**Minutes**

**SFR Board of Directors**

**May 17, 2022**

Tim called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. In attendance were Tim Sullivan, Bill Booth, Blake Tatum, Seth Reid, Joe Montana, Christopher Linkous and Linda Rogaski. John MacIntyre was an invited guest.

**Minutes**

The minutes had been approved by email.

**Financials**

Bill reported that the 2021 tax returns have been submitted. We suffered a loss of $131,000 for the year. Current 2022 profit and loss statements show we are in the negative approximately $87,000. This does not include the May event. Monterey County still owes us for past services. It was agreed we must get more specific on how and where to save money.

Bill reported that we have received a donation of $5,000 from an anonymous student from the 2022 Drivers School to be used for scholarships for 2023 Drivers School.

**E-Crew Update**

Tim reported that the E-Crew held a meeting Friday night of the May event. Bob Groth is the chief and Jessie Link, assistant chief. The consensus of the group was that it is time to rebuild and refocus. They would like to see more training material provided. Seth will work on developing the material. He will also help with developing a pre-event check list, and identifying the chief’s roles and responsibilities. For the time being Joe Kirby will be responsible for radios. Bob will be sending in an official request for Seth to be the board liaison.

**E-Crew Vehicle Maintenance**

The Board discussed the need to better track maintenance and service expenses and credit card usage for the vehicles. A truck maintenance log will be developed for each vehicle. It was agreed that having all vehicles maintained/serviced at the same auto shop would help with consistency of service and pricing. Tim stated he had spoken with the owner of Premier Auto Service in San Ramon and they are willing to service the e-crew vehicles. Linda motioned and Bill seconded that all SFR vehicles have annual maintenance completed at Premier Auto Service. It is preferable that all services be completed at Premier unless there is an urgent matter. The motion passed with one abstention – Tim.

Bill motioned and Linda seconded that any expense estimated at $500 or more must be approved by the liaison before the expense can be completed. The motion passed.

**Western Shoot-out**

John presented a financial spread sheet developed by using the financial information from the 2021 Race 15-16-17 and the 2022 Majors to develop the estimated costs. Charlie Davis, Area Director, is in support of the event and is reaching out to Mike Cobb to help convene a meeting with national road racing staff to discuss the concept and finalize plans. Tim will talk to Charlie to set up date and time for the meeting.

Once the concept is approved, we will reach out to other regions asking them to help supply workers by offering a percentage of the profit. If one region provides 10% of the worker force they would be entitled to 10% of the profit. It is hoped having a premier type event on the West Coast will also increase the number of drivers participating in Cal Club and Oregon Region Super Tours.

**Indy Car Update**

Tim and Bill reported:

* The contract with Indy Car is signed
* All participating cars will be SRF Gen 3s
* All drivers must be SFR members
* The event announcement will be uploaded to the SFR Website & MSR soon for entries
* Participation will be based on SRF performance in the Region
* The Region will notify the 35 competitors of acceptance
* Joe Briggs and Bill are working on marketing language

**SRF Gear Box Issues**

Some Group 6 drivers are concerned about the cost of the sequential gear box now being used by some SRF cars, it is very expensive. They have expressed the desire to have two separate sub-classes – those with the sequential gear box and those without. The Board discussed the issues of trying to establish another class half-way through the season, how that would affect reporting results to national, how many competitor would be impacted, etc. It was suggested the drivers who have expressed concern about the gear box document how many drivers this does or does not affect, and what they see as potential solutions. Blake and Bill will reach out to the drivers asking them to take the lead on identifying which drivers are concerned and what solutions are available.

**Establishing Grid Positions**

Group 6 & 7 drivers have expressed concern about the gridding of the first qualifying session of an event. Currently it is a first-come first grid process. However, for some drivers who are in multiple groups they cannot get to the grid timely and once on track get held up by slower cars in the qualifying session.

The Board discussed what options would make the most sense for both Groups 6 and 7 which have the most cars per class. It was agreed that for those groups with three (3) or less classes the grid for first qualifying session of an event will be based on current Region points. Tim will make sure this information is included on the event schedule(s).

**Track Time**

The board discussed the need to equalize track time for drivers. The Board discussed instituting Restricted Regionals at Laguna to help increase track time, we are limited on the amount of time we can be on track and cannot extend the racing day, so having fewer groups would give more time to the other groups. The Board is looking at moving classes to better equalize group sizes. Discussion will continue.

To better equalize group numbers the Board discussed the advantages of moving FX into Group 2.

**Sponsorship**

Brent Morgan, Exclusive Racing, is interested in sponsoring a race activity in the Region. Tim will follow up with Brent.

**Thunderhill Sub-Committee**

The sub-committee has not met. The Thunderhill board is actively looking at potential candidates for CEO with a start date sometime in 2023.

Tim closed the meeting at 8:10.

The next meeting will be June 21, 2022 at 5:30.