

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Wed Feb 10, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting Feb 10, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth, MI

### Attendees:

Greg Anthony, Diane Arthur, Ed Arthur, Steve Balanecki, Pat Barber, John Fishbeck, Jennifer Glass, John Jareo, John Lisiecki, Mike McClintock, Jennifer Merideth, Marcus Merideth, Mike Nienhuis, Eric Penn, Frank Putnam, Jerry Shiloff, Aaron Usher, Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Matt Wolfe

Meeting called to order at 7:05:30 pm by Pat Barber, RE.

### 1. January meeting minutes approval

Approved online. No discussion.

### 2. Current Business and Online Business

None.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Asst. RE (Former Asst. RE – Jen Glass)

##### i. Awards Banquet Update:

- Still finalizing banquet expense items; Approximate loss on the event will be \$1000.
- Good turnout with 120 attendees.
- Feedback from attendees: Good venue & food, Sound weak in some areas.
- Received a couple of emails complaining that Region Service Award recipients were not publically recognized. Only the 50 year member (Peter Quenet) was announced.
  - In the future, we will make sure that members are recognized.
- Take-home awards for perpetual awards recipients were not ordered prior to the event.
  - Awards have now been ordered and will be sent out.
- Calvin Stewart, SCCA President Award finalist, was in attendance, but was not recognized.
  - Jerry did not receive any notifications from the National office regarding Calvin's awards or recognitions.
  - Pat proposed, and the Board approved, that we give Calvin the Ira Garfunkel Award at the upcoming General Membership meeting. (Garfunkel Award was not presented this year.)

#### b. Asst. RE (New Asst. RE – Mike Nienhuis)

##### i. March Membership meeting:

- The meeting will be moved to the Wed Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, due to a scheduling conflict for Mike N.
- Still finalizing the location: Yankee Air Museum, new GM Racing Facility, or Lingenfelter Collection.

**b. Race (Jerry Shiloff)**

- i. Jerry reviewed upcoming racing events:
  - Driver's School @ WHRRI – 4/09 (classroom) + 4/23 & 24 (track)
  - Waterford Race Weekend 1 – 5/14 & 15
  - Regional @ GingerMan – 5/21 & 22
  - Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix – 6/03, 04, 05
  - Lots of events in July & August.
- ii. Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix
  - This year only IndyCar, IMSA & Stadium Super Trucks.
  - Pat will be calling a GP Core Team meeting to address issues:
    - Since there will be no World Challenge (SCCA), will worker attendance be affected because of points?
    - Fire/Safety volunteers reluctant to attend this year.
    - Workers frustrated with early meetings/start times, late finish times, weather, etc.

**c. Rally (John Fishbeck)**

- i. Son of Snow Drift (Jan 9) was a successful event. + \$85.32
  - After-party at Captain Joe's was not a good venue – too crowded & loud.
  - Pat B: Might want to investigate VFW halls in the future.
- ii. Ohio Winter Rally was well represented by Detroit Region participants, with multiple winners.
- iii. Rally school scheduled for Sat Mar 19<sup>th</sup> at CJ's Lounge.
  - Too many conflicting events that weekend? Could the school be rescheduled for another week? Is it too late to change?
  - John decided to keep the date as-is.
- ii. Twilight Tour scheduled for Sat Apr 16<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Side discussion about Facebook and publicizing events:
  - Ken W: Facebook Rally & Rallycross groups might want to both post all events.
  - Ken W: We have good email coverage, but FB is a bit confusing.
  - Frank P: Where is the best place to get event info? FB is too hard.
  - Pat B: MotorsportReg is a good place to search for all upcoming events.

**d. Rallycross (Jon Jareo)**

- i. No recent events.
- ii. Next event will be this Sat Feb 13 @ I-96 (with food!)
  - Jon J: How should food be expensed?
  - Pat B: Might want to solicit donations, but check with John Kytasty.
- iii. Thayer has once again signed up as the Series Sponsor for 2016.

**e. Solo (Jeremiah Mauricio – not present)**

- i. Unknown if a final 2016 Solo schedule is ready to be published.
  - Mike N: We do not anticipate many conflicts this year.
- ii. SVR still does not have their schedule ready.
- iii. Upcoming meetings: 3/17 Committee meeting, 3/27 Planning meeting @ JD's

- iv. Feedback from members is that a Solo event should not be scheduled during the Woodward Dream Cruise weekend.

**f. Equipment** (Ken Wiedbusch)

- i. Fiasco at Aardvark Storage in Wixom:
  - Annual fee is usually paid in January, however this year we did not receive an invoice or late fee notice.
  - Aardvark attempted to call Mike Meyers (at his old employer ATI) to collect.
  - Ed Hlas (from ATI) took it upon himself to pay for 1 month to avoid the seizure and sell-off of the storage unit contents.
  - Pat B. to meet at Aardvark on 2/11 to straighten out the lease contract and payments.
  - It may be the time to move out of the Aardvark facility. What are our alternatives for storage?
    - Obtain a Sea Container and park it in Pat's yard? (Relatively low cost for the unit and delivery)
    - Lease/Buy a building somewhere?
    - Move to a new storage facility? Where? Need a central location.
  - Where else are we vulnerable as far as leases, contracts, etc? We need to make sure that we're covered for these:
    - Website URL's
    - PO Box
- ii. Coverage for FSAE (Mike McClintock)
  - Still need to order 400 new cones. Can Aaron order these like last year?
  - Mike M. to build three new tow dollies (approximately \$50 each)
  - Funmover, Conquistador and Race Trailer all need to be on site at MIS for this event.
  - All set with timing equipment.
  - This year we will be renting radios/headsets/accessories. We will be getting on-site support if we rent from Radip2way.

**g. Membership report** (Steve Balanecki)

- There are 1397 members (up 6, 16 new, 10 non renewals).
- Service awards – 13 were mailed at the beginning of the month.

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

- Jen & Aaron have been working together to transition and divide up the tasks.
- Annual audit and tax return have been completed – all OK.
- The January financial reports were emailed to the Board on 2/07/2016.
- New printer was acquired. Old printer will be painted orange and used as a Rallycross cone.
- Pat B. is picking up mail from the PO Box on a regular basis.

**i. Website** (John Li – not present)

- i. Status of the change over
  - No new status.

- It's probably time to just acquire a contractor to complete the project, since we have been very close to completion for some time now.

**j. Open Exhaust** (Brian Thorpe – not present)

i. Content Discussion

- John L. reports that Brian is still looking for articles from the 2015 event chairs.
- John L. routed around a copy of the San Francisco Region's monthly newsletter/magazine "The Wheel".
  - Quite impressive! Including 35 pages, glossy covers, color photos, advertising.
  - John will forward the copy to Brian.

ii. Scanning of the Archive (Pat Barber)

- Still need to get a quote to scan in all of the Open Exhaust newsletters.

**k. Regional Executive** (Pat Barber)

i. Convention Recap:

- 8 Detroit Region attendees + Carol & Jason Kolk + Calvin Stewart
  - Calvin was finalist for the President's Award (but did win)
  - Carol won the Solo Driver of the year award!
- Much improved conference than last year without all the emphasis on motorsport vendors.
- Region awards are now going to regions that support the new SCCA initiatives, and have significant increased growth.
- Town Hall meeting had very good feedback.
- Pat had discussion with Howard Duncan regarding SCCA Solo trailer attendance at FSAE – Due to scheduling conflicts they will not be present at MIS this year – it's simply a matter of not losing money on the event.
- Also had discussions with Kathy & Pat from World Challenge about their series not coming to this year's DBIGP – they were dissatisfied with amount of paddock space they were allocated on Belle Isle.
- Pat and John L. had a good meeting with the RE's from Chicago & Milwaukee regarding how to host non-SCCA races. The primary topic was how to support a non-SCCA race with SCCA funds and insurance.
- Ken W: Was there any discussion of how we can host National Rallycross events within the division? Perhaps as Lake Michigan Rally series cup?
- Hall of Fame nominees for next year:
  - Marcus M. is the chair for the group and has asked Pat B. to nominate a couple of Detroit Region members: Bob Pierson & Suzanne Royce.
  - Pat will be putting together a small team.

**4. Calendar Review** (Pat Barber)

- Pat distributed and reviewed the 2016 "Jerry Shiloff" spreadsheet of events which has listings for all Solo National, Solo, WHRRI, Regionals, Majors, other race-related events, Rallycross and Rally at Midwest venues.

## 5. New Business

### a. Event Budgets

- i. Spring Sprints Double Regional / May 21-22 (Jerry Shiloff)
  - This year's net budget: \$334.67 (divided by the 3 regions = 84.67/region)
  - SBR will once again take care of all of the financial accounting, paperwork, etc.
  - Motion to approve budget by Mike N, seconded by Jen G. All ayes.
- ii. 2016 Equipment (Ken Wiedbusch)
  - This year's net budget: \$3600. (after \$2400 was added for 400 new cones)
  - Motion to approve budget by Jerry S, seconded by Jen G. All ayes.
- iii. Formula SAE @ MIS (Mike McClintock)
  - This year's net budget: \$407.
  - Need to maintain perks (food, gas cards, lodging) to attract workers.
  - We should increase our price to SAE, up to \$11.5K or \$12K to cover costs this year and to set a price point for the future.
  - SAE is investigating providing their own timing equipment (and personnel?) so as to integrate it better with their scoring software. To be tested at Lincoln this year and potentially rolled out at MIS in 2017.
  - Motion to approve budget by Jen G, seconded by Jerry S. All ayes.
- iv. Funmover has been repaired/modified and is ready to be picked up. Mike M. needs a check for the balance.

### b. Member Meeting

- i. See new Asst RE discussion (3b)

### c. Spring Training

- Scheduled for Sat Mar 12 in Findlay, OH.
- At least 10 Detroit Region members plan to attend (Pat B. has names)
- Per Ed Arthur, F&C session may be sparsely attended due to a number of Flaggers going down to work the 12-Hours of Sebring (FL) race.

### d. Any Other Business

- i. Pat B. requested that consideration be given to increasing John Lisiecki's Natl Convention expenses from 25% to 50%.
  - Motion to approve by Jerry S, seconded by Jen G. All ayes.
  - Pat B: We should review the Region's Policies regarding reimbursements to make sure that they are relevant.
- ii. John J. distributed proposed changes to the Detroit Region's Rallycross Rules & Event Supplemental Regulations.
  - Due to time constraints the changes were not discussed at tonight's meeting.
  - Everyone was encouraged to review and discuss online.

## 6. March 9, 2016 Meeting Date and Location

- 7:00 p.m. Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth, MI
- Jerry S reminded everyone that he will out of town and will not be able to attend.

## 7. Adjourn at 9:31 pm.