

# Minutes of the SCCA San Francisco Region 2014 Annual Meeting

**Date:** November 22, 2014

**Location:** Walnut Creek Marriott, Walnut Creek, CA

## Call to Order and Welcome – *Gary Pitts*

**Mike S.** called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm.

## Introductions of Current Board Members and Guests – *Gary Pitts*

**Gary** introduced the current Board of Directors members: **Brian Ghidinelli, Viet-Tam Luu, Michael Niemann, Rod Simmons** (absent), **Mike Smith, Anthony Tabacco**; Region Administrator **Sherry Grantz**. **Gary** recognized outgoing board members; welcomed new Board members **Barbara McClellan, Clint deWitt, Blake Tatum**.

## Secretary's Report, Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting – *Viet-Tam Luu*

**Tam** presented the Minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved by the membership present (motion: **Marcy Crawford**; second: **Linda Rogaski**).

## 2014 Election Results

**Gary** presented the election results: 174 ballots were cast. For the position of Regional Executive, **Gary Pitts** received 165 votes. For the Board of Directors, **Gary Pitts** received 165 votes; for Board positions, **Clint deWitt** received [?] votes; **Barbara McClellan** received 171 votes; **Blake Tatum** received [?] votes.

## What We Accomplished in 2014 – *Gary Pitts*

**Gary** summarized the Region's activities and accomplishments in 2014:

- 16 races at 3 venues;
- Drivers school;
- Hosted a Majors weekend;
- Pre-Runoff test weekend, which helped competitors a lot;
- Hosted 2014 Runoffs as Home Region;
- Supported USCR (Tudor) race;
- Supported Pre-Reunion & Reunion;
- Supported Ferrari Challenge;
- RDC Enduro; we're examining how to improve it in the year ahead;
- 38 autocross events across 3 chapters and 5 venues;
- Hosted Divisional Pro-Solo Autocross, National Tour events;
- **Tony** elaborated on the autocross program; Crows Landing events will be only SCCA going forward, as there were some issues and concerns arising from other clubs' events there;
- Question: is Alameda an option? **Tony**: not really, only club that can run there is Porsche Club;
- Sent largest contingent to Solo Nationals;
- Held awards banquets for 4 separate entities;
- Supported concourse program;
- Supported a budding rallycross program;
- Grew SFR membership 5.8%;

- Maintained our status as largest SCCA region;
- Finished the year with all programs in the black;
- Opened second, “west” racetrack/loop at Thunderhill.

## Financial Report – *Mike Smith*

**Mike S.** presented 2014 Financial Report with projections through the end of the year; obviously much higher entry counts this year, and a higher gross revenue than in the past 4-5 years.

- Question (**Lynn H.**): if membership is up why are dues down? **Sherry:** has to do with scheduling of dues transfers from National office.

**Mike** summarized expenses for 2014.

**Mike** summarized Road Racing program’s balance sheet: if you add up the past years’ losses and pending replacement costs for equipment (wreckers) then it about zeroes out, so even with a record surplus we still need to be very careful with money.

**Mike** reviewed the Solo program balance sheet.

- Question (**Linda R.**): if site fund can't feasibly be used to purchase a site, what do they want to do with it? **Tony:** still will be used for finding a site to run at, maybe a long-term lease, etc.

**Mike** compared balance sheets from past years, 2012-2014: accounts receivable from Laguna Seca is getting better, and their situation seems to be improving which obviously is good for us.

- Question (**Brian M.**): how long has Laguna Seca owed us this money? **Mike:** around 5 years, but what's important is that they have a plan to get back on track and they're following through.
- Question (**Lynn H.**): why does Laguna Seca owe us money? **Mike:** because we worked more days than they gave us we charged them;
- Question (**Ian C.**): what about next year, since we're working 17 days and only using 10? **Mike:** going forward they aim to stay current.

## Our Road Racing Program – *Mike Smith*

**Mike S.** presented entry level comparisons since 2001; 2014 is the best number since the high point in 2008.

**Mike** presented entry number comparisons by group

- Question: why not by class? **Mike:** those numbers are too small to be conclusive but we do have the raw data.
- Question (**Dave J.**): is the relative flatness of Spec Miata entries due to the escalating costs of engine? **Mike:** possibly, but we do have Sealed SM which is doing well and is very low-cost.

## Update on Thunderhill – *David Vodden*

**David** gave an update on Thunderhill's operations and showed off some photos from this year's construction and activities.

- Question (**Brian M.**): what's the dividend distribution from Thunderhill to the Region? **David:** there is none (not anymore) as otherwise it could jeopardize the Region’s non-profit status. What Thunderhill does instead is sponsor programs such as Thunderhill Rewards.
- **Gary:** we expect to pay back the expenses for the track expansion within 2-3 years.

## **Our 2015 Schedule – *Mike Smith***

**Mike S.** presented the tentative Road Race program calendar for 2015.

- Question (**Marcia U.**): why the conflicting weekend between the Sonoma event and World Challenge at Laguna Seca? **Mike:** we scheduled months back and that was the only date Sonoma would give us, then later we got the World Challenge date; we tried talking with another club that had some Sonoma dates, but they were unwilling to trade with us.
- Discussion followed of possible options about how to deal with the schedule conflict.
- **Gary** took a straw poll of what to do about 9/12 weekend, with inconclusive results. **Mike** will work with the Chiefs to figure out something.

## **Banquet Announcements – *Jim Petrek***

**Jim** made some announcements regarding the Banquet and associated logistics.

## **Questions and Answers**

**Gary** announced details of the upcoming NorPac convention.

- Question: are Pirelli/Porsche running with us again in 2015? **Mike S.:** yes, at a couple of our Laguna Seca events, as before.

## **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM.