

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Wed April 13, 2016

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7:00 p.m. Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth, MI

Attendees:

Greg Anthony, Pat Barber, John Fishbeck, Jennifer Glass, John Jareo, John Lisiecki, Mike McClintock, Jennifer Merideth, Eric Penn, Aaron Usher, Ken Wiedbusch, John Kytasty, Jeremiah Mauricio, Brian Thorpe, Jerry Shiloff, Steve Balanecki, Frank Putman, Matt Wolff.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Pat Barber, RE.

1. March meeting minutes approval

Approved online.

2. Current Business and Online Business

a. None.

3. Reports

a. Asst. RE (Pat Barber for Mike Nienhius)

i. Membership meeting:

1. Problems getting suitable location. Finally settled on The Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth. Mailing sent through Constant Contact.
2. By-laws require a meeting in March. Consensus is if By-Laws changed the meeting will not get done.

b. RE (Pat Barber)

- i. Most improved driver 2015 – Calvin Steward –Ira Garfunkel trophy.
- ii. Spring Training, Tire Rack, Solo Safety Steward training, RallyX Safety Steward training.
- iii. MotorsportReg is very good for registration.

c. Treasurer (Aaron Usher-old, Jen Glass-new)

- i. Jen & Aaron still sharing tasks.
- ii. March reports, there is more spending at the beginning of the year, but the Club is very solvent.
- iii. Round Table registration has been paid.

d. Membership (Steve Balanecki)

- i. Membership increased by 17 to 1422. There were 24 new members and 7 non-renewals.
- ii. 23 Service awards were mailed.

e. Race (Jerry Shiloff)

- i. Drivers School track day is this coming weekend at Waterford Hills.
- ii. Drivers School Classroom was held April 9 with 43 participants.
- iii. Regional races at Gingerman, May 21/22.

- iv. Grand Prix, Belle Isle
 - 1. Flagging and Communications need more workers. Currently have 40 but need at least 63. Plea from Ed Arthur was sent out on April 11.
 - 2. Need to think about what to do if there are not enough workers. The 3-day commitment may be putting people off. Need another email blast. John Lisiecki will talk to Ed Arthur.
 - 3. There is a Majors Race at Mid-Ohio the same weekend which may affect turnout.
 - 4. Trans Am is back on the schedule so this is now an SCCA sanctioned weekend.

- f. **Rally** (John Fishbeck)
 - i. Rally school on Sat Mar 19th at CJ's Lounge was a success with the best participation in several years.
 - ii. Twilight Tour to run on Sat Apr 16th.
 - iii. Having trouble getting response from SCCA for event sanctions. 2 days away from the event still have not received sanction even though application went in on March 10. If no sanction is received the event must be cancelled.
Pat Barber will contact SCCA to find out why this is taking so long.

- g. **Rallycross** (Jon Jareo)
 - i. The March event at Oakshade Raceway was cancelled due to poor ground conditions.
 - ii. The next event is at Thistle Hill on May 21.
 - iii. In future we need to put event cancellation notices on the front page of the website. (RallyX Director should do this by submitting info on "Main Menu, Tasks, Submit News" then it will appear on the right side under "Forthcoming Events" – secretary)

- h. **Solo** (Jeremiah Mauricio)
 - i. Starting Line and Season opener are on April 23 and 24 at MIS. Capacity entries are expected.
 - ii. Potential charity autocross for Autism Alliance, in conjunction with Fall into Autumn event on Sept 18. Fees would go to charity. MI Lt Governor is connected with AAOM and may help get Belle Isle site.
 - iii. Schoolcraft will refund \$200 and is shown in the new Solo budget.
There will be a separate discussion on the plan for the June 18 Summer heat event.

- i. **Equipment** (Ken Wiedbusch, Mike McClintock)
 - i. Funmover
 - 1. Repairs and mods look good.
 - 2. Funmover will be at Starting Line event.
 - ii. FSAE
 - 1. Two tow dollies have been built.
 - 2. FM Transmitter – Pat Barber bought two 7 watt transmitters for \$75. 😊
 - 3. PA system and radios have been checked.
 - iii. 400 cones have been ordered.
 - iv. New Trailer
 - 1. The trailer should be delivered by the end of April.
 - v. Banners
 - 1. Jerry Shiloff wants 2 banners to say "DRSCCA Race, Solo, Rallycross". Cost is \$150.
 - vi. Empire Hill Climb timing equipment.
 - 1. They want DRSCCA to provide timing equipment for their Sept 24 event

2. JS will negotiate compensation.
- j. **FSAE** (John Lisiecki)
 - i. Contract has been signed and the PO for \$11,500 has been received.
 - ii. PB signed the contract for the radios.
 - iii. 52 volunteers have signed up so far, DRSCCA may still get more.
 - iv. FSAE do not need any more volunteers.
 - v. Volunteer training sessions are coming up at Ford and GM.
 - vi. Ed Arthur will be in charge of allocating radios.
- k. **Website** (John Li absent)
 - i. Nothing reported.
- l. **Open Exhaust** (Brian Thorpe)
 - i. The newsletter was emailed to all members using Constant Contact.
 - ii. It was also liberally splattered on Facebook.
 - iii. The next issue is expected in early June, and more articles are needed.
4. **Calendar Review**
 - a. The Double Regional Race at Gingerman is the same weekend as the Thistle Hill Rallycross.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Event Budgets**
 - i. Rallycross, June 25/26 at I96 Speedway (Jon Jareo)
 1. There will be no entry cap since this is a Great Lakes Division Championship event.
 2. Motion to approve budget by John Fishbeck, seconded by Jerry Shiloff, unanimous.
 - ii. Rallycross Shootout (John Jareo) – see appendix A
 1. This is a component of the above 2 day event.
 2. A separate budget will be prepared and presented online.
 - iii. After FSAE Solo May 15 (Greg Anthony)
 1. Motion to approve by Jen Glass, seconded by John Jareo, unanimously approved.
 - iv. Summer heat Solo (Jeremiah Mauricio)
 1. Max 125 entries reduces the Budget Surplus to \$1,525 from \$1,727.50.
 2. Motion to approve as amended Jerry Shiloff, seconded John Lisiecki, unanimous.
 - v. Solo Director budget (Jeremiah Mauricio)
 1. This is an update.
 2. Motion to approve Jerry Shiloff, seconded by Jen Glass, unanimously approved.
 - b. **Any Other Business**
 - i. Street Survival; Schoolcraft, expect \$1,000 cost for 8 hours. Summer timeframe.
 - ii. Street Repair and Advise Committee – Greg Anthony, chairman. (??)
6. **Next Meeting – May 18, 2016**
 - a. 7:00 p.m. Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth, MI
7. **Adjourn** at 8:55 pm.

Appendix A

Great Lakes SCCA Rallycross Shootout Proposal

Proposal summary: Observing that our region is not hosting a National Challenge event for 2016 and that we still have a 2-day event scheduled at I-96 speedway, we have come up with a proposal to promote that event as a Divisional Rallycross event. We have received support from the GLD Rallycross Steward ZB Lorenc on this idea and have been coordinating with him on this event's development. The intent is to provide competitors with a new/different challenge while attempting to draw interest & entrants from our own region as well as others.

Short term proposal goal: Increase/fill up entries at our 2-day event so that DET region can more easily break-even/make money on the event by giving our and other GLD SCCA racers a different format of competition in addition to a normal 2-day rallycross.

Long term proposal goal: Using this event as a pilot program, we hope to further cooperate with neighboring regions in the GLD to create a yearly series that will be run for points, which will serve to grow our program as well others, promote the sport of rallycross and strengthen GLD's rallycross competition level.

Event Summary

- o Event will follow normal schedule for a 2 day Rallycross (test & tune in morning, timed runs start late morning and end by evening. Single group of runs for each class on day 2)
- o In addition to normal schedule, there will be a special "Shootout" event under the lights the night of day one.
- o Cars would be run "head-2-head" style similar in spirit to a pro-solo style event. We have several ideas to implement this idea safely, but the basic premise of all of them is to have two cars run the same or similar course and the winner is the one who crosses the finish line first. Competition would be single elimination with only two classes (2WD & 4WD). Format is patterned after Western Ohio Region's "Duel in the Dirt" event.
- o Regular 2-day event fee would be slightly increased (~\$5 to \$15)
- o Test & Tune pricing structure would remain the same as last year
- o Entry fee for "head-2head" event under the lights would be an additional fee (-\$15-\$30)
- o Dinner would be served/provided/donated to all competitor's the evening of day 1
- o Sponsors would be solicited for even promotion/competitor swag (event stickers, trophies, giveaways, prizes, etc.)
- o Event promoted through all Great Lakes Rally X divisions (DET, WOR, OVR, West. Kentucky Reg.) as well as on the GLDiv media channels (RallyX Facebook Page, Website/calendar, etc.)