

NWR Board Meeting 2/4/13

MCO 7:05 pm. Forespring, Taylor, Johnson, Willy, Babb, Huffington, Member at large

Minutes from prior meeting: postponed due to Sonja's family emergency.

Treasurer report: same as above. Discussion of continuing tax-exempt status processing. She is working n it, hopefully done in next month or so. It's getting into her tax season so it may be a bit longer.

Solo Report:

DW—have a schedule, been done since December. Thanks to Geoff and Gretchen.

He has an assistant-assistant RE-Solo (Tasha Mikko) taking care of “operations” (event chairs, etc.). Still need Chairs for NT and Pro.

Drift has been booted from BMP due ostensibly to surface concerns. They did an event at Packwood last year, might be interested again. Shelton airport is a remote possibility, but there are noticeable surface concerns. Surface problems at BMP: JT—Road race can't run at BMP any more due to surface. Time Trials probably not too due to large holes on taxiway section. Harley - We have 2 time trials events schedule out there. DW—discussion of competition between various autocross clubs in the area, BSCC has an advantage due to control of site. As BMP deteriorates this may change. Discussion of viability of Porsche club type track events at BMP. DW—Packwood is not long term either, it will deteriorate or they will find a buyer. Not sure what anybody would buy it for.

Race report:

JT reported that things are coming together for the Majors in May. Discussion of Majors replacing the “National” races by next year. Four conferences; East and West coasts, and a North and South, and each one can have up to 6 race weekends. Comes with a fee, but SCCA provides trophies, party, doo-dads, and Staff to assist. SFR is not doing a Major this year. Montana is not pitching in for ours this year as they have done in the past. Discussion of keeping their logo on the event in recognition of our long-term relationship with them. Will be a Regional event on the Monday of our May event.

The Ridge is doing business. Additional asphalt paddock area is on hold, possibly indefinitely. Driving school dates have been cancelled.

Race annual Tech is 2/16, in Puyallup at the same place it was last year.

NWSCN

JT—Kurt B would like something by 2/6, with writeups from every Board member. A little personal history.

Website

Sherri is working on a new version. .

Membership

John is going to be sending out birthday cards to members. He will be coordinating getting them signed. He received what appears to be a current full roster of members plus some additional names, that he will be going through to try to make sense out of it.

Street Survival

School is 2/23-24. Had a good turnout at the training school. Still need to confirm coaches.

Road rally

Corvette road gimmick/poker run rally will be happening this year. We've done that for quite some time, it's a fund raiser for a scholarship.

Old Business

Spokane Chapter: we received some feedback from Tom over there. They sent us a Mission Statement, which we had asked them for. Covers competition and social, as well as supporting the local track. They are going to poll members in the area to see who would be interested in participating in a chapter. Rick Myers of the Staff has provided a list of members east of the Cascades. They are also asking what it would take to get Spokane County Raceway approved for SCCA events. JT will try to go over there when they are having an event, and see if there is something we can do to nurture that a bit. We can direct them to the people they will need to talk to for pursuit of the approval. Having another track would not be a bad thing.

Corvette Show

Next weekend. Mustang for the booth, Sherri has another car for the NexGen area, a Ford Focus autocrosser. Hopefully they will get their typical turnout of well over 10,000.

New Business:

Rallycross opportunity. Has been presented by a non-member to Harley. Site in Thurston County, looks like a prime location. Requesting to get paid per car, and to be on the Board and the Chair of anything going on in rallycross at JBLM. HJ—he also wants to chair the events at this particular site too. Says the property owners are comfortable only with him. He's willing to become an SCCA member. Does not have the credentials to be put in a leadership role. DW—can't do it, if he's getting paid he can't be on the Board because it's a conflict of interest. HJ—all of the rest of us had to get elected. CH—RE can appoint a venue chair, but what qualifications does he have. JF—he knows this guy. He is politically connected not only to get this farm site but maybe rally roads in SW Washington. JF—probably won't be any profits if we don't get more than 20 cars. DW—can't be on Board due to tax issues, also could be a consultant though not a Chair. JF—violates bylaws if he's a member and profits from our events. DW—call him the Site Representative. JF—if we don't make any money, who cares. If we get a new site, and maybe get onto JBLM, we come out ahead. JT—set it up so if we make a profit, we split it down the middle. He wants \$7.50 per car for site owners plus \$7.50 per car for him. Costs, based on 20 cars, will conservatively start at Over \$30 per car, and typical rallycross entry fees are \$35. Includes sanction/insurance (7.50), sanitation (7.50). If we get 30 cars, we can make a profit. If we get 15, we'll lose money. All of this assumes we can get all of the equipment at no cost. He can be a broker or an official, but not both. JT—have to watch out for setting a precedent. JF—Steve (the facilitator) has a group of 6 volunteers who will be there to help conduct the event. They used to be involved in stage rally. HJ—we would need 4-5 members to staff mandatory positions like Safety Steward.

<discussion of rallycross site and coordination issues>

7.50 per car plus half the net profit, goes to landowner and landowner pays Steve.

Due to potential conflicts with bylaws provisions, the Board declines to conduct this event, but will not oppose other groups conducting such events. We thank the originators for the opportunity.