

## **Northwest Region SCCA**

Minutes from the NWR Board Meeting of 03 February 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by RE John Taylor at Poodle Dog in Fife.

In Attendance:        John Taylor, RE;  
                              Chuck Huffington, ARE - Race;  
                              John Forespring, Membership Chair;  
                              Karen Babb, Member at Large;  
                              Scott Miller, Member at Large;  
                              Val Korry, guest;  
                              and Steve Schattenbild, Secretary

The January minutes were modified for some spelling corrections and race date additions. Chuck Huffington moved to approve the minutes from the January 6th meeting as amended, John Taylor seconded, and the motion passed.

### Treasurer report:

Regional account currently has \$10,738.68, including \$5,000 earmarked for a possible loan to Race.

### Race

Late billings from the end of the year have been received, and they were considerably less than expected. There should be sufficient funds to cover any remaining deposits currently due. There is an outstanding payable to a caterer from the May event, however no invoice has been received to date. Efforts were made to contact them, without response.

### Time Trials

Time trials has increased to more diverse skills, and will allow more passing, with a set of multiple ground schools, allowing a two year transition to competition. This allows NWR to bring up people into competition as opposed to sending them to other entities. The chief driving instructor Dave Conover will take a position of A.R.E. for Time Trials under Race. Some discussion about how to attract more people to return to Time Trials include a discount to previous participants who have not been out in a while to encourage them to return, "weekend" memberships to those peripherally involved or possibly interested (husbands, wives, friends), brochures explaining the Time Trials with enticing pictorials, window stickers for those so inclined to trigger friends inquiries into what it's about, and twitter and Facebook exposure. The goal is to bring potential drivers up through Time Trials to give them enough skills to attend a Ground School and obtain their Novice License, allowing them to compete and work toward their Race License.

### Solo

Keith Brown will be attending the convention on behalf of Solo.

### Drift

Drift is still looking for an alternative, more remote location.

### BMP/Ridge

According to John Taylor, the courts have ordered that the track be sold. Joe's family owns the property and leases it to the raceway, so ownership of the property doesn't change. After the tracks' sale, it will

probably be renamed and reopened.

#### Website

Further attempts are being made to find an individual to help build and manage technical aspects of a new website. To be discussed further at the next meeting

#### Membership

John Forespring should have the membership list next month. Current number of members is 742. Concern is that lack of activities is resulting in loss of membership.

#### Tire Rack Street Survival

The next TRSS at Pacific Raceways will be Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and is currently sold out with 20 students. This is the arrangement where surpluses are split with the raceway, as opposed to paying a fixed fee for the venue. Pacific Raceways is a much better venue than Bremerton, due to the distance to get to events in Bremerton. Increasing the class size is discussed, but logistics limitations may make this unrealistic for a one-day class.

#### Rally Group NW

No new business.

#### Rally Cross

Steve Warner has definitely added another site, and is currently working on one more. He is speaking with the port commissioner of Mason County. Thurston County created some bureaucratic opposition to the current site. The other possibility would be the airport.

#### Road rally

No new business.

#### Old Business

SCCA Merchandise old invoices have been paid. A remaining balance of \$175 needs to be reconciled.

#### Budget

No new business.

Race funding - no new business.

#### Nominations

John Taylor moves to nominate Scott Miller for A.R.E. and Chuck Huffington seconds the motion. With no objections, the motion passes.

The Corvette show will be this weekend, and requests for volunteers are made.

For the record, as R.E., John Taylor has authorized funding of \$150 for flowers, candy, and miscellaneous for the Corvette Show.

#### New Business

Chuck Huffington moves to move Tire Rack Street Survival from Race to Region effective in March and Karen Babb seconds the motion. With no objections, the motion passes.

John Taylor will represent the NWR at the National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Huffington moves for NWR to repay John Taylor for this and Karen Babb seconds the motion. With no objections, the motion passes.

Steve Schattenbild raises attention to an email from Jeff Zurschmeide concerning publishing the region newsletter for free (he is paid via advert revenues). This is considered as a positive opportunity, as the previous newsletter was discontinued due to cost. Jeff already does newsletters including the Loud Pedal for Oregon Region. After discussion, this is considered a definite possibility for a future newsletter.

Chuck Huffington brings attention to legislative changes and that Conference has been assessed by WA DOR a fine of \$12,000 for unpaid taxes related to “services”. Concern is that NWR could be similarly assessed. After some searching on DOR’s website, it is determined that NWR may not come under the services classification as exempted as a business of a participatory nature. Someone with more legal expertise should do further proactive determination.

Also raised was the L&I issue that NWR could be liable for insurance premiums under WISHA, even though all personnel are uncompensated. John Forespring indicates that this happened to the Corvette Club, and L&I indicated that the club was liable for \$3.00/hr for volunteers under a special classification. This requires further investigation and discussion.

John Taylor moves to adjourn and Chuck Huffington seconds the motion. With no objections, the motion is passed.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Good of the order