

Lone Star Region
Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2007

1. Meeting called to order at 7:27 pm at Athena Manufacturing. Present: Danny Benzer, Eric Jones, Cliff Maxwell, Antonio Garza, Chris Taylor, Paula Taylor, and Craig Lehmann (guest). A quorum was present.
2. January meeting minutes were approved electronically.
3. Treasurer report. **Accepted** as distributed. Expenditures included memorial contribution for Dick Conole, convention registrations, and sanction fees for March N/N. Audit of the books was discussed. Cliff will also be moving the bank account from Smithville to an Austin bank that has a branch in College Station. All officers will have signatory. Cliff will look into bonding the officers.
4. March N/N.
 - ? Budget is done; most chief positions have been filled.
 - ? Kathy Krebs is handling hotel and party arrangements.
 - ? TWS contract is ready to sign – total rent is just under \$25,000 for three days.
 - ? Discussion followed on paying in advance for all 2007 online registration with dlbracing.com. Consensus was we would reassess at the end of this year for 2008.
5. March Rallycross. Spokes have taken the lead again on this one. March 18 will be a Spokes/LSR event. Sanction form should be submitted within the week. Discussion followed on Lone Star Region hosting future events– need for timing lights, cones, etc. May try to hold a “divisional” in April to get a foot-in-the-door should there be a national championship next year.
6. The Draft. Eric will work on getting a Draft out in early March. Deadline for input is 2/21/07. Discussion followed on sending out postcards with information on the link to the website and determine if we are getting any traffic on the site.
7. SOWDIV meeting. Highlights of items discussed:
 - ? When minutes from SOWDIV meetings are distributed. It was determined they are usually distributed just before the meeting. There was discussion about Laurie sending them out and voting electronically so they can be posted on the website.
 - ? Tech trailer. Texas and Houston talking about one or both buying a tech trailer and selling us the current trailer at a low cost, discussion on if LSR needed a trailer if TWS went away.
 - ? SRF drivers wanted their own group.
 - ? SM driver came up with a plan **for** tech-ing Spec Miatas every race, including a lottery system for who gets inspected, etc. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined we do not have the staff at races to do extensive techs every event.
 - ? Susan Balon announced this is her last year as treasurer. Members were asked to think about candidates to replace her.
 - ? Payments to the SRO fund were suspended, effective immediately. It was requested that for the next meeting the SRO have a plan to make something happen or we will look at options for disbursing.
 - ? Worker counts – still low. Attitudes of existing long-**time** workers contributes to the problem.
 - ? Tech requested a lap top – no action was taken since no proposal was presented.

- ? Pro race fees to Division – instead of a 10% of the gross or net, motion passed to a region pays a flat fee of \$1,500 for 2007 Champ Car race. Need to get a disclosure of net and gross by July so we can make an informed change.
 - ? Web site administration is changing.
 - ? Med pouches now free for all!
 - ? Next meeting (July) will be hosted by Texas Region. Lone Star will host the January 2008 meeting.
8. Charter Submission. Paperwork sent to Topeka, including officer updates, 2005 tax return, and our certificate of good standing from the state.
9. Website steering committee. New host offers a newsletter management system for \$15/mo. This will be checked to see if it worth doing for the Draft.
10. Awards banquet. Final cost was \$573.41. **Feedback was positive – good food, enjoyable music, fun crowd.**
11. Leadership positions and responsibility
- ? Need someone to check PO Box for mail. Check who has working keys. Paula will check with Bill Johnson and see if he has checked it lately.
 - ? Jerry Hooten is interested in working on a tech license. Need to encourage him and anyone else who is willing to step up and work on getting national licenses.
 - ? Board members charged with seeking out and grooming replacements. Let's get busy on this!
12. National convention
- ? Members attending: Danny Benzer, Chris Taylor, Paula Taylor, Eric Jones, Kathy and Roger Krebs, and James Place.
 - ? Comments: Sessions were OK. On the whole, the convention seemed a little on the 'cheap' side – nothing really first class. Fewer vendors. Not much substance to the program. Everyone had a good chance to visit with old friends, build new relationships with other regions.
13. May race.
- ? Need chair. Chris won't do a national – might be willing to co-chair a regional event.
 - ? Discussed doing a regional/enduro. Look at getting a co-chair so Chris can run the event and help but not be the point person at the event. Discussed possibly many possibilities and ways to do this.
 - ? **Antonio will do a timeline for the race. Danny and/or Paula will check with Gregg Matocha to see if he still has the one he created several years ago.**
 - ? **Don will work on supps and other paperwork.**
- MOTION: Plan a Restricted Regional/Enduro for Memorial weekend. Motion by Chris Taylor, second by Danny Benzer. Motion by Chris Taylor, second by Danny Benzer. MOTION AMENDED by Chris Taylor, second by Antonio Garza to state that if a regional fits, do a regional/enduro. If it doesn't, restricted regional/enduro. Time of enduro TBD. PASSED as amended.
- ? Possible format for enduro: Warm up at 8- 8:30, enduro at 9 am to 4:33 pm. Mandatory drivers meeting before the party at the track. P&Q on Saturday for enduro. Regional practice and race on Saturday.
 - ? Consensus was to put effort into getting people to staff 2.9. Since track is on the market, we ma loose this venue.
14. No other business was brought up. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Taylor
Secretary