

Northwest Region SCCA

Minutes from the NWR Board Meeting of 03 March 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 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;
 and Steve Schattenbild, Secretary

The February minutes were reviewed and modified to show the \$150 funding authorized for the Corvette show and a name spelling change.

Chuck Huffington moved to approve the minutes from the February 3rd meeting as amended, John Taylor seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer report:

Sonya is continuing to work on tax-exempt status, which should be complete some time in May. There is still approximately \$10,000 in the Regional account. That number will fluctuate as the banquet invoices are still outstanding. Region also has outstanding restitution to John Taylor for expenses paid from his personal funds.

The L&I issue raised previously has been addressed, and it is believed that since all workers are covered by insurance, we do not fall under the jurisdiction of Washington State Labor and Industries. It was also recommended that all persons not related to the event be prohibited from entry, to include L&I personnel. The Department of Revenue issue raised previously will be investigated by Sonya, but as the NWR is a not-for-profit operation, it is believed that NWR is in compliance.

Race

Only change from the last month is the Tire Rack Street Survival was wildly successful. Time Trials will be restructured, and Race is preparing for this season. Region is continuing to work with Race to increase sponsorship and increase turnout to bring Race to self-sufficiency.

Time Trials

Time Trials is restructuring.

Solo

Solo has an event March 30th at Bremerton.

Drift

No new business.

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

John Taylor has considered sending out a letter requesting if there is anybody available and competent to

redesign and administer a revised and updated website. Timely and applicable content is a priority for the website.

Membership

John Forespring indicates that current membership is 753 members, with 20 expired in January, and 40 expired in February. However, it is customary for members to allow their membership to lapse in winter months, only to renew when events start to happen in the spring.

Tire Rack Street Survival

The TRSS at Pacific Raceways had 18 students. Joel Ferguson was the classroom instructor. Expenses were \$473.94, and \$650.00 to Pacific Raceways, with revenue of \$1350.00 from students, and \$750.00 from National sponsorship. Total surplus from this venue will be \$976.06. A new event is scheduled for November 8th, with a similar surplus sharing with the track. All students filled out weekend memberships, creating a good source of potential future full-time members. Some details should be to have enough chairs for all in the classroom, and ensuring that everyone has the required paperwork in hand when registering. The pattern worked well, with some slight changes for safety issues.

There will be some restructuring of SCCA Foundation funding later this year, collecting \$50 from each student of the \$75 fee and paying the \$150 BMW fee, and NWR will collect only \$25 from each student. Had this been in effect during the last event, net surplus would have only been \$226.00. It will be about a \$750 hit for the Region. Local schools are encourage to find sponsors. More information will be provided in April. It has been discussed that it may be more beneficial to decline Foundation funding in the interest of the local club.

Rally Group NW

No new business.

Rally Cross

Steve Warner is working on an event in Tenino, but that would be after August. He has a couple of other sites he's looking at, one west of Portland, and he'd like to have a discussion with Oregon Rally Cross.

He is organizing a Rally Cross in Monroe on the 15th, and the question arising is whether he is doing these Rally Crosses for SCCA, or is her running several different programs? The NWR is disinterested in assuming the risk of events by sanctioning without sharing in some of the resultant benefits.

Road rally

No new business.

Old Business

No inventory lists have been submitted to the board.

Please submit next month so these can be logged into the minutes.

Budget

Race has submitted a budget to the board. Race funding is looking at their deposits to modify their request of funding from Region to minimize the amount requested.

The Corvette show was the 40th Anniversary show and resulted in numerous cars for show with a respectable turnout.

Nominations

No new business.

New Business

No new business.

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

The meeting is adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Good of the order

John Taylor has suggested that a go-kart event could be held as a morale booster, in the second weekend of April or perhaps May. Notification could be sent by Presidential message to the email list.

A goal would be 50 people to participate, allowing more time for people to participate.

It would be possible to rent the entire track for the event.

A registration process needs to be finalized. Food could be provided as part of the registration fee.

SkyKart is the considered venue. Target price is \$50 /person, with three races per person, four depending on each individuals performance. (3 races guaranteed, 4 for the top performers.) A consolation run is also possible.