

NORTHWEST REGION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Poodle Dog Restaurant – Fife, WA
February 1, 2010
APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance: Tom Masterson, RE; Val Korry, Jennifer Johnson, Harley Johnson, Sherri Masterson, John Forespring, Tracy Manspeaker, and Jackie Kmetz. Excused: Chuck Huffington, Neil Bryant, and Louann Christensen. Guest: Dick Willy

Minutes:

Corrections:

Clarify all invoices received from SCCA need to be copied to the Treasurer (treasure report)

Under Time Trials and Insurance rates: should say “lowers” the rate.

Motion: To approve as presented with corrections. M/S (Forespring/Kmetz) PASSED

Venue Reports:

All of the NWR groups. (NWR, PRG, and Rally Promotions) were allowed to expire with the state last year. NWR has been reinstated. The agent didn't bother changing the contact information or renew it for last year. NWR has now been renewed and Tom is listed as our agent. The Corporation papers must be renewed each year (\$10) complete the form (current officers) There is 3 years to reinstate a “dropped” corporation. John will get together with La’Akea and get the correct paperwork filled with the state. It is only \$10 per year to keep a non-profit corporation registered in the state and submit a current list of officers. (Not for Profit in this case is recognized by the state as a nonprofit).

RALLY – Tracy Manspeaker

Background on NWR RallyCross: In 2004 the first RallyCross event was held at Pacific Raceways. This was a “Region level” event. It didn't belong to any venue and proceeds helped support region level activities like the newsletter). We relied on the knowledge of all the members and venues to chip in and help. We utilized the Solo bus, for timing (using stop watches and an excel sheet). Registration was a canopy using race and rally personnel. E crew was handled by race and sweeps. Cones, Radios, and announcer were from Solo. Clubs were contacted about the event (as well as our own members). It was a success and a second one was planned in July. Because of the large rocks and cost of Pacific we didn't go back after that event and somewhere along the next year or so officers of PRG just took it over. Because RallyCross is a trademark name with SCCA it can easily be brought back as a “Region Event” at the BOD level as before. We can also do Road Rallies but there are a lot of groups out there already doing TSD's.

PRG was formed when SCCA dropped Stage Rally from their programs and NWR wanted to continue (similar to what ORG had already done. Several regions have kept the stage rally program this way. But they (as we do) still have people in the program that are anti SCCA for cancelling the rally program. Holding the “region” they are associated at blame (even though some will tell you that they know it is nationals fault, they don't realize they are only hurting the region trying to hold on to stage rally.

Since then the stage rallies organizers have sort of broken off from direct PRG operations, PRG becomes more a clearing house for the stage rallies. The equipment used is what belonged to NWR-SCCA and PRG in its current state has the use of that equipment. And used by those stage rallies. When rallies were in planning mode everyone met every week to “plan” the next event. There was still a monthly meeting of the Rally “board” for general business. And it was mostly the same people. Now the individual rallies have created a planning committee for that specific event. And the “board” of PRG seems to be in a lost state. The organizing committees should be reporting to the PRG “Committee” which the SCCA representative is a member then they report back to this BOD.

RACE: - Tom (Chuck was coming home from Daytona 24)

SOLO – Jackie Kmetz

Treasurers Report: No report available.

Still need 2008 tax form for the charter. Where are we with the audit? The last report we had was everything is with the auditor.

Motion: That Solo purchase a copy of QuickBooks. M/S (Forespring/Korry). **Modified: That Solo purchase a copy of QuickBooks and check the license availability for the other venues. PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NWSCN February issue is posted online

Website – next month

Membership: Repot attached

Street Survival

Need have space Saturday for students (Feb 20) Adult class (Feb 21) is sold out. I Still need coaches, especially Sunday. John is Safety Steward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Corvette Show:

John has post cards for advertising. The annual meeting was Sunday morning. We need a rally car for the corvette show in the new generation show. So if anyone knows of one contact John or Larry.

We have brochures designed to use for the year and at the corvette show. We have prices from FEDEX Office based on a SCCA corporate price. We are a guinea pig for a new program. So we need to decide how many and what price. Same Day 500 Legal size, 4 fold, color both sides, \$392.75 plus tax. Rally info will be modified. We can't get all information on 8.5 x 11.

Motion: To approve 500 copies of the brochure for the corvette show. M/S (Forespring/Kmetz)

Discussion: There is also a membership form on a single panel (off color) that can be stuffed in. There are 4 to a page and that so that would be \$50 or so. **Modified: "To approve 500 copies for the corvette show of the brochure and membership form" PASSED**

Motion: That we have \$200 available for incidental expenses for the corvette show. M/S (Korry/J Johnson) PASSED

We have Sunoco, Gumout and Hawk Brake decals to hand out at the show

Charter: See Treasures report

NEW BUSINESS:

Sanction Application Training:

Insurance Handbooks were handed out. Sanctions must be received 45 days prior to event. Insurance must be received 2 weeks prior. Look through this and if you have any questions we can answer next meeting.

National Convention:

Sherris Race Registrars Manual was picked up by the National Administrator of Registration and will be the basis of the new registration manual. RallyCross – Arctic Alaska ARE is writing a report from information at convention. She is to send it to us. Russell's seminar on Drifting went well at National convention. It outlined how the process started and what to watch out for etc. There is interest out there. We also need to get some sound reading for National at a drift event. Use the same sound standards for readings that solo uses for consistency. Our first events were louder because people showed up on old street tires (hardened old rubber).

Membership has changed. We now have an individual membership (same as before). The spouse membership is gone. It will now be a family (and it is cheaper) for more than one member. The national dues are

now \$85 for a family plus region dues of \$25 totaling \$110 (was \$113 for a member and spouse and the a family was \$126)

Referrals are now \$10 each instead of \$5 (the new member gets \$15 off) This will be considered SCCA gold. This is retroactive to January 1

New Emergency number available for membership problems on weekends or holidays at events. Jackie has the number.

Membership contest: Retain 80% membership (keep 80% of current members) and recruit 2% new members. There are rewards from national like reduced sanctions and credit towards merchandise etc.

Race Volunteer Incentive: For those working 12 or more days you will now receive \$45 off membership (Retroactive to January 1)

Reimbursements need to be understood. They need to be done correctly and all the same "rules". What do we pay for and what don't we? What can be reimbursed? What time line do we want?

Customer Service: Precedents get set about how things are done from previous Board members. (Ron teaches Jerry who teaches Dick who teaches Jackie. Something Ron paid for because he wanted to and it gets to Jackie and it is "unwritten ways" that this is how you do it... the precedent was set and we didn't know otherwise. That is why the manuals Jackie is writing are perfect for this reason. What is expected of people? As a treasurer, as a novice chair. It's scary to write but important to have so people have no surprises. Customer Service is important. We need to treat our members with respect.

We need to discuss at our meetings what we want to do and how to do it. Gather ideas at next meeting and each meeting thereafter. Let's make a precedent to get this organization together.

Things Forgotten:

The PRG website is hosted by "I Built" and is under Kim's name. **Motion: To do everything possible to move the PRG site to "Go Daddy" immediately. M/S (Forespring/Kmetz) PASSED**

Board Bio forms will be sent out soon to be completed to be put on the website. We also need photos.

Adjourned: Motion made and seconded, (Forespring/Kmetz) to adjourn. PASSED. 8:57 pm

Good of Order:

Steve Warren who use to be a member, his parents owned Warrens Quick Printing use to do all our rally printing, now has cancer.

Craig Anderson's passing a few weeks ago, notice is in newsletter. Craig's Epitaph "Professional Driver, Closed Course, Do Not Enter"

Next board meeting to be March 1, 2010

Respectfully submitted:

Sherri Masterson,
Secretary