

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

Attendees:

BOD/officers: Danny Benzer, Cliff Maxwell, Ed Gilfus, Mark Von Bargaen, Kerry McEntire, Antonio Garza,
Lone Star Draft editor: Paula Taylor

Previous Meeting Minutes: distributed and approved through e-mail

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm

Treasurer Report: distributed and approved. (Kerry distributed the signature approval form to Antonio, Cliff, and Danny).

Race report:

January race had 129 entries, sold \$1265 in merchandise. There is some work left to do on inventory and there is some outstanding petty cash (~\$400). Looks like a \$1540 loss so far before adjustments to inventory and merchandise. The estimate is \$450 positive cash flow after adjustments. (later Mark clarified that it's about \$500 petty cash coming back).

Open board items:

Temporary memberships. Danny explained that non-responsiveness (or slow response) on this issue. Motion by Cliff to mail in the memberships as payment to SCCA National using certified mail with a cover letter stating "...per Mike Dickerson" etc. 2nd. Antonio passed unanimous.

Other issues:

- There was a discussion of assets and depreciation and whether we have been doing this correctly. It's believed that we haven't been depreciating the assets and it doesn't affect our tax expense either way, but we should clear this to clean up the balance sheet. Also we need to investigate franchise taxes. Cliff and Danny will report storage inventory at the next meeting and at the next race we'll take inventory of the race trailer.
- There are no minutes for April-May 2004. Mark found June-July but couldn't print due to PC problems. We'll have to write a statement that April-May 2004 minutes have been lost.
- Merchandise sales at January race. Tally sheets were lost.
- Jim Averett asked LSR to give an opinion on how we feel about website advertising on the SOWDIV website. After discussion it was decided that our opinion should reflect what we'd like to see on our own website which is we'd like to keep a clean front page but a classifieds page with paying advertisers and free member advertisements. We also did not want any rotating banners or pop-ups on the main page.

--Mark related that Jack Turner proposed co-hosting a driver's school with SCCA where Jack gets only \$250 per driver, there is no track rental, and we can add a fee on top of the \$250 for SCCA expenses. The fee would be reduced for more than 10 cars at \$225 and lower for a higher numbers, with details to be provided later. Discussion resulted in some questions regarding co-sanction and membership requirements for the students (are temporary memberships adequate for a Novice permit, etc.) Jack will be expecting a response from Cliff.

--Alamo region status. We're still waiting on a response from national regarding our stance. Paula did mention that Terry Whittle passed away recently and he was the one that kept that region together. Paula asked a question to an Alamo region person and got a very curt response stating Alamo Region will never go away.

--Tax situation. Antonio presented some preliminary info but it's not clear whether the law has changed since our incorporation and current IRS publications do not clearly define what our classification should be. Cliff and Bill know people that might be able to shed some light at no cost.

--Kerry requested closure on the domain name registration cost. A motion was extended, 2nd, and approved to pay the domain name registration for 7 years at \$13.50/year

May Race

--Mark mentioned that for the May race, there will be some kind of event at MSR and this will keep a lot of workers from the Texas Region. It's not a NASA event but it's possible it's Formula Mazda series event. It was decided to proceed as planned on the 2.9ccw course and have 1.8ccw as an alternative (as always disclose in the supps/entry that shortage of workers will preclude the use of the 2.9 course) and it must remain as ccw because of SCCA's policy on changing course direction.

--Mark also brought up that our blue flags are too faded and we need to purchase some. It was mentioned that other regions have new flags and we should borrow them to keep costs down. A motion was brought forward by Cliff to borrow the flags from Houston region. Bill 2nd that motion, passed unanimous. Also, as far as more permanent arrangements a motion was made to table the discussion for discussion at the next SOWDIV meeting. Passed unanimous.

--May race race format will be regional/national with 1 restricted regional group (SM/IT)

--Race registration. We need to keep pursuing the success based registration fee with Colin/Donovan because a 3-event race at \$450 is too much money. \$1 per entrant was suggested.

--We should add a line in the entry form for a t-shirt (also place t-shirt picture/logo in the entry) in order to pre-order t-shirts. This could help keep leftovers to a minimum.

--Paula asked if there could be free entry for military service people and their families since the race is on Memorial Day weekend. It was agreed that it was a good idea and we should proceed.

LSR website

--Antonio requested a formal recommendation from the BOD/officers on this by motioning the following: to have a clean main page and a classifieds section. Motion 2nd by Cliff and unanimous.

--We need to come up with a rate card, how to maintain it, etc. Also we need to keep up to date on the minutes and will try to start having agendas posted in advance of monthly meetings.

--Somewhat related to the website is the monthly newsletter. We should get advertisers for it. Also, we should give a 2 month opt-out period for those that want to receive the *Lone Star Draft* in e-mail form.

Miscellaneous

--Mark gave Cliff an addendum from TWS for him to read and sign. Cliff has to sign it and send it to Jack Turner.

--Tech guys still don't have their SRO points. People are starting to get their stuff already. Mark will contact Jake to get the tech people at the next race.

Meeting adjourned 9:25pm