**SFR Board**

**Minutes**

**January 17, 2024**

Tim called the meeting to order at 5:37. Members in attendance were Tim Sullivan, Bill Booth, Peter Phung, Joe Montana, Blake Tatum and Linda Rogaski. Invited guests included Hal Dorton, SFR Solo Exec, Trevor Fechner, Fresno Solo President, Doug Hubbard, Sacramento Solo Exec and Eric Diamond.

**Solo Chapters**

The three Chapter Execs introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their program.

Trevor stated their average event hosts about 90 people. Of those 90 participants 18 are in the novice category and 80% are returning auto-xers. 50-60% of their participants are full members.

They are in talks to co-host an event with the SFR Rally-X folks. He said they use Face Book to reach out to their members. They have had local news reporting on their events which has really helped get the word out. They race mainly at the Fresno County Fairgrounds. Competitors aren’t willing to drive much further than that.

Hal said he wasn’t sure what the ratio of SCCA annual members is to weekend members. They have 5-6 non-members attend most events. They have added two driver coaches to each novice session. They are racing at Crows Landing which is 90 miles from the bay area. They are struggling to keep attendees at the site for both days of the weekend. Motels are scarce, many don’t want to commute home and then back to the site. Hal said they outlook for Crows Landing is good, they think the site will be available indefinitely.

Doug reported that they are running exclusively at Thunderhill. This has hurt them more than help them as it is so far away. The average 55-65 participants per weekend. Many folks don’t want to stay over due to the high cost of motels in Willows.

The cost for the track sites varies greatly. Fresno pays $800 a day their entry fee is $50 for members. Sacramento is paying$1750 per day unless attendance reaches 99 and then the cost goes up to $2000. If someone wants to camp it is an additional $30 a night. The Sacramento entry fee is $45 a day for members. Doug said if the costs keep increasing they will stop using the site. Hal stated Crows Landing is $1950 per day and an additional $800 for services. They are charging $120 per entry.

Blake asked how we can help the Chapters. Hal said they need help paying the insurance for the contents of the solo storage trailer. If they should lose the items or they were damaged they would have a hard time replacing the inventory. Hal and Doug said promotional tools would be helpful.

Discussion followed about the Region hosting a 2025 all Region auto-x event. All three chapters are interested. It was agreed that we would hold another call with the Chapter Execs.

**HPDE/Test Day**

Peter reported the schedule has been posted to Instagram, the SFR website is having issues. At this point there has been minimal sign-up. Eric offered to help organize and recruit in the future.

**Laguna Seca Updates**

Tim spoke with John Narigi and April, track event coordinator on Wednesday. The mid-July date is not available. But John offered September 13 -15, 2024. This is 2 weeks after the Sonoma event and 2 weeks before the Runoffs. It was agreed that Tim would tell John we would take the date if we can cancel with no penalty.

Monterey County has not paid the $52,800 owing for the cancelled event last year. John stated he would look into getting it paid.

Friends of Laguna have not formally taken over management responsibilities. They are waiting to see the results from the law suit filed by the Hiway 68 Coalition.

**Financials**

Bill reported that we are looking at a net loss for 2023 of $135,000 if Laguna pays the monies owed. If they do not the loss will be $190,000. It was agreed there will be no further equipment surcharge in 2024. Bill says they are working on the 2023 corporate tax filing paperwork and hope to get everything to the accountants soon.

Tim reported that the SCCA National Charter was renewed for 2024.

Linda reminded the Board of the data Mike Smith and Brian Ghidinelli reported quite some time ago about the average number of races a driver runs. Approximately 10 years ago it was 2.5 races per season. Bill will look at MSR to determine which events lost money and he will look at participation by group over the last few years to determine how we can better schedule events.

**Trophies**

Peter is looking at procuring trophies for 2024. He is looking at trophies that can be transported easily but also have a look of quality. He will get prices and report back to the Board. He’s also looking at t-shirts that can be sold in the gift shop.

**Truck Maintenance**

Tow 2 is at Corning Ford. The engine failed. Ford will replace and install a new engine. Joe motioned and Linda seconded that we spend the $13,111 cost of replacing the engine. The motion passed.

The 2 windows that were broken have been replaced. The replacement of the stolen Holmatro equipment is waiting for Tim to talk to Matt about submitting the bill to Thunderhill’s insurance company. Tim is talking to Matt Thursday January 18th.

Linda has spoken to Matt about finding a place to house the trucks. Matt priced out a garage that can be built across from impound by the Thunderhill shed. The cost will be about $10,000. The garage should be big enough for the trucks and for storage of equipment. Linda will meet with Matt at Drivers’ School.

**Old Business**

**Budgeting for each race**

Bill will send out a template/sample of a budget for race expenditures. Blake volunteered to manage the Majors.

**Load-In**

The Board will establish criteria for Prep Shops who will be offered the opportunity to load-in first with the qualification they will help with paddock set-up and load-in. The Board is compiling a list of Prep Shops.

**New Business**

PCA and a TA group are interested in renting a slot at one of our Laguna dates. It was agreed that renting a time slot takes time away from our drivers. If another group would like to enter our event in one of our classes they are more than welcome.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

The next meeting will be 2/21 at 5:30 PM