SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2014
Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Brian Ghidinelli, Viet-Tam Luu, Michael Niemann, Gary Pitts, Rod Simmons, Mike Smith, Tony Tabacco.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the May 21 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved (motion: **Tony**; second: **Mike**).

Liaison Reports

Michael N.: **F&C:** staffing for 5-mile Thunderhill event is a bit thin but **Scot Zediker** is going up early to figure out how to distribute flaggers effectively.

Michael N.: Paddock Marshal: not sure what guidance to provide **Roger Tingstrom** re: "abuse" of parking at crowded events such as what happened at this year's Majors. **Brian**: the issue resulted in some negative perceptions; we should figure out the ideal solution, then work out what's possible. Reservation system would either be really complicated or would lose some benefits of a more spontaneous arrangement. Discussion followed about other options. **Brian:** we need to empower the Paddock Marshal and make sure he can perform his duties without interference or resistance from drivers. Maybe some kind of peer-run program? **Mike S.**: positive reinforcement is a good idea.

Tony: Membership: we've been allocated a 10'x10' booth for membership at **Miatas at Laguna Seca,** September 6-7. Need to get autocrossers out there.

Tony: Solo: Finances are good, Tour and Pro event at Crows Landing were very successful. Upcoming Corvette Club and AAS events there will be under SCCA sanction; worry about competitive landscape in future years, where we may be cannibalizing our own business.

Brian: E-Crew: have extra Tow and Rescue trucks for the 5-mile race so we're good.

Brian: reviewed survey results for TH vs. BW Majors event. Some differences show us where we would do better. We should probably make it a 3-day event next year assuming counts don't fall off too much. People felt the preceding test day was poorly organized and operated.

Mike S.: T&S: some issues with live timing at Laguna Seca, but worked with **Tam** to iron out technical issues. Race Admin setup worked well. Will go with the Verizon Jetpack routers going forward; buy a backup unit.

Mike S.: Competition Director: Sonoma: generator for worker camping will cost either $450 if the generator is already on site, $900 if they have to bring it. Consensus: go with either, **Ian Cook** will work to minimize cost. Now working with Sonoma to try to get us another event next year. Laguna: no idea on calendar for next year yet.

Tam: Announce: Steve Jaroch wants another computer, citing logistical issues. **Brian:** just tell them to FedEx it where it needs to go.

2. Financials

Treasurer Mike Smith

Mike S.: things are going well, we're well ahead of budget so far this year. We need to continue to be careful with spending: some people know we're ahead and are eager to spend some money but we need to replenish our finances following the past few years' losses, and be careful ahead of next year. June 5 test day was successful, as was the June Laguna event.

Board members reviewed the financial report for the year through the end of May.

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

3. Old Business

September 26-27 Practice

Gary: apparently the rules require us to operate the event under SCCA sanction. **Tam:** was never a political consideration, just didn't want to overly burden our workers. **Gary: Ian Cook** says our workers are enthusiastic about it so shouldn't be a problem. Discussion of test day format; **Tam:** maybe survey registrants? **Gary:** simpler to just choose a format and make it clear to participants well in advance.

4. New Business

Thunderhill Update – Gary

Gary: AT&T has expressed interest in setting up an antenna on the new cell tower. Stewards inspected the new track, made some safety adjustments; everything else that should be done should be ready by this weekend. Stewards also made other recommendations around the rest of the track that will be addressed over the months ahead. Surface condition concerns have been addressed. **Mike S.:** make sure to clarify with **Dave Vodden** that the test day is on the 5-mile track.

Non-Runoffs Series / PCRRC – Gary

Gary: won't be a literal revival of PCRRC, but are we open to participating in discussions? Most board members agreed the idea is worth discussing; we wouldn't be committing to anything yet. **Linda Rogaski** wants to move up the convention to facilitate timely discussion.

Other Business

Mike S.: track records: the MyLaps software doesn't handle qualifying records; for the

last 12 years, we've used various kludged-together scripts to maintain track records. If we go to only race lap records only then we can use the MyLaps software. **Brian**: we may be able to restore that functionality down the road.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.; next meeting will be July 16 at the same location.