

## **Northwest Region SCCA**

Minutes from the NWR Board Meeting of 07 October 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by RE John Taylor at Poodle Dog in Fife.

In Attendance: John Taylor, RE; Sandy Taylor, Treasurer - Race; Chuck Huffington, ARE - Race, Karen Babb, Member at Large; and Steve Schattenbild (Secretary)

Minutes from the September 9th meeting were reviewed:  
Spelling and name clarifications were recommended.

Motion made by Karen Babb and seconded by Steve Schattenbild and passed to approve minutes.

### Treasurer report:

Sonya Vasquez was unavailable due to previous obligation. The tax-exempt status has not been updated. Status of accounts has been forwarded by Sonja; these are not representative of current account balances, because checks have not been issued for some outstanding accounts payable. Race accounts show a balance of \$19,000, but the recent Time Trials will cost about \$13,000, and there is still revenue coming in from that event. Similarly, balances are not updated with Solo. Bremerton has currently not resubmitted a billing with itemization, so no payment has been made.

Further discussion on balances will be delayed because they do not provide a clear picture of accounts.

### Race

Chuck Huffington reports the race on Sunday had outstanding weather, a turnout of 36, with 8 no-shows. The breakeven point was 45 participants. Losses were not as great as anticipated, and it was determined that losses would be greater by canceling the event as opposed to going forward. Some discussion as to whether the current policy of refunding fees to no-shows should be revised. Steve Schattenbild suggested applying fees to a future event as opposed to refunds. Consensus is that refunds represent a "no-penalty" option for no-shows.

The possibility of combining Race and Time Trials for next year was revisited. Chuck Huffington believes there should always be a some kind of Race Group, so that Time Trials could run and provide some 20 to 30 more entries per event. John Taylor indicates the increase is currently more in the range of 15 to 16. The pros are 15 more entries on a Race weekend, and Time Trials entrants get exposure to Race events. Chuck Huffington indicates that others' desire to see Time Trials become wheel-to-wheel events are unrealistic and not possible from a liability standpoint.

Race was able to accomplish is getting the tracks to work with us on deposits for next year. Now the deposit schedule is 25% down, 25% 30 days prior to the event, and the balance due after the event.

### Time Trials

Chuck was taking the right steps to limit exposure; there is no April date next year, a Majors date has been set for Memorial Day weekend, and then an early July date and an August date at the Ridge. Discussions have been undertaken with SOVREN to have a co-sanctioned points-ranked event in August. There are also discussions with Hans Guzman of Oregon Region Vintage Group on dates to help fill events.

### Solo

Karen Babb filled in on Solo event based on the NW Autocross List. It rained. A lot. This resulted in perhaps a 40% decrease in participation.

### BMP/Ridge

With Time Trials no longer using Bremerton, John Taylor suggests shifting BMP contact to Solo. In email correspondence to John Taylor, Mike Charleston indicates he may not be the best individual for this contact. Due to the lack of profitability, Time Trials may be abandoning BMP, so shifting contact to Solo might be a better solution.

At Ridge, rumor is that Rod is trying to sell the track, but there are questions as to whether he can do this. We currently have of an authorized contract from the receiver outlining deposit schedules with the track, with the first 25% deposit payment not due until the end of December. John Taylor recommends evaluating returning a signed contract but delaying deposit payment until December for better financial positioning.

He also indicates we are currently looking at about \$6500 for the Ridge, and about \$6000 for Majors for a total of about \$12,000 to put Race's schedule back together for 2014. Currently, Race does not have this amount, and Region does not have \$12,000 to support Race. There is a consideration of talking with Solo and determining if a loan can be made to Race. This should be a standard, regulated loan with no interest.

### Digress

Storage lockers containing the Region Archives and equipment should be moved from Gorst to a more centralized location to increase access efficiency. When this transition occurs, this would be an opportune time to reduce the redundant volume and sort through and catalogue the archives. The volume is considerable, representing 60 years of NWR, approximately a dual car garage amount. There is also some concern that expensive or delicate Race equipment is inadequately stored.

### Website

Some problems with the website include obsolete listings. There are no meta-tags, and it difficult to find current events. Current trophy recipients from 2012 are not listed. There has been discussion of updating the site for 3 years. This issue requires more immediate attention and perhaps a committee. There is a local driver who is a web site designer who has offered his expertise. National has some templates that may be worth evaluating. Also, having National host the website is a possibility.

### Membership

John Forespring is unavailable this evening, Sherry Masterson has not forwarded anything, so current membership numbers are not available.

### Tire Rack Street Survival

The Street Survival event will be the 19<sup>th</sup> of October at BMP, and changed from a two-day event to a one-day event. Tom is working with Pacific Raceway on getting a February date, and he is also working Willows, but cannot provide dates yet. We may be only to get the track on a Sunday, or the west-end paddock area due to current use on Saturdays. There are numerous possibilities of track usage which may be accommodating. Pacific Raceway has also offered the use of their cones.

### Rally Group NW

#### Rally Cross

There is a Rally Cross event scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> of October in Rochester/Tenino. Steve Warner who put on the last event with Rally Group will be the chairman, and he is an SCCA member now. An Oregon Region Rally member will be the safety steward, and the event will be sanctioned by the NWR. There are no requests currently from NWR, and NWR is only requesting remuneration for hard costs (sanction fees,

insurance, etc.). Next year will be a different structure, this year's event will hold participant interest.

### Road rally

### Old Business

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet has been scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at the Emerald Queen Casino on the south side of I-5. Lisa Noble will be the guest speaker. Hopefully, National can compensate for her airfare, NWR will cover the hotel for her. Todd Butler, the Secretary of the Board of Directors of SCCA will be present also. Race awards will be moved out of the banquet. This will have a full bar service and all meals will be buffet. Hotel rooms will be available for those not wishing to drive after festivities.

An email will be sent out, and should be followed up by phone calls, for a goal of 100+ participants.

An email out by tomorrow and some phone calls by the next weekend will hopefully get people thinking of the event. A possibility would be champagne glasses similar to those for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

Price per person should be \$35 per head, with an attempt to get a glass of champagne included. The auction that has been done at previous Banquets may be skipped due its superfluous nature in light of all other considerations of the event. John Taylor suggests that approximately \$1000 can be authorized from Region funds for the event if necessary.

The tentative schedule will be:

5:30 - 6:00 Race Awards

6:00 - 6:30 Cocktail Time

6:30 - 7:30 Buffet

7:30 - 8:00 Region Awards

8:00 - 9:30 Guest Speakers and interactive

9:30 - 10:00 Turn around for night club

After 10:00, people can return as the night club will be open.

Chuck Huffington needs Race Awards; 2 weeks lead-time is needed to produce trophies.

Photographer suggestions include allowing personal photographs and an individual(s) that will photograph for free or sale, to include any of the current track photographers.

Possible recipients for Regional Awards include:

Stan Burnett Inspirational Award - Karl and Amy Coleman

Mary Pang "Unsung Hero" Award - Gretchen Everett

Frank & Joan Manley Enthusiast Award - posthumously for Ric Wilson

Joe Henderson Memorial Award - probably nixed; chosen by past winners

### Budget

Budget will be skipped for this meeting; it still needs to be put together for all groups.

### Nominations

Nominations for upcoming Board positions include Members at Large and Assistant R.E.s

Secretary position may come up for re-election in January.

By-laws were reviewed to refresh rules of nominations and elections.

New Business

To be discussed at the next meeting.

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Further discussion of organizing and reducing redundancy in the NWR Archives was undertaken.

Chuck Huffington motioned to adjourn, Karen Babb seconded and passed the motion.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:25 PM