

SFR-SCCA Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Location: Round Table Pizza, Fremont

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Present: Brian Ghidinelli, James Herbst (chief, Worker Transport; guest of Tony Tabacco), Viet-Tam Luu, Michael Niemann, Gary Pitts, Rod Simmons, Mike Smith, Tony Tabacco.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the June 18 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved (motion: **Brian**; second: **Rod**).

James Herbst Presentation

James presented a proposal for adding job boxes to Thunderhill turn stations to hold fire extinguishers, brooms, sweep, etc. at the track instead of hauling around an equipment trailer to Thunderhill. Discussion of logistics; supply east track only as the west loop will probably not see enough utilization to make it worthwhile. **James** to send out a revised proposal.

Liaison Reports

Tony: Course Marshals: crew in good shape for Reunion weekends.

Tony: Membership: received E-mail from David Allen; will need help at Reunion. Also need to think about finding a new Chief. **David** expressed some concerns about under-representation from the Solo organization. **Mike S.:** maybe work with Solo leadership to get new leaders to help out; get each Steering Committee member to nominate a candidate from the ranks.

Tony: Solo: National Tour and Pro Solo events were successful but will lose some money due to fee structure. The Steering Committee has agreed to add another event to the schedule to meet increased demand and generate some more revenue. New online registration process has been very well-received; it's working well and helping to speed up the registration process.

Mike S.: Timing & Scoring: experienced a number of problems at Sonoma; there were some unexpected issues with the AMB decoder box network setup. **Tam:** was this why some results on Sunday took so long? **Mike:** yes, results couldn't come from the regular machine, had to come directly off AMB1.

Mike S.: Competition Director: conference call with Sonoma. Laguna calendar still very much in the air, we'll have to schedule on a best-guess basis but if we conflict with a Pro event they'll have priority. Will start working with **Rod** on a tentative schedule.

Brian: Race Admin: marking of trophy boxes at Sonoma was very helpful. Question about hot-pit passes and how they should be numbered; **Sherry:** it's up to them; **Mike**

S.: just use the number off the temporary membership form.

Brian: Social: Malinda reports everything is going well; haven't heard anything back from National yet re: Runoffs.

Brian: The Wheel: Blake will try to come out once a quarter to a BOD meeting.

Michael N.: Spec Miata: Group 7 meeting at Sonoma: drivers liked the 2-day format; unhappy with Thunderhill test day pricing and customer service; good feedback about driver surveys; keen interest about spec tire for next year, with strong support expressed for Toyo RR. Mike S. to work with Sherry to send out tire survey for next year.

2. Financials

Treasurer Mike Smith

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

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

3. Old Business

RDC Enduro

(Deferred until the next meeting.)

4. New Business

Thunderhill Report

Gary: CSRG ran the 2-mile West track, was generally very satisfied. Already getting good rental rate on the new track.

Financial Aspects of Pre-Race Practice Days

(Deferred until the next meeting.)

Other Business

Rod: hearing some vocal disagreement September Laguna Seca test day format. **Brian:** but 70 people have signed up with the current format. If we hear from people who've actually signed up maybe we'll consider it.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.; next meeting will be August 20 at the same time and location.