

Lone Star Region
Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2007

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. at Athena Manufacturing. Board members present: Danny Benzer, Paula Taylor, Brent McNaul, Eric Jones, Don Batson; members present: Gregg Matocha. A quorum was present.
- II. Minutes. July meeting minutes will be distributed electronically for approval.
- III. Treasurer report.
 - A. Balance report was submitted electronically. Paula will forward a copy to Gregg Matocha for his information.
 - B. May race financials show a loss of approximately 6k.
 - C. Disbursement requirements – If anyone has outstanding receipts, they should be turned in as soon as possible.
 - D. Bonding paper work – Paula is working on this.
- IV. SOWDIV Meeting Summary. Tentative race schedule was presented. Texas Region requested Memorial Weekend for a double national event at TMS. After much discussion, Lone Star retained its traditional date and committed to hosting a regional/national event at TWS. Texas Region also plans on holding a race at TWS in 2008. Discussion followed on accepted procedures when a region costs an event in another region's area. Texas Region did request permission from Lone Star to hold the event; Danny agreed to the request. (See attached notes for additional information.)
- V. Rallycross. After two rain outs, the next one is tentatively scheduled for October.
- VI. Draft. Danny has an article he will send to Eric, Chris wrote an article about the Pikes Peak rally, Brent is almost finished with a worker article. Other board members are encouraged to submit articles.
- VII. Website needs or requests. Don is adding a news link on the website. Board members will have the capability to add items to the website. Need to update our contacts, list of officials, etc.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. 2008 Races. Gregg has made budgets for March and May – needs some historical data from races last year. He has services contract from TWS but needs to get fee information. Discussion followed on having the party at the hotel, presenting trophies at the party, seeing about getting a series or pro race for either March or May. Gregg is also looking for hotel deals, having a party/dinner at the hotel.
 - B. Gregg requested to be the official LSR reporter at the Run-offs. Paula will contact Topeka to get him credentials.
 - C. Embroidery artwork – SCCA is paying for digitizing logos. Paula suggested offering LSR shirts with the logo. Danny will check with his vendor, Gregg will also check with his.

IX. Old Business

- A. May Race Trophies – Paula will contact Jim Garrett about trophies and work on getting the supplies to put them together, hopefully by September board meeting.
 - B. Lone Star race trailer needs work. Need to get it to Austin. Probably get a license place for trailer to use for transport. **MOTION:** (Batson/Jones) Reimburse Gregg for going to get the trailer and haul it to Austin. Passed.
- X. Convention is coming up in February in San Antonio. Board members need to be thinking about attending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Taylor
Secretary

Attachment to August 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Notes from SOWDIV Scheduling Meeting, July 2007

Approximately 40 attended the meeting.

News from National (Mike Sauce)

- For first time in 13 years, SCCA has no marginal loan
- ~51K members, we are down 1500 from last year
- National race entries down as expected due to economy and energy prices, but not as down as SCCA had predicted.
- Pro Racing is operating in the black.
- SCCA Enterprises is operating in the black and paying debts.
- Most 'unhealthy' club classes: GP, HP, S2
- New club racing classes BPrepared, DPrepared, F1000, Super Touring

2008 Race Schedule

- The schedule is split fairly evenly between national and regional events
- There is a possibility of a race at Cabaniss
- Houston's November 2007 event will be a R/N or R/R, no enduro.
- Much discussion on the issue of single day regional events and why running a Sunday restricted regional is difficult from a GCR point of view and will not likely be approved.

TENTATIVE 2008 Schedule:

November 17-18, 2007 - R/N or R/R - MSR-H - Houston

December 7-9, 2007 - S/S - TMS - Texas

January 19-20, 2008 - R/R - Cabaniss - STxB (Pending approval from Topeka and Navy)

February 2-3, 2008- R/N - TWS - Texas

March 7-9, 2008 - N/N - TWS - LnSt

March 29-30, 2008 - R/N - MSR-H - Hou

April 26-27, 2008 - Grand Prix of Houston

May 2-4, 2008 - RR/N/N - TMS - Tex

May 24-25, 2008 - R/N - TWS - LnSt

June 21-22, 2008 - R/N - MSR-H - Hou

July 12-13, 2008 - S/S - MSR-H - Hou

August, 2-3, 2008 - R/N - MSR-H - Hou

September, 13-14, 2008 - R/R - TMS - Tex

November, 15-16, 2008 - R/N - MSR-H - Hou

December 5-7, 2008 - S/S - TMS - Tex

The goal is to have the scheduled 100%, set-in-stone by December 1st and send it off to national.

Worker issues

- Discussion on how to motivate our workers to show up to more races.
- Social aspect of Club Racing has suffered. Discussion about using some of the SRO funds for more social events
- Looking into having a work recruitment drive – bring a worker, get an award/money, etc.

- Issues with the unknown number of outstanding worker bucks.
 - ? SRO committee will begin to enforce the 3-year-expiration. For points issued in 2004, they will expire at the end of 2007. This is to help establish just how much the SRO fund is accountable to worker points.

Race issues

- Danny said that TWS has committed to racing there for at least 3 more years.
- Discussion of run groups - SRF's want to run alone, just like everyone else. Groupings will stay the same, unless SRF brings their counts up. Stewards can do their job much better if everyone pre-registers – group changes can be made and announced Friday night.
- Tech proposed buying a second tech trailer to be kept in North Texas and eliminate hauling the existing tech trailer. The proposal was passed, along with the updating of the existing trailer.
- New/additional radio equipment is needed but expenditure delayed until further definition. At MSRH and TWS, have had serious interference problems on B channel, a taxi company in Houston is operating a 1000 ft tower with high power.

Other issues:

- SRX7 Rule change were presented.
- Susan Balon will be stepping down December 31, 2007. The board is currently looking for replacements.
- Next meeting will be held January 12, 2008 hosted by Lone Star Region in Rosanky, Texas at the Central Texas Museum of Car History.
- Regional championship points program approved as brought forward (BG is now part of SP). Otherwise same as last year.