

Northwest Region SCCA

Minutes from the NWR Board meeting of May 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by RE John Taylor at the Poodle Dog in Fife.

In attendance: John Taylor R.E., Sandy Taylor, Rick Wilson Assistant RE, Chuck Huffington (Race ARE), Rich Wexler (Steward), Dick Willy (Solo ARE), Sonja Vasquez C.P.A., Karen Babb, John Forespring.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as revised. (Taylor, Huffington)

Treasurer's Report

Sonya is working on completing missing information on previous year's taxes. She will keep us posted.

Venue Reports

Race

- The Shelton race in April at the Ridge was discussed.
- NWR's next race will be Memorial Day Weekend at Pacific Raceways. Starters are coming up from Portland. Skip Yokum will be coming up as a Steward.
- It was commented that Conference gets over 200 cars turning up for their events and we only got 23. We send our drivers to Conference to get their licenses and then we lose them to Conference. Conference gets more drivers because they are less stringent on their rules.
- The Ridge organizers give all of the best dates to the motorcycle riders. (We get April when it rains.)
- Bremerton has raised their track rates for Street Survival and Time Trials. Due to lack of turnout and loss of revenue we can not afford to rent the track as often.
- Race Stewards are headed by Dave DeBorde for the Division.
- It has been commented that some of our Race stewards have the mentality of the Gestapo. John T needs to talk to Dave DeBorde about problem stewards. A particular name keeps coming up as the main problem steward. Suggested that we start taking notes of everything that this person does to be able to fire him.
- John F will send John T an email about incidents causing issues.
- Rick W volunteered to gather information regarding "offending" stewards.
- It was commented that we need to get along better with our neighboring regions.
- It was noted that we need to keep in mind the GSR rules.
- A question was asked "what does our liability insurance say about sharing the track with Conference?" (the SCCA rules are more stringent).
- A board member commented that the rules are so rigid and defined that it limits the drivers. It is believed that we are losing drivers due to the strict rules.
- Chuck reported that we have 21 drivers registered for the Memorial Day Event at this time.
- It was commented that SCCA needs "Goodwill Ambassadors" not "Chief Participation Officers"
- It was noted that we might benefit from Drivers' meetings.
- Equipment: the sound meter is at the lab.

Time Trials, event in Oregon

- It was reported that Bud Gorhum turned a 360 – backed into a wall.
- There were only 2 or 3 cars out at a time. It was the worst time trials event that Oregon has ever run. P.I.R. stewards didn't know the rules. Workers were disgruntled. They ran 3 times a day, 30 minutes each session on Sunday. It felt like a waste of time. They need to work on organization skills.
- Dave DeBorde will be coming up. We will try to sell him on Time Trials.

Rally

- John F reported that the Corvette club wants to move their rally to fall.

Solo

- Dick reported on Solo. They had their 1st event April 20th in Bremerton. There were 153 entrees. They had problems with bar codes. Sticker goes on helmet and then you should be able to scan the helmet. Should work better next time.
- The next event is May 18th and 19th at Packwood. It's on the way to White Pass. All information is on web site. National event 7/13 and 7/14.

Rallycross

- Harley's out sick with Bronchitis.
- John F wants to know if JBLM is available. Some he knows is well connected with JBLM but has a personality conflict with certain individuals. JBLM has recreation dates. His contact wasn't looking for money.
- We should talk to Moral, Welfare and Recreation office.
- There are animals that we have to be cautious of at JBLM.

Street Survival

- BMP – the biggest problem is location. Looking for a site for Street Survival in Marysville
- Karen wondered if anyone had checked into Arlington Airport. John T said that there is a police officer in Arlington trying to set up a North End Street Survival.
- We could check out Union Pacific. (a car storage lot) Off of Hwy 167 past Emerald Downs. Dick indicated he thought they may have a long term lease.

NWSCN

- NWSCN is looking for information for next newsletter. Send to Curt.

Website

- The Region has talked to Sherri about the web page. Joe G runs regional web site and is willing to help out. Others have offered to help but have been rebuffed. John F indicated he knows a guy that is good with web sites.
- John T and Harley are going to meet with Sherri and Tom to take a few things off their plate. John wants more people involved. Not just a few doing everything. He's looking to delegate more.

Membership

- John F is the Membership chair. He is still waiting for a current list of members to be

provided from Sherri. He wants to send out welcome letters. John is on the national mailing list, so should be receiving lists.

Old Business

Spokane Chapter

- Our RE has received an invitation from Ron Huff to go to the Spokane Festival of Speed on June 1st and 2nd. John T says that they want to become a part of our Region. They have upgraded their racetrack.
- One of our track inspecting stewards will be at Spokane track for the Sovren race,
- Dick asked if Autosport N.W. is in a relationship with people who are instrumental in starting the Spokane Chapter. Wondered how involved is Ron Huff with Motorsports N.W.

Survey

- Tabled till June, due to time,
- John T indicated that he would send out the survey results.

Replacement Board members

- We still need a secretary.
- Chris VonRavensburg had to bow out due to a shift change. We need another member at large.

New business

Race

- The Board has been requested by race for the General Fund to help out. Race is asking to borrow from the Regional fund to help the Race fund. Due to the debt he's looking for \$5,000.00.
- Some Board members were not happy about helping Race due to past issues.
- John T asked for a vote to transfer \$5,000.00 to cover the debts. The motion was passed.
- Our biggest is problem is drivers are not turning out. Why? We need to get to the bottom of the problem and fix it.
- John F wanted to know if Street Survival is losing money. Yes. Bremerton used to give us the track. Now they charge us \$1,300.00 a day.
- The April Ridge event lost approximately \$11,000.00. There were only 23 drivers.

Moved (Rich W) and seconded to adjourn.