

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2016

Attendees

Gary Pitts- RE

Barbara McClellan- Board Member

Rod Simmons- Treasurer

RJ Gordy- Board Member

Clint de-Witt- Board Member-on assignment

Daniel Burgoon- Board Member

Blake Tatum- Secretary

Anthony Tabacco-Guest

Megan Anderson-Guest

1. Call to Order, Approve Minutes  
Motion to approve minutes by Rod Simmons, second by RJ, carried
2. Stockton Site Update - Megan Anderson and Anthony Tabacco

**History:** San Francisco Solo established a site fund with the hopes of purchasing a permanent solo facility somewhere in the bay area. Unfortunately the site fund did not grow as fast as the appreciation rate for real property in the bay area.

After exploring several options the Solo steering committee came to the conclusion that they would not be able to buy a site near them.

After years of looking the idea of improving the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds site was explored.

The SJ County Fairgrounds has an existing parking lot approximately 15.5 acres in size. Currently only one-third of the land dedicated to the parking lot is paved (5.5 acres).

**Talking points:** The parking lot is used by the Sacramento Solo community but the enjoyment factor is limited by the size.

Several of the issues that surround bay area properties do not exist at the SJ Fairgrounds site, such as noise, runoff, and traffic.

Security was a concern due to a theft of a vehicle over twenty years ago.

San Joaquin County Fairgrounds currently is the home of a 3/8 mile dirt oval, a 1/8 mile dirt oval, and a kart track. It seems the fairgrounds is positioning itself as a full service motorsports facility.

The fairground feels they would be able to rent the facility to more people because of the enhancements.

**Concerns:** Questions arose about long term maintenance- Megan and Anthony said that the fairgrounds will be responsible for the maintenance. Dan was worried about the projected attendance because recent history shows that the numbers are down. Megan anticipates some spill over attendance to SF Solo events from the Sacramento Solo competitors. Reaction from SFR solo members has been limited mainly because they have limited knowledge about the proposal. Clint thought it would be a good idea to form a subsidiary that would act as a buffer between the club and the solo facility, similar to the relationship between San Francisco Region of the SCCA and Thunderhill Raceway Park.

Would the bay area Solo participant drive to Stockton?

**Action:** Gary made a motion to accept the proposal as presented pending final approval by this board of a relevant contract. Second by RJ, motion carried.

3. Financials

Year to date the region is expected to make a modest profit.

4. Schedule

Rod made some modifications to the initial proposed schedule. He changed one of the weekends at Thunderhill by a week so we do not stack weekends up against the Long Beach Grand Prix.

No new date at Sonoma

Two reasons we are not getting a second date at Sonoma.

1. We are not a major renter
2. They are changing their business model to more big events and fewer club events

Rod wants a plan made up that will describe how we would conduct business with Laguna Seca. No action was made on this item.

New Business

With the passing of Brian McCarthy the Northern Pacific Director's spot is now vacant. The National Board will be placing a new person in the position until the term is over. Gary Pitts suggested that we make a recommendation to the board, even though they do not need our input. I made a motion to recommend Gary Pitts to the national board but died from lack of a second.

Then after a good deal of arm twisting RJ and Clint convinced Dan Burgoon would be a good person to represent the division. RJ moved and seconded by Clint to recommend Dan Burgoon to the National Board.

Banquet

Blake Tatum reports everything was in place for the banquet.

Liaison Reports

Dan Burgoon

Course Marshall

Things are looking up for this group

Clint

Pat Kelly recently passed away and he feels that a contribution by made to her go fund me account to help pay for her final expenses. Clint make a motion to contribute \$500 to her account, Barbara seconded, carried.

RJ

Proposed buying a used Isuzu Roll back tow truck for \$26,950. Gary will approach Dave Vodden to see if he would be interested in purchasing the rig and renting it back.

Next meeting November 19 site to be determined