

Northwest Region SCCA

Minutes from the NWR Board Meeting of 05 January 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM by RE John Taylor at Poodle Dog in Fife.

In Attendance: John Taylor, RE;
 Sonya Vasquez, Region Treasurer, CPA;
 Sandy Taylor, Treasurer - Race;
 Scott Miller, ARE;
 Chuck Huffington, ARE - Race;
 Gretchen Everett, ARE - Solo;
 Tim Weidemann, Secretary – Solo;
 Karen Babb, Member at Large;
 Steve Schattenbild, Secretary;
 and Steve Warren, member

New Board member Gretchen Everett and Tim Weidemann were welcomed to the meeting.

The December minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Treasurer report

Race and Regional accounts have been opened with Wells Fargo, Solo account has been left as-is. John Taylor is in discussions with Colan Arnold who is head of Region Development concerning our charter changes under the new corporation. Financial statements for 2014 should be finished by the February meeting concerning monies received and paid out, and an overall picture of finances for the 2014 season.

Race

Race is relative static currently. Race is participating in a corner worker training at the Ridge in conjunction with Conference. There are some concerns that Ridge wants corner workers to practice driver extractions, with which NWR is not in agreement. Ridge wants to use the SCCA training as an accreditation. However, unless those trained are members of SCCA, the accreditation means very little. GASS is participating in our event on 7 July, providing \$6,000 to bring out the cars, rain or shine, with only one group participation (American sedan).

Time Trials

We are working with Dave Connover trying to get him on board with event dates. Storage issues needs to be addressed for these events. The aluminum box needs to be gone through and emptied, and the box needs to be disposed. This could be sold for salvage value.

Solo

Solo has a banquet scheduled for 17 January.

Website

Website work has been delayed; no new business.

Membership

At last count, we have 810 members, just over enough to be considered a Jumbo Region.

Tire Rack Street Survival

The last event was November 2014, and no events are currently scheduled from 2015. Rumors that Sherri Masterson may be quitting the chair of TRSS have not been confirmed.

Rally Cross

Steve Warren is attempting to start Rally Sprint with SCCA and is looking for tentative sites. Previous Rally events were run in 2013, but not in 2014, due to lack of potential sites. If current plans are realized, a March event would be planned with 30 to 50 participants. Possible sites include Mason and Pacific Counties. A display event may occur on 31 January in Mason County with 6 participants to encourage acceptance there. A potential route has been provided; and as there are concerns about safety and speed by Mason County officials, thus the display event. The Board then presents procedural questions of the event to Steve Warren. John Taylor's concerns are that all participants are SCCA members in good standing, and while the NW Region may stand to gain some new membership; this may not outweigh the liability incurred for sanctioning the event. John Taylor will contact Brian Harmon who is the head of the Rally program with SCCA to discuss logistics further. There is concern among the Board that Steve Warren is failing to follow procedural formalities with respect to the SCCA organization that may increase liability to the NW Region should his event(s) be sanctioned. These include lack of organizational and financial transparency of said events, which could potentially jeopardize the NWR not-for-profit status. It is felt that the current proposal submitted to the Board is somewhat disingenuous. The proper procedure would be for Steve Warren to apply to be an ARE for a Rally Division, set up a Rally account under the Region auspices, and account for all revenue generated by Rally events, with surplus to be used for future events or Rally capital purchases.

Old Business

Budget and inventory need to be completed within the next 30 days. The banquet date must be finalized, with 21 November the most likely date. Name change requirements must be sorted out with National to realign our charter.

New Business

John Forespring has been the Membership Chair for a number of years, and due to the difficulty of filling Member-At-Large positions, it is proposed to make John Forespring a voting Member-At-Large to avoid a lack of voting members at any Board Meeting.

Scott Miller moves to appoint John Forespring as a Member at Large, Karen Babb seconds the motion, and the motion is passed with the modification that the appointment is acceptable to John Forespring at the next Board meeting where he is present.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Good of the order

No new business.