

August 14, 2011

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting August 10, 2011 The Courthouse Grill, Plymouth, MI

Attendees:

Jennifer Glass, Pat Barber, Bob Martin, Bob Pierson, Brian Thorpe, Ray Jason, Aaron Usher, Scott Harvey, Eric Penn, Nathan Usher, Jen Merideth, Brian Sumeracki, Ed Arthur, Diane Arthur, Rob Moran, Andy Wallace, and Brian Danielson.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Current Business

- a. **Online approvals** – July 2011 BOD Meeting Minutes - 9 for, 0 against

2. Reports

- a. **FSAE** – we have the PO from SAE. Bob Martin will send the invoice for the \$10,500 they owe us.
- b. **Race** – nothing to report.
- c. **Solo**
 - i. Memorial Day Solo – missing revenue information has been received so final budget will be completed.
- d. **Rally**
 - i. Cast in Stone, July 30 – Good to see entries from outside our region. Harvey/Von Kaenel won with a record low score of 4! The event made a profit of about \$300.
 - ii. POR starts Friday, September 9 in Indian River, MI.
- e. **Rallycross**
 - i. Thistle Hill – need to get better directions on MyAutoEvents.com
 - ii. Thistle Hill – August 20.
 - iii. Williamston (new site SE of Lansing), or Marshall as a fallback site – October 1..
- f. **Treasurer**
 - i. BM presented the July 2011 Financial Statements. Notes to the Statements are attached in Appendix A.
 - ii. Although the Jan through July P & L statement shows a \$14,000 loss, this will eventually reach breakeven when all the receivables shown in the Treasurers notes come in.
- g. **Assistant RE**
 - i. Option for the Awards Banquet location are being investigated.
 - ii. Volunteers needed to help organize the Banquet.
- h. **Members at Large**
 - i. Solicit members to run for positions on the BOD at the upcoming election.
 - ii. Secretary to organize the balloting, including announcing the event on the website.
- i. **Equipment**
 - i. Cones – old cones to be offered to horse people.
 - ii. Need for and requirements of a new trailer -
Current trailer (approx. 8.5 x 18ft) is too big for Funmover, and it needs some repairs.
Discussed closed vs open. Closed preferred because it is lockable, can be stored with equipment inside.
Single axle, but with 5000lb option.
Need to know Funmover max towing capacity – Bob Martin?

Don't size needs based on possible future Grand Prix. If it ever happens we would rent a truck.
Need to firm up specs so three quotes can be obtained – see Forum for additional input.
Need by November.
We have time to discuss what to do with current trailer – sell, rent out, keep as storage facility.

j. Membership

i. There were 1116 members (down 14 due to 21 non renewals).

k. Website

Ads on website would provide revenue but amount and effect on site performance is unknown. Mike Burns – are there any statistics on site use to provide potential advertisers?
Need a link to Motorsportsreg.com

3. New Business

a. Event Budgets

Rallycross Octoberfest, Oct 1, Williamston (new site). Motion to approve – Bob Martin, second – Bob Pierson, unanimous. If the event goes to Marshall, will make \$100 less since Porta-john is free, but site rental is \$200 more.

b. Street Survival

Fowlerville Proving Grounds to be held Sept 24. Need instructors. Eric P will attend a BMW CCA Street Survival event Aug 27 at Melvindale.

c. Entry fee refunds

Jennifer Merideth questioned the refund policy in the event that entrants failed to show up. There are non-refundable costs involved in processing the entry online and in making the refund. Should DRSCCA refund those costs out of their own funds? Bob Martin said our (Rallycross) policy is to refund all they paid in the interests of goodwill even though the “club” loses. Effort is made to have the entrant rollover the fees to the next event. In reality, there are very few refunds given so this does not appear to be a significant cost issue. The club policies cover this in section II, A 8 and 9 as follows:

“8. Entry refunds, minus any expense, will be approved by the Event Registrar and disbursed by the Treasurer. Refunds will not be made until checks have cleared the bank.

9. If a region event is cancelled by the region, the entry fee collected will be refunded in full, excluding any processing fees. In lieu of a refund, an entrant may elect to have the entry fee applied to a future event in that calendar year.”

It appears that we are not doing what is in the policies. Since the consensus is to change the policy I will start a thread in the forum to discuss this.

d. The software used for Solo and Rallycross (AXWare?) needs review since it is not universal. Jen Merideth will form a sub-committee to review. Volunteers include JM, Nathan Usher, Bob Martin, Mary Shiloff (in absentia!)

e. Computer security

Advice for region computer security – Norton is a memory hog and noone likes it; Microsoft Security Essentials is used by some with no negatives; AVG is also free and appears to have a similar following.

f. It was mentioned that “Rallycross” is an SCCA trademark and SCCA is suing Tanner Foust for using it. Hmmm!

<http://www.global-rallycross.com/>

Seems like the word Rallycross has been around since the 60's

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rallycross>

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References included for enlightenment only.

4. September Meeting Location

Franklin Room, Courthouse grill, Plymouth, MI.
September 14, 2011 at 7pm

5. Adjourn

8:35pm

Appendix A

Detroit Region SCCA

July 2011 Treasurer's Report Notes

Accounts Receivable

- FSAE	\$	10,500.00
- Deposit from February RX	\$	1,400.00
- Expenses for Oscoda Pro SOLO	\$	1,600.00

Sliverden 1000 deposit
TOTAL Accounts Receivable \$ 13,500.00

Pre Paid Deposits

- August SOLO	\$	1,500.00
- September SOLO	\$	1,500.00
- October SOLO	\$	1,000.00

TOTAL Pre Paid Deposits \$ 4,000.00

Pre Paid Rentals

- October SOLO	\$	2,388.00
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TOTAL Pre Paid Rentals \$ 2,388.00

TOTAL AR and Pre Paid Expenses \$ 19,888.00