

Minutes
San Francisco Region Board
December 1, 2021

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:00. Members in attendance Bill Booth, Christopher Linkous, Joe Montana, RJ Gordy, Ben French Blake Tatum and Linda Rogaski

Minutes

Were approved by e-mail

Welcome

Tim welcomed Joe and Christopher to the 2022 board and gave thanks to Ben and RJ for all the work they have done on the 2020-2021 Board.

Financials

Bill, who will be the Treasurer in 2022, reported that we have received \$86,161 from MSR for the Thunderhill race. At this point we are showing a loss of \$24,120.61. Bill explained we have not received payment from Laguna for Velocity or the track day support we have provided. In addition, there are high costs from Thunderhill for items like:

- Ambulance services for Side Trax
- Bathroom surcharge
- Camping
- PA system
- Clubhouse rental

Other tracks costs are much less for similar services.

In addition there have been credit card charges that are not necessarily appropriate, they will be investigated. In addition the cost of donations, e.g., SAE, and the cost of repositioning vehicles by Marina Tow are hurting the bottom line.

Discussion followed on the need to provide 1099 forms for those crew members who are working the Laguna events and receiving pay. Bill stressed the need to be frugal. Discussions will be held with the Thunderhill Board regarding increasing the amount of the annual Thunderhill dividend.

The Board will be establishing a Capital Replacement Account to cover upcoming expenses. It is anticipated the E-Crew will need two (2) new trucks in the next year or two. In addition the Region needs to replace the Tech scales. There will be smaller expenses such as a new copier

for Race Administration in addition to other crew's needs. Discussion followed on hiring a network tech who can work with the office on upgrading and maintaining the technology.

Awards Banquet

Blake is in quarantine due to Covid. He will get the thumb drive to Tim with the power point presentation. Blake asked Bill to present the SAE and PIRF awards.

Drivers School

Ben reported that he is meeting with Kevin Rogers to get background on the school operations. Between Ben and Jon Becker they will provide the coordination needed for the school. There will be a zoom meeting with all instructors to make sure they are all on the same page. The schedule for 2022 will be easier than the schedule in 2021.

Discussion followed regarding how to encourage more Drivers School graduates to race with SCCA and not go to another sanctioning body. Data provided by Brian Ghidinelli a few years back showed that the average driver raced 2.5 races a year, that data was both found at the regional and at the national level. Tim will ask Trish to go back to track levels of participation per year by class and by driver.

Discussion followed on possibly providing a "credit" to drivers who support the Region's events over a season. Blake will do the research to determine the cost.

VIP Points

Rhea requested that the roll-over points be raised to 750 from 500. Before the Board can make a decision the Board needs to see the current VIP standings. It was agreed that the information needs to be reported timely and posted regularly. Tim will have Trish and Courtney begin handling the VIP program. The Board also discussed concerns about cutting checks to members to reimburse for VIP points and not providing a 1099 if the amount is over \$600. It was suggested that no points roll over, the books would be cleared at the end of each year.

This item will be on the agenda for the January meeting.

T&S

Marcy has stated she will be traveling next year and will not be able to chief. After discussions, Ben stated he will be chief of the T&S crew for 2022. The goal is to improve processes and make the team more efficient.

Track Updates:

1) Sonoma

- They are building a new meeting hall facility at T11. They would like us to consider using that facility for our 2022 banquet.
- Costs will be going up in 2022 approximately \$3000 per weekend and in 2023 approximately \$6000 per weekend

2) Laguna

- Our current contract runs through 2022.
- We will have to re-negotiate for 2023, it is anticipated costs will be going up.
- We have a day from 2021 on the books – it is for the asphalt only, no camping or other services are included.

2022 Supplemental Regulations

- World Speed will be running at each of our events. Telo would like us to add two regional classes – FA2 and FA 3 so his drivers could run for regional points in those classes. Linda motioned and Blake seconded we add the FA 2 and FA 3 regional classes. The motion passed. Telo will work with the Tech crew to provide all the technical information needed for the classes. World Speed will be doing podium finishes for their series in their paddock area.
- Discussion followed on the need to return the protest time to 30 minutes after the checkered flag. Ben motioned and Linda seconded that the 2022 Supps state there is 30 minutes after the last checkered flag to protest. The motion passed.
- Tim brought up the issue of raising the entry fee \$50 per weekend to fund the Capital Equipment Fund. The Board agreed to the increase of \$25 per race, or \$50 for the weekend. There would be no charge for adding additional race classes.

Sound Equipment

After discussion regarding how to better track sound readings, it was stated that at Sonoma and Laguna we must use track equipment. The only track we could use our equipment would be Thunderhill. It does not seem feasible to purchase sound equipment for one track. Blake motioned and Linda seconded the Region use track supplied sound equipment at all three (3) tracks. The motion passed.

Property Board Subcommittee

Tim advised with RJ stepping down from the SFR Board we may want to replace him with another SFR Board member on the Subcommittee. After discussion, it was agreed RJ would stay on the Subcommittee and Blake Tatum would be added. Linda motioned, Bill seconded that the Subcommittee be made up of Tim, RJ and Blake. The motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Blake advised that Folger's Graphics has been fronting our mailing costs for the Wheel, they no longer want to do that. We will need to re-establish our account with USPS.

January Agenda will include, but not limited to:

- Operating Perspectives
- VIP points
- Liaisons
- Chiefs Meeting

The meeting will, hopefully be in person at Spanos Center in Stockton on either 1/15/22 or 1/22/22.