

SCCA Lonestar Region December Meeting Minutes

12/9/2004

Meeting called to order at 8:00PM

Attendees

Board/officers: Cliff Maxwell (RE), Kerry McEntire, Paula Taylor, Danny Benzer, Ed Gilfus, Antonio Garza, Mark Von Bargaen, Joe Lamping, Jim Averett (Sowdiv Executive Steward), Darrell Matocha (Past RE).

At large/guests: Madeline Averett, Amy Garza

Previous meeting minutes: Kerry McEntire was left off attendees list. Motion to approve with addition of Kerry to attendee list. Motion passed.

Cliff requested some missing meeting notes from April-July of this past year.

Treasurer report distributed: No issues/questions. Approved

BOD open positions: Cliff Maxwell & Danny Benzer elected to new positions so they're resigning their unexpired seats. Mark Von Bargaen and Ed Gilfus nominated and approved to fill the remainder of the term.

Secretarial documents need to be given to Antonio. Darrell has some archives. Kerry has some more but needs to get them.

National issues:

We need a directory update

Antonio needs to get a Texas S.O.S. certificate of good standing.

National Convention on 1/27/2005-1/29/2005 in Kansas City

Mark Von Bargaen recommends that Cliff attend. Darrell Matocha mentioned previously the region paid for one person's expenses. Paula recommends both RE and Assistant RE attend and get expenses reimbursed. Motion passed unanimously.

January Race

Headquarters at the Best Western with a \$60/night SCCA rate.

Mark posted hotel info on sowdiv forums.

Entry fees: \$225 before 12/31, \$250 after. \$300/\$275 for 2 drivers (regular/early discount).

Paula: Need to add FSCCA fee, no faxes, and no overnight package signatures.

Floor suggestion to do \$25 early discount (i.e. no late fee).

Online payment discussion:

Currently we pay a \$150/sanction flat fee plus a percentage of each registration

Lamping: Motion to have online registration fees collected at the race—passed.

Concern was raised over how to collect a cancellation fee if the racer registers online and never shows up to the track. One option was to ban racer until cancellation fee is paid.

Taylor: Online registration must close by 1/4/2005 in order to organize data. Lunch must be from the track and Mark has arranged with Louis to get hot soup if the weekend is cold. Region will arrange for hot chocolate if necessary.

We need a caterer for the Saturday night banquet. Mark suggests that we do hot food and that it fits within the budget. Barbeque is one option but Paula will contact Vaso Gisikis about catering.

Houston region Boy Scouts want to attend the January race. 30-40 will drop by before registration closes. Darrell raised the question as to what is needed in the way of permissions and waivers. Parent permission slips are needed and adult person with Scouts can sign waiver.

Discussion on wristbands vs. stickers: Armbands are preferred. Jim Averett suggested that wristbands not put on the wrist must be put in some way that they cannot be removed and transferred to another person. Mark to check on how many bands we need and whether we need to order some or get some from Joyce. Paula said we need two colors of bands.

SowDiv Meeting:

Location: Iron Rock Raceway by Austin Bergstrom International Airport

Region gets \$500 from the division for this meeting and will be used for breakfast foods.

E-mail Jim Averett with any items to be brought up for discussion at meeting.

Solo

Darrell was contacted by the division Solo II Steward Wally Strzelec to approve sanctioning a Divisional Divisional Solo event and they need an RE signature. There was much discussion on what the exposure to the region would be in case of problems. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting and the Solo II Steward will be requested to attend the next meeting. Darrell to get the contact info to Ed Gilfus and Ed will contact the person.

Driver School

Jim has heard some complaints about some regions not holding schools. He offered some numbers on the school/DE held at TMS earlier this month, which suggest that the risk of money loss at this venue is not great. Track rental is much cheaper (\$7k for weekend including ambulance and wrecker) and DE entries can be high if it's advertised (\$95 for DE, \$200 for school). He suggested the regions hold another school together early next year. Mark V.B. has already talked with Sasha and they are interested in cooping. It was proposed that the regions put the resources but that the division is the one to make or lose money. A motion was offered to make the driver's school discussion a Sowdiv meeting agenda item. Motion passed.

Meeting day change

Cliff requested opinions on whether or not the 4th Wednesday is OK with everyone. Joe Lamping and others with businesses offered that the end of the month is the busiest and

makes it less likely that they can attend. After checking the regional by-laws, motion to move the meeting to the 1st of the month was offered and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm