

**OREGON REGION SCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED**

DATE: 3/4/04

PLACE: China Bay Restaurant

PRESENT: Board Members: Holly Remington, Cheryl Allen, Boyd Campbell,
Matt Tabor, Monika Tabor, Greg Bell, Kala Rounds

Members: Mary Thompson, Bud Mansur, Chris Hale, Karen McCoy
Jeff Zurschmeide, Bob Smethers, Gary Manchester
Joe Harlan, Debbie Harlan, Gary Van Horn, David Rugh
Chris Billings, Gary Bockman, Don Smethers, Michael Gatza
Tim Stanley, Bernice Stanley, Pat McFall, Donna LaPlante
Ed LaPlante

Guests: Haley Nicole Tabor

Absent: Doug Barrett

CALL TO ORDER – Holly called the meeting to order at 6:35

MINUTES APPROVAL – Minutes were corrected and approved. (Cheryl/Matt)

MEMBER COMMENTS –

NEW BUSINESS – Karen suggested that even though it is a little more money, we should go with spectator insurance for the coming year. Under the present plan no one other than an SCCA Registrar can sign people into the track. One of the big issues is with the stringent new minor waiver rules.

Much discussion followed on spectator insurance. Some of the issues discussed were:

Gary Van Horn – Why change insurance? Just make the security guard a member

Jeff – One benefit would be that we could advertise our events to the public.

Holly – We possibly could recoup the additional charge by hiring a ticket taker and then letting the track sell alcoholic beverages. This would provide profit for the track as well as SCCA.

Boyd – We need to make sure that there would be no problems for participants and guests entering the track.

REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT –
OFFICE STAFF & HOURS

- Billed 46 hours in February, compared to a forecast of 75.
- Fewer hours were billed due to my being at the National convention.
- Forecasting 75 hours in March.

RACE ITEMS

- Have sanction numbers for our first three events.
- Race announcements for April & May events will be mailed to drivers next week
- With new insurance rules in effect from National, we should consider purchasing spectator insurance for all our events. Cost is additional \$450 per event.
- Have ordered mailing labels for PRFA to use for Rose Cup announcement.

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE

- Requested a quote for our equipment insurance to include Solo equipment
- The insurance company has the information Solo provided regarding Solo's claim in 2001 and will give us a new quote (or elect not to quote).

TREASURER REPORT – Gary provided the balance and advised that all presented bills have been paid.

The budget meeting is still to be scheduled and he will advise on date, place etc.,

The taxes have been finished and will be mailed next week.

LOUD PEDAL REPORT – Jeff reported that his goal is to reduce the monthly expenses for the publication. Currently he is running 40 pages and finds it hard to cut it down. What really needs to happen is to, “Grow The Pie” get more advertising to subsidize the cost. Currently his sales calls have been producing one or two sales per week.

Ed LaPlante said that he would like to see the revenue rise before any changes are made.

He has decided that the issue of replacing the paper used from 50# to 60# should wait until the monthly expenses are more sustained by advertising.

Matt suggested that perhaps the heavier paper with less bleed out might garner more advertising. Motion to go with the 60# paper for April & May as a test. M/S (Matt/Cheryl M/P

Dave Rugh asked what would make the LP self-sustaining? Jeff replied that having it be mostly ads. Rather than that he would like to increase the ad rates in the future.

Joe Harlan asked if there would ever be a point where the region does not have to subsidize it at all? Jeff replied that were that to happen, we would be the only region that was not subsidized.

Monika mentioned that we should not look at the LP as just a magazine. It is also a source of news for members.

Boyd said that he felt the LP provides a good face for the region. There is no comparison to others that are out there. We need to keep it good.

Gary M. advised that the cost has gone up but that the quality has as well. We could be like some of the other regions and triple the ad rates and then have the ads cover 50% of the publication.

Joe felt that the expenses should not be passed on to the racers via increased entry fees etc.

Kala suggested that at the general membership meeting we provide a survey to see what the members want to see in the LP.

Jeff mentioned that he had been contacted about possibly supplying old or new copies of the LP to send to our servicemen over seas. He will work this issue and see what possibilities there might be.

COMMITTEE & DIRECTOR REPORTS:

NEW TRACK COMMITTEE REPORT – The New Track Committee provided some pertinent information concerning the details of the area that they have found. Layouts and aerial views of the proposed area were passed among the attendees. The area would eventually serve all arms of the region.

Johnny Warren, a member, driver and legal expert has given suggestions for a business plan that would have the region form and LLC.

The plan to go forward would have shares sold @ \$10,000 each. The committee would like to see the region be the first shareholder. This first share sold would get the business plan into action. Up until now there have been no expenses to the region for any of the committee. These have all been covered by themselves personally.

Chris Billings asked if the club would eventually be the sole owner. Jeff replied, maybe not club owned but member owned. He then gave some information as to how SF Region went forward with Thunderhill.

Holly said that she felt this issue should go before the members for discussion and possible interest in investing in the venture.

Ed L. mentioned that the BOD meetings are open to the general membership if they have an interest in attending.

Tim Stanley offered to personally underwrite the first \$10,000 toward the expenses involved to get the LLC formed and a business plan drafted.

Motion made to allocate funds from the region for a share. M/S (Matt/Boyd) M/P

Joe H. asked if the By-Laws permitted the use of funds as above. Nothing was found to dis-allow.

RACE OP'S REPORT – Bob and Bud advised that there will be a chiefs meeting on March 21st.

They have the budgets from the different specialties ready to go to the budget meeting.

Race Ops is on record as totally supporting the spectator event insurance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

SOLO II REPORT – Ed and Donna LaPlante were in attendance to represent Solo in Doug's absence.

Ed reported that they had a very successful kick-off party and plan to hold their first event on March 21st.

RALLY REPORT – Matt spoke about the Doo Whops event that will be held by NW Region in Hoquim next Saturday & Sunday.

Oregon Trail Rally plans firming up nicely. They hope to start the event on Friday night at PIR and then move on to Vernonia.

DIRECTOR I REPORT – No report

DIRECTOR II REPORT – Kala gave some highlights of her 10 days on The Alcan Rally. The most highlighted was the fact that she and her team were the winners of this event.

ROAD RACING DIRECTOR REPORT – Boyd is in favor of making our events spectator ones. M/S (Boyd/Monika) M/P

Once again many issues were raised on this subject some being:

If PIR is allowed to sell beer what pay back do we get? Lunch privileges or they pay the extra fee for spectator event?

Who will monitor who buys the beer? And what are the legal issues surrounding this?

Karen advised that this subject should be tabled because no one has said that any beverages will be sold. It was merely a point in a discussion.

PAST RE REPORT - Greg reported getting an e-mail from driver, Mark Goodman with the suggestion that the region should somehow recognize Charley Hexom. He has had this suggestion from others as well. Motion to name the annual award of, Inspirational Driver of The Year, The Charley Hexom Inspirational Driver Award. M/S (Greg/Cheryl) M/P

ASST. RE REPORT – No report

RE COMMENTS – Holly has been asked by Global Events to lower our fees for services to CART and ALMS for this year. One way that this could be accomplished is to get out of the lunch business. If they allocate us a full lunch break then we could forego the promoter providing us lunches. This would be a reduction in our promoter paid expenses.

She tried to leverage track days paid in lieu of payment for our services but there was no interest in going this path.

Holly has also asked for midway presence for SCCA promotion at these events.

Cheryl mentioned that we need to make sure that the time of day for the lunch break is a reasonable one.

Holly will work with Boyd, Bob and Bud on issues for the new contract for these events that we will be presented with.

The Rose Cup contract still needs negotiating and she will work with Boyd on this.

At the up-coming membership meetings, Holly would like to see all of the Directors there or at least have a representative there in your place.

Gary asked if The Historics Race could still have use of our E truck and Sound. Holly replied yes.

M/S (Cheryl/Monika) to adjourn M/P

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Thompson

Road Racing Meeting – Some of the issues discussed at this portion were:

That the old track vehicle (ambulance) may be more valuable at the new site than it would be to try to sell.

Since Tech needs a trailer and Reg needs a bigger one, get a larger one for Reg and give the current one to Tech, It was thought that the Reg one is actually too big for them. Mention was made that this may be true for this year but that we should think ahead and allow for growth.

A cumulative list of items that we would like to see at PIR has been prepared by SCCA and Cascade. This will be presented to Mark for action or comment.

Boyd discussed the changing of groupings and gave some recommendations. One big issue involved with this is the mixing of tires. It was suggested that a split start might help with this issue. If it is decided to make changes, Jeff advised that Boyd could call Ntl. and have them make them to our submitted groupings at no charge. A notice could then be put on the web to look at group changes.