involve other West Coast regions in the production/marketing of the event.
3. Bonus race for one group at each event.

#### Definitions

During the Annual Meeting it was brought up that there may be differences in definitions of some words used during a major incident. Tim will ask Jeff Olinger, Rhea Dods and Kevin Cullen to work towards coming up with agreed upon definitions for words/situations so the E-Crew, Communications and the Operating Stewards all are in agreement as to what is needed.

#### Membership Meeting

At the Annual Meeting it was suggested that the Board hold more frequent membership meetings. The Board will look at dates at the February meeting for the next membership meeting.

Next Meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00