

Northwest Region SCCA

Minutes from the NWR Board Meeting of 06 January 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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;
 and Steve Schattenbild, Secretary

The November minutes were updated to reflect the tax exempt status will be 501c7, not 501c3. Chuck Huffington moved to approve the minutes from the November 4th meeting as amended, John Taylor seconded, and the motion passed. Steve Schattenbild moved to approve the minutes from the December 2nd meeting as amended, John Taylor seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer report:

There is no update on the tax-exempt status. Current balances are Race with \$2356.69, Region has \$13,671.28. Region needs to transfer \$2505.14 and \$1013.46 to Race. These amounts should have been paid out of Region but were paid out of Race. This will bring Race's balance to \$5875.29 and leave \$10,152.68 in Region. There are still Banquet invoices outstanding, and the transfer from Region to Race approved by the board, which has not yet been realized. These will be worked on this week. Sonya is currently working on a corporate banking resolution regarding moving Race's bank accounts to Wells Fargo, which will require an amendment to Operating Policies. She will be working on that and she also indicates we still have a valid business license with an address in Centralia, and will try to have that corrected.

Race

No changes from the last Race report. The first race is May 24th, 25th, and 26th. Race is currently working on changes in Supplemental Regulations and trying to work to make the Time Trials useful.

Time Trials

Armadillo Racing has been a sponsor, Tight and Tidy, Apex Raceware and Motion Graphics are also other possible sponsors. There are about 15 regular drivers out of about 50 registered members. Different avenues are being investigated to try to reactivate these 'dormant' members. Combining Time Trials with Race at Bremerton for a full day event is possible and cost effective. There is also a possibility of Ridge in July for a Saturday/Sunday event there and exposing the Time Trials people to the Race 'feel'. Focus of Time Trials this year will be a revamping of the structure. Getting rid of front end classifications that cause confusion, and leaving these classifications for advanced classes. Due to the lack of numbers, tagging vehicles with different colors by class and allowing them to compete together solves this issue. The reorganization all has to be done through the race committee, and then ultimately the RA, which is Dave Devorde in Reno. Currently, Race is unable to fund the deposits for Time Trials also, so two or three combined weekends are a goal.

Solo

Solo has a banquet coming up on Saturday. According to Dick Willy, Solo has reviewed the billing from National for extensions to each of the different groups, forwarded by John Taylor, and will be sending a check to National to cover said bill.

Drift

Drift is currently homeless. Packwood has asked them not to return after their last event due to excessive noise from both un-muffled engines and tire screeching from drift sliding. They have also been prohibited from BMP.

BMP/Ridge

No new information.

Website

We are still looking for someone to do website implementation, and build and maintain a site that does not look dated and clunky. Timely error correction and updates are of paramount importance. A successful website would serve as a valuable marketing tool. This is a priority in the next few months. The suggestion of creating a whole new website up and functional, then redirect from the old site to the new for a seamless changeover.

Membership

John Forespring does not have a membership update. At last count there were some 800 plus members.

Tire Rack Street Survival

There is an event on February 22nd at Pacific Raceways. This is being offered in conjunction with Pacific Raceways, functionally making the venue available at no charge for track, classroom, or paddock space. Any proceeds net of hard costs will be split with Pacific Raceways. Further marketing is being investigated and pursued; 20 participants is the goal.

Rally Group NW

No new information.

Rally Cross

Steve Warner has set up a second site in Mason County. With four weekends in Rochester, and four weekends at the new site, this opens up the possibility of a Rally Cross Series this year.

Road rally

No new information.

Old Business

No new information.

Budget

Solo is still working on their budget, Race is ironing out Time Trials costs.

Nominations

Assistant RE position is still open.

New Business

There is Corvette show February 8th and 9th at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

The pavilion will be all Corvettes.

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No new information.

John Taylor moved to adjourn, Karen Babb seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:28 PM