

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting Wed June 8, 2016

7:00pm @ Box Bar and Grill, Plymouth, MI

Attendees:

Diane Arthur, Ed Arthur, Steve Balanecki, Pat Barber, Jennifer Glass, John Jareo, John Lisiecki, Jeramiah Mauricio, Jennifer Merideth, Mike Nienhuis, Eric Penn, Jerry Shiloff, Ken Wiedbusch, Sue Wiedbusch, Matt Wolfe

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Pat Barber, RE

1. May meeting minutes approval

- Minutes were not approved online.
- Motion to approve by Jerry Shiloff. Unanimous approval.

2. Current Business and Online Business

None.

3. Reports

a. Race

- GingerMan [May 21-22]
 - Good turnout with 130 entrants.
 - \$3600 net for each Region (Det, SBR, WOR)
- CDBIGP [Jun 3-5]
 - Per Jerry, "some people had fun".
 - From our Region perspective, the event went fairly well.
 - Radios were a challenge.
 - Frequencies were changed at the last minute and radios needed to be reprogrammed – a significant effort.
 - Could not get the IMSA frequencies/radios.
 - Saturday evening dinner food was excellent.
 - 300 popsicles were distributed over the weekend and they were definitely appreciated by all.
 - A freezer was purchased to keep popsicles cold.
- GingerMan Majors [Jul 9-10]
 - Expecting 160 cars.
- Track Night in America
 - At GingerMan on June 29.

b. Rally

- John Fishbeck not present.

- Registration is open for the next event, The Moonlight Monte on July 30, starting in West Branch, MI.

c. Rallycross

- May 21 event at Thistle Hill was a success, registration went well, 51 competitors.
- Next event will be the GL Divisional Championship 2-day event on June 25-26, at I96 Speedway.
 - Onsite registration will be available on June 24, however cannot setup until Saturday, since there is an event there on Friday.

d. Solo

- *Reviewed final budgets:*
 1. Starting Line School [4/23]
 - 2246.87 reimbursements from SCCA for the track, etc.
 - 3506.87 entry fees paid by the Det Region.
 - 1260.00 offset by the 4/24 event sanctioning savings.
 2. Solo Season Opener [4/24]
 - Overall a good event w/ 202 entries.
 - Live timing and Funmover modifications, very good.
 - Could only do 3 runs/driver due to the large turnout and new course location.
 3. After FSAE Solo [5/15]
 - Very cold w/ rain, sleet, snow.
 - 158 entries, however no FSAE teams.
 - \$46 needs to be added to the sheet for Fuel.
- Solo at Schoolcraft [6/18]
 - 125 entries cap, currently 20 on the waitlist.

e. Asst. RE

- Mike N. investigating potential banquet locations for next year:
 - One Under (Livonia), Fox Hills (Plymouth), Henry Ford (Dearborn), Automotive Hall of Fame (Matt will get a quote from AHF)
 - Let Mike know of any other good venues.
 - January 2017 weekend dates will be constrained by other events, so need to consider moving the event to 1st or 2nd Saturday in February.

f. RE.

- Verne Wandell has been trying to arrange a conference call with all of the Divisional RE's, with little luck so far.
- *Side item:* WMR does not want to share their Regional and Majors revenue with other regions, even though they do not have the organization or workers to stage these events.
- We need to start thinking about succession planning for the RE and others on the Board whose terms will be up at the end of this year.

g. Treasurer

- Aaron not present, but has sent out financial reports on 6/06.
- Per Dr. Jen: "At the end of May, we were down about 23K from the beginning of the year. It is not unusual that we do not show a positive cash flow until the end of June. This year, we needed about 50K to pay bills and get events going (keeping in mind we bought a new trailer). In years past, we have needed at least 35K. We started 2016 with about 150K in cash. I suggested that at the beginning of each year, we would not want to plan to dip below 100K. I also suggested that starting the year with 3 times the necessary operating capital was a good idea, and that is largely how we have operated. These are target numbers that are useful for planning."

h. Membership report

- "We have members"
 - 1456 as of 5/18.
 - 1449 as of 6/08, down 7 with 21 new members & 28 non-renewals or transfers.
- 15 Service Awards were sent out at the beginning of June.
- *Question from the floor:* How many Starting Line participants continue as regular Solo racers?

i. Equipment

- FYI, the weight capacity of both the Funmover and new trailer were at the 10,000# limits (coming back from the Grand Prix).
- The new trailer worked very well for the GP, especially for staging the radios.
- Equipment abuse:
 - New trailer was parked poorly at Thistle Hills after the GP.

- Per Ken, reckless driving (by Bob Martin) was observed during the GP.
- Should we pull Bob's driving privileges? Insurance implications?
- Also there was the GP incident with the oil dry.
- Discussion was held who might take over as Equipment Manager.
- Need to make sure that the Equipment Chief receives worker points.

j. FSAE

- Ken recommended that we use the wireless equipment for the Acceleration event. Or maybe also for the SkipPad?
- Next FSAE wrap-up meeting will be held on 7/19.
- We are missing Kathleen McDonald's borrowed flags.
 - Keep a look out for the flags marked with a "K" on the poles.
 - Jerry recommended that if not found, we purchase a new replacement set for her. John L. will follow up.

k. Website

- Current hold-up for implementing the new site is moving the Forums and/or archiving the old Forum.
- Can we find someone who could contract and implement the fixes/installs?
- How to make this happen? When?
- Jennifer M. suggested that we add "Social Media" to the Website topic next month.

l. Open Exhaust

- Brian not present, but is working on the next issue.

m. Street Survival ®

- Next event on Sep 24 at Fowlerville.
 - Eric P. has received a sanction #

4. Calendar Review

- The online calendar is blank – needs to be investigated.
- WHRRI IT invitational race this coming weekend (Jun 11-12)

5. New Business

a. Event Budgets

- August Rallycross [8/20] @ Thistle Hill

- Jerry motioned to approve, Mike N. seconded, Unanimous approval.
- Solo Annual Budget
 - New laptop was purchased, however now need an additional \$250 for another laptop that is no longer functioning.
 - Jerry motioned to approve, Dr. Jen seconded, Unanimous approval.
- *Side discussion:* How do we dispose of old equipment? Need a policy. Should old items be listed and approved by the Board before disposing?

b. AOB

1. Great Lakes Rallycross Championship

- Paul Eddleston (Team Illuminata) would like to provide T-shirts for the event.
 - Costs, if any, to the Region?
 - Should “Thayer” be also included on the T-shirts?
 - What is the Event Chair’s opinion? Need to check with him first, before giving Paul the OK.

2. M1 Concourse

- Opening in August, grand opening during the Woodward Dream Cruise.
 - Do we need/want a presence?
 - Per Pat and Eric, M1 is aware of our group.

3. Ed Arthur announced that the MTM Advanced Worker Training will take place on Sun Aug 7 at WHRRI.

- This year’s theme is “Ambulance Now”.
- Det Region will pay for the lunches.

4. Jeremiah M. requested permission to pay off remaining Solo sites for this year.

- Additional \$3000 required to what has already been approved.
- Jerry motioned to approve, Jon J. seconded, Unanimous approval.

5. Bob Martin

- Pat B. will speak to Bob regarding removal of his Equipment Manager duties and revoking his driving privileges for Region vehicles.
- All keys will need to be returned or we will need to change all locks.

6. July Meeting Date and Location

- There were a number of complaints about the I-275 construction traffic and the long commute to get to Plymouth.
- A suggestion was made to consider moving the meeting to the Compuware Sports Arena (also located in Plymouth).
- Next meeting however will again be at the Box Bar & Grille, Wed July 13 at 7:00pm.

7. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.



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