

SCCA Lone Star Region February 2005 Meeting Minutes February 2, 2005

Attendees:

BOD/officers: Danny Benzer, Cliff Maxwell, Ed Gilfus, Mark Von Bargaen, Kerry McEntire, Antonio Garza, Paula Taylor, Joe Lamping

Previous Meeting Minutes: distributed and approved through e-mail

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Treasurer Report: will be e-mailed for approval (subsequently it has been e-mailed and approved)

Race report:

We achieved break-even car count.

Open board items:

Cancellation, garage, no-show policy, etc. Paula mentioned that everyone that didn't show up and did not inform in time already expected to pay a cancellation fee.

Cliff distinguished between policy and execution for future issues like cancellation fees, etc. for which there already is policy (documented in the supps in this case).

Cliff requested an update to include Antonio, Danny, and himself in the signatory.

National issues:

--A presentation on getting filing status in order, i.e. 501c(4) or 501c(7). LSR needs to check our status to make sure it's appropriate. Antonio to investigate our status.

--There was a helmet testing seminar and one thing they showed which was eye opening is that sometimes the helmet will get damaged and show no signs of it. An impact against a rollbar can damage the impact absorbing foam lining and not show exterior damage.

--There was a fuel performance-testing seminar that lasted 3 hours which was very interesting.

--AMB presented on timing/scoring

--A seminar on risk management, which had nothing new or very interesting from Cliff's perspective.

--One thing that was noted is the trend to the way the club is managed in a professional company style and this is a concern. There is a blurring of lines between the board and the management of the club, which should not be happening.

--There was a driver heat seminar presented by the company that makes Coolshirt, which was also very interesting. It was mentioned that when the core temperature goes to 102-

103 there are 80 mistakes/hour made in performing routine functions. The possibility of either making a handout for drivers or having Coolshirt as a guest speaker at one of the races could be a good way to warn drivers about this problem. Perhaps Coolshirt could sponsor a race or event? Cliff has a business card for them.

--Alamo region.

- We need to be proactive before we end up with some arrangement we don't need/want. Cliff proposes best course of action could be dissolving Alamo region if they don't meet the requirements and letting their members choose another region of their liking.
- Policy for this is already written in the national bylaws. National should draft a letter to the Alamo Region asking whether they want to step up and hold events and manage their region or dissolve it and let them join other regions individually. Paula mentions this is not the first time this has occurred.
- Motion by Joe to draft a letter stating the position. Ed Gilfus seconds the motion. In the discussion, Mark stated that he'd like to see a member as a way to grow the region geographically and membership-wise. Antonio mentioned that issues such as Alamo Region's financial and legal status need to be considered. It was stated that the motion at this point was not to state the position but rather is a motion for us to put the position in writing when we agree. This will be done online through e-mail vote. Cliff will get a statement and draft the letter. Motion passed unanimous.

--Temp membership. Danny is researching this and pursuing with Mike Dickerson. Danny mentioned that if we don't get resolution we'd send temp memberships in as payment.

Other issues:

--Kerry got a bill for \$99 for 2-year renewal of domain registration. Antonio mentioned that this is too high for domain registration and everyone agreed. Kerry would forward the bill to everyone and we'd have an e-mail vote on approving the \$99 or not.

--Kerry ordered solo books for spokes who have received them and paid for them already. He was asking if this is the type of activity that needs board approval and it was mentioned that it wasn't necessary as long as it's recorded.

--Kerry also restocked stickers and other things needed for tech. Ed Gilfus mentioned he'd like to be able to get some of this promotional material for handing out to customers and promoting SCCA.

Sowdiv Meeting

A long time was spent discussing both the "uninteresting" Topeka track and the process by which it was selected. Mike Sauce provided a detailed description of the process, why it was chosen, and the things that need to improve in the process.

Hankook Ventus Z211 205/50/15 C30 compound tire was added to the SM Supps as approved in addition to the existing tire (Toyo RA1 205/50/15).

No Problem Raceway is on track to be ready by the 90 day drop date.

Schools—there was a lot of discussion about how this was done previously as well as how it should be done. 2 of the 3 racing regions not doing the double national should do 1 school per year. Administrative and financial risk: Division absorbs profit/loss and has pricing authority (approval) but a region can opt out ahead of time to not share with the division the profit/loss risk. Ed made a motion to present this as our position. Joe 2nd the motion. It passed unanimous. Cliff has the action to draft the proposal for the next Sowdiv meeting.

May Race (motion Joe, 2nd Ed, passed???)

--Action for Mark to find out what course it's being run on. We prefer the 2.9 pending a waiver of any rule not allowing more than one national on the same course. We'd like to keep it as the Aggienapolis.

Website:

A committee was appointed consisting of Chris Taylor, Ed Gilfus, and Antonio Garza to investigate previous stated goals for research.

Meeting adjourned 8:32pm