

SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present: David Allen (Chief, Membership Recruiting), Brian Ghidinelli, Sherry Grantz, Viet-Tam Luu, Michael Niemann, Gary Pitts, Rod Simmons, Mike Smith, Tony Tabacco.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the April 22 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved (motion: **Brian**; second: **Gary**).

Appointments

Gary appointed **Brian** to develop HPDE program.

Gary appointed **Rod** as Assistant Competition Director to assist **Mike S.**

Liaison Reports

Mike S.: Competition Director: comparing this year's Regional Thunderhill races versus last year, we're about 30 cars down per event on average. What do we want to do next year? With MotoGP out of Laguna we have some flexibility to schedule in June, which might present more opportunities at Sonoma. Discussion of weather contingencies; **Rod** proposed higher last-minute cancellation fees to reduce no-shows and make entry counts a bit more predictable for planning purposes. The Board decided on a tentative number of race events at each track. Discussion of drivers school followed.

Tony: Tech: investigating new scales.

Tony: Membership: will do a Membership booth at the Miata event at Laguna.

Michael N.: Paddock Marshal: Roger Tingstrom will be on vacation in June; **Cecil Barbee** will be assume the Paddock Marshal role at the Laguna Seca event.

Rod: Social: Malinda Jaroch talking with National about arrangements for Runoffs.

Rod: Grid: the old canopy that was damaged has been replaced.

Michael N.: Race Chairman: Ian Cook confirms there will be a single ambulance for each day of the September test event at Laguna Seca.

2. Financials

Treasurer Mike Smith

Mike S.: good results from Laguna, Majors events means we're well ahead of budget this year.

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

Tentative Results: Thunderhill 5/17-18, Ferrari Challenge

Mike S.: Ferrari Challenge logistics went great, working with **Cal Club Region**, and hiring flaggers through SCRAMP.

The last Thunderhill Regional event actually beat estimates, so should come in a little bit ahead of budget.

Other Business

Gary: we would like to give some sort of special recognition to **John Brookman**, who's in failing health. After some discussion the Board agreed to name the inaugural Thunderhill 5-mile race in honor of the John and Dorothy.

3. Old Business

Runoffs Update From Ian Cook

Gary: Ian has heard rumors about people being sent home from Runoffs because their rigs are too big. He will get clarification from National.

September 26-27 Practice

Gary: Ian Cook proposed splitting each day. After discussion Board members agreed one day per category probably better, so people don't have to be there both days. People will be coming fully prepared so spreading testing over two days won't help them.

Gary proposed that cancellation fee should be \$250 not \$50, if the vacated spot could not be filled. The Board agreed.

Mike S.: advertise sound limit of 103dB. Technically there is no limit that weekend so County sound monitoring won't enforce any limit, but we can still provide advisories to drivers.

Other Old Business

Rod suggested a shortened pace lap for the upcoming 5-mile races at Thunderhill.

Gary: might be a tough sell to the Stewards. **Tam:** if we're looking to save time between sessions, we could we skip victory laps and let them happen at lunch and/or at the end of the day? **Gary:** victory lap doesn't really "cost" us anything since there needs to be 5 minutes to "recover" after the race.

4. New Business

Thunderhill Construction Update – Gary

Gary: construction is going well, some delays due to rain but back on schedule. Construction scheduled to be complete by June 1. Stewards will inspect on 6/14. PG&E

approval for power is open question, but we can use generators as a stopgap for our event.

Mike S.: spoke with **Rescue Chief Mike Short**; we will need one more Tow and one more Rescue truck. Could rent Tow from Thunderhill, unsure about where to get additional Rescue truck.

Other Business

Brian: move STU to Group 3? Other Board members agreed it makes sense based on lap times and group size; make sure doesn't affect anyone double-dipping. **David:** won't be an issue for next event as STU is in Group 1 in the 6-group schedule.

Brian: question about Divisional points for Runoffs qualifier. **Sherry:** points are up on the NorPac website. Question about cut-off date for points remains.

Rod: does **David Vodden** charge vendors for space at our events? **Mike S.:** he has in the past, but does not currently do so. **Gary:** it depends on the wording of the agreement.

Rod: let potentially interested vendors know what the official line is; **Gary** to follow up.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.; next meeting will be June 18 at the same location.