**SFR Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

**April 24, 2024**

Tim called the meeting to order at 532PM. Members in attendance were Greg Hoff, Peter Phung, Bill Booth, Joe Montana, Blake Tatum and Linda Rogaski.

**Minutes**

The minutes were approved previously by email.

**Financials**

Bill reported that year-to-date we are $195,000 in the red, this includes the pre-payment for McCune, volunteer lodging for IMSA and deposit on Sonoma for the September event. The Regional 3 & 4 event is showing a $19,000 loss, but all expenses have not yet been submitted. One surprise was an additional $8000 charge for the ambulance. Tim will investigate as to why that charge was made.

Regional 5 & 6, though preliminary, looks like we will make a profit.

The $52,800 owed by Laguna has not been paid. Tim will talk to Narigi one more time before we write it off. Narigi will submit to the County. Bill stated that 2024 Drivers School lost $25,000. Our fixed overhead is $20,000 a month. Vehicle insurance is up $5,000 over last year.

Discussion followed regarding the cost of supporting IMSA and INDY races with the requirements of 20 plus people in the pits and EMTs riding on the response trucks. Tim does not think we can get enough drivers to volunteer to cover the requirements. Peter will send out social media requests for volunteers to work the Pro events. E-crew will be staffing the SVRA event.

**WAP Fund**

Tim has been trying to contact Rhonda, she has not responded to his calls or emails. He asked Blake to see if he could contact her. Tim will reach out to Gregg Schlaman and see if he is still interested in over-seeing the WAP fund. Bill will set up a bank account to better track deposits.

Tim motioned and Blake seconded that we raise the minimum driver donation to $10 per entry. The motion passed. Blake and Peter will continue to push the need to support the volunteers by helping fund the WAP fund on social media and in the Wheel.

**Majors**

Tim did a recap of the Majors event. He felt, as did the Board, that there was a good atmosphere, good racing, and great weather. Due to issues with the Thunderhill wi-fi Timing was not able to upload to Race Hero. Official results are in the process of being uploaded to the webpage. Tim advised that Trish has emailed results to drivers.

**Group 6 & 7 Surveys**

Bill surveyed the Group 6 drivers. He sent surveys to 83 drivers and received 50 responses.

Responses:

* They want their qualifying grid done by practice times,
* They are supportive of the race schedule
* They support the end-of-the-year enduro.
* They universally want more track time.

Bill moved and Greg seconded that for the June Laguna event Group 6 would follow a Qualifying-Race-Race-Race format. The motion passed. This is a trial run to see if this works. If so, a survey will be sent out to all Groups regarding this format.

Bill motioned and Greg seconded that at the June event we consolidate to six groups to give everyone more track time. Discussion followed on how best to safely provide more track time. At Laguna it is difficult because we are bound by a very strict time allowance.

Tim will draft a preliminary schedule for the June event to see how it might look. The vote was tabled until discussions with other groups can be conducted. The Board will meet via email no later than COB Friday, May 3 to make a decision.

Blake suggested that we offer Group 6 drivers the opportunity to run in Group 2 in AS to offer more track time.

Greg reported that the Group 7 survey showed equal interest in a Qualifying-Race-Race-Race format to the traditional Qualify-Race-Qualify-Race schedule. The do want a qualifying grid based on the fastest lap from the last race. They are supportive of the enduro idea. Other requests; more track time, credit for frequent participation, more events at Sonoma. They would also like to see some variety at Thunderhill e.g. using the by-pass, running the track backwards.

**Website/Social Media**

The new host is now in place. Bill recommended we use the website for “static” information, e.g. schedules, points, contact info, etc. Items that are considered breaking news, etc. be shared on social media.

Bruce Richardson will be heading up a team to support an SFR booth at IMSA and Indy Car. Tim will have business cards with the appropriate URL code on it printed.

**Old Business**

* Chiefs’ call is scheduled for Saturday April 27 and 1:00 PM. Tim will get the invite out.
* Tim did verify with Laguna if we want to sublet the September out we can, we would still be responsible for costs.

**New Business**

Blake said he was asked why we feed hired workers at regional events. It was agreed it’s a nice thing to do, if we did not have their participation, even if it is paid, we would not be able to hold the event.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM

Next call scheduled for May 22, 2024