

**Minutes**  
**SFR Board of Directors**  
**December 9, 2020**

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:04. Members in attendance were; Tim Sullivan, RJ Gordy, Ben French, Bill Booth, Seth Reid, Blake Tatum and Linda Rogaski.

**Financials**

Ben stated payments are still not going out timely. He is working with Krista to improve the issue.

**2021 Schedule**

The June Sonoma date and October Laguna date are not firm. The Sonoma date may move to June 11-13 depending on Sonoma. The Laguna date is waiting for Sea Otter Classic to determine their date. It was agreed it best to get something posted on the webpage with these two events identified as subject to change.

**Property Board Subcommittee**

Tim and RJ are working directly with Jeff Lederman on Thunderhill issues. The floor in the office has been repaired, still waiting for the cracks in the walls to be fixed. Trish has put cameras in the office for nighttime security, there have been people coming into the office after hours.

**Specialty Job Descriptions**

Bill Booth shared the Job Description for Timing and Scoring was developed with help from Marcy Crawford and Bill Dwyer. It is very detailed and will be a useful recruiting tool.

**Emergency Response Training**

Bill reported the first training will be held February 26 (date to be approved by trainer) at Sonoma Raceway in the Drivers Lounge where the Region conducts registration. The targeted attendees are members from the E-Crew, Tech, F&C and other volunteers who are interested. If there are additional openings, the training will be offered to drivers and crew. The training will last about six (6) hours. There will be a second class offered in May or June.

**Equipment Purchase**

RJ introduced Joe Kirby, Co-Chief E-Crew, to discuss purchasing battery powered cutters and spreaders (Jaws of Life) instead of the gas powered equipment we have on one truck and the battery powered tools we purchased last year for the second truck. Joe has researched the

issue the choice comes down to equipment provided by Amkus or Holmatro. Both Joe and Seth feel having the same equipment on both trucks will make response to an incident safer than having different equipment on each truck. Although the Amkus equipment is slightly cheaper Holmatro provides training for the e-crew on the equipment at no charge. This is an advantage for the crew to be properly trained on the equipment.

The cost will be approximately \$26,000, the old equipment will be offered for sale with the potential of selling it for approximately \$10,000. Seth motioned and RJ seconded we purchase four sets of spreaders and cutters from Holmatro, sell the older equipment and put Holmatro decals on the four emergency vehicles. Tim called for the vote – five yes votes, one abstention – Rogaski.

### **Drivers School**

Ben reported that he is working with the lead instructors to standardize the curricula as much as possible. Instead of having all students come together for an orientation meeting at the beginning of the event, Ben is planning a zoom meeting to be held before the school starts. Instead of instructors riding with students it will be a lead/follow process. Ben states there may be more of a cost for this school due to different classroom set up and other unforeseen issues.

There are definite challenges in planning this event. There may be a loss of instructors and students due to health concerns. The plan is to have one instructor for every two students. As the Covid situation plays out there may be other adjustments that may need to be made. Ben is working on Plans B and C as we move forward. Ben will work with Blake to run an article in the Wheel regarding enrolling for the school. Bill suggested we may want to ask Thunderhill for a reduction in cost depending on what it will expenses we will have to adjust the training to meet the social distancing requirements, etc.

Tim motioned and Linda seconded that we accept Erik Schmid's application for the RDC scholarship. The motion passed unanimously. If another volunteer applies the Board will consider a second scholarship.

### **Timing and Scoring**

Ben stated the team needs to be rebuilt. There is no chief at this time, no current volunteer has committed to working all events. Ben has met with the Timing and Scoring team – it was agreed there must be someone in timing from the office to help with results. The results feed into the audit that is done at the end of each event. Ben is working with Bill Dwyer to develop a training curriculum for new folks.

Discussion followed about having Trish chief the crew until a new chief could be identified. Ben will talk with Trish about what options we have. He will also talk to Marcy about chiefing the Majors as we will need someone with a National Timing license for that event.

### **Volunteer Staffing**

Lynne Huntting will be the new Race Chair for both Regional and Pro events, she will assume those responsibilities along with her Ambassador duties. The Race Chair duties will expand including some of the duties the Social Chief once held. She will work to build a team.

Tim is going to ask Matt Insley to chief Tech.

RJ is not sure what the status of Karen Lamm's health is and if she will be willing to chief Grid in 2021.

Linda motioned and Tim seconded that Race Administration purchase three (3) new laptops. The older laptops will be used at tech and/or by the stewards. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Promotion and Recruitment**

Bill is continuing to work with Ben on recruitment of auto shop students to become specialty crew members. Andrew Rozenkraft is moving forward on the IRacing League. He is working with Bill, Ben and Seth to develop a viable competitive program. The next step is promoting Car Club Days at the track.

#### **Supps**

Get all Supplemental Regulations changes to Tim asap.

#### **Track Paddock Reservations**

Blake is working with MSR to develop a paddock plan for each track. Thunderhill's map is almost completed. Blake and Tim will review what MSR is proposing. The goal is to have the Thunderhill map ready to go in February.

### **New Business**

#### **Regional Manager**

Blake raised the issue of hiring a Regional Manager to oversee the IT issues, manage the office staff, recruit and promote the region. This would allow the Board to focus on broader issues and not get stuck in the minutia of running the Region.

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**Championship Jackets**

Tim and RJ will determine the process to get new jackets or updated jackets to the 2020 winners.

**Dates for Upcoming Calls**

January 20, 2021

February 10, 2021