

NWR SCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 1, 2013
Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife, WA

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: John Taylor, Chuck Huffington, Harley Johnson, Rick Wilson, John Forespring, Karen Babb.

Minutes: There were no minutes from the prior meeting, which did not have a quorum present.

Treasurer: No formal Treasurer's report was available. Sonya is extremely busy until after Tax Day; she is expected to provide updated information regarding the Region's status with her next report. Dick W was not present but it was noted that Sonja needs Solo's report information.

Venue Reports

Race:

Chuck reported that Race has an event coming up at the Ridge. Preparations for the event are complete. Race has borrowed from the General fund to meet pre-event deposit expenses. They have also paid Medic One. There are approximately 25 entrants so far.

Majors info: there have been changes in the classes. We are not sure about the status of the sound meter. Chuck checked and reported that it is still in storage and has not been sent out for calibration. John F commented that it hadn't been calibrated for about 3 years but matched the Oregon Region meter exactly at a recent event.

Time Trials:

Nothing new to report.

Solo:

Dick W was not present; no formal report was available. Next event is coming up at BMP. Drift is trying to put together an event at Packwood later this year.

Road Rally:

John F reported that normally planning would be under way for the Corvette club rally, but the guy who has been doing it for the last several years is unavailable and nobody else has stepped up. They are discussing possibly having it in the fall.

RallyCross:

Harley reported that no other sites have appeared that are worth mentioning. Oregon Region has an event this weekend. John T asked if we could work a rallycross in with our Ridge event. Harley wondered about using the unfinished paddock area. Chuck commented that he has heard the track is unhappy with Rally due to the behavior of Rally drivers at the track. Harley said he could try to talk to them about it. John T commented that it might be good to bring this up at our event in April. He indicated that with new things coming out of National, they might be willing to help pay for cost of putting on a rallycross. The area at Pacific is too full of rocks and destroys cars.

Committee Reports

Banquet Planning

No report.

Event Venues:

BMP is still raising our rates, to \$1300/day. Everybody dislikes the site. We are not sure where we stand on splitting fees for TT events with BSCC. We will probably lose money on both events planned for there. Oregon is looking into getting something down there for a TT event; maybe we could do a joint event with them.

The Ridge still has the quarrel going on, but hopefully that will be done with this year. Pacific is a nice track but way too expensive for TT events, and it is presently not certified. John commented that perhaps we should rethink our strategy on this.

NWSCN:

An edition went out in February; we need to get something out around May.

Membership:

Active membership is 723. John F has not received the current numbers from Sherri. National needs to send the data directly to him.

Tire Rack Street Survival:

Bellingham is interested in having a TRSS school up there. Proposed site is believed to be at an airport.

Rally Group Northwest:

John F reported that they have acknowledged that he has the equipment. They want to rent it from him cheap. He has been going to the meetings but is not sure what they are going to do at this point.

Website:

It has been updated. Sherri and Joe are supposedly working on a new one. John T will follow up and see how that is going.

Awards Committee:

No report.

Old Business:

Spokane Chapter:

John T reported that they are going back and contacting people in Eastern Wa to see how many people would be willing to support a chapter in that area. Might be able to get another program going over there. The Spokane track has not been approved yet—we may need to get the Div Steward to look at it. Rick indicated that it looked ready to him last time he was there. John T commented that SOVREN runs there. John F commented that we have members over there who would be interested.

Car shows:

The Corvette show was well attended. 987 booths, with 2 or more people per. Overall attendance was around 10,000. Weather was good. The Mustang didn't seem to attract kids quite like we had hoped. Chris V has a Corvette we could use next time. Harley indicated that he can do the NextGen thing as long as it's not the 3rd week in February.

Survey:

127 people responded out of 580 email addresses sent to; about 20%. It was distributed via SCCA Inside Line so it may have gone to some people's spam folders. John T suggested that we should follow up with some people, like the new ones. If someone had a really negative response he would like to know why. Most people said 3-4 events. Not too many said 1-2. People were interested in social activities; possibilities were discussed such as a picnic or a Sykart day or somesuch, or a party on a 2-day race weekend, on Saturday night. We should review the responses to see if we want to focus on specific areas. Perhaps ask follow-up questions to find out what kind of social events people want, e.g. summer vs. winter. Rick commented that we need to ask if SCCA is too hifalutin' for people.

Other groups:

John T indicated that NASA is new here this year. For some events they are more expensive. Chuck commented that some people in Race have issues with our Stewards. Harley commented that SCCA has more barriers to entry in terms of rules and car preparation. Their events are 2 days with TT, HPD, and Race on the same weekend. Tradeoff is less track time or larger run groups. Chuck noted that our insurance is better; it covers exc3ss medical and others don't. John T commented that their insurance doesn't cover property damage if your rally car leaves the road.

Rick commented that we also lose people to Chump Car / Lemons, because of low cost and the amount of driving time people get. John T noted that we have a class called ITJ so those cars can run. Chuck commented that there have been discussions about having that kind of an event. There have been incidents of an ITJ car clipping a regular race car.

Board members:

A replacement for Chris VR is needed. Also need a Secretary, which is a voting position. Anyone interested should talk to John T.

New Business:

Storage rent is due again. We have 2 smaller units that we could combine. They are in Port Orchard. Sherri has said they are partially full. Maybe 5x10's. Rich wondered why we can't get a POD. John T noted that the expense can add up. Harley asked who has decided what to keep. Chuck said that what was cleaned out included many extra copies of the newsletter, items like that.

John F will get the sound meter taken care of before May. If the one from Oregon comes up that should be fine.

Motion seconded and passed to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Next Board meeting is Monday May 6, 2013.