

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Wed. December 11, 2019

On the Border, Novi, MI

Attendees:

Scott Harvey, Frank Putman, John Li, Keith Armitage, Jen Glass, Cindy Wisner, Nicholas Aranda, Steve Balanecki, Aldo Parodi, John Kytasty, Piotr Roszczenko, Ray Jason, Dan Assenmacher

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

1. Current and Online Business

- a. **November 2019 minutes** – were approved online.
- b. **Update for Meadowbrook** -- The Operating Committee will hold a meeting December 17, 2019. Unfortunately, the location fell through – the mansion declined and has the last right of refusal, preferring to limit use of the site for weddings and receptions. The event likely will not take place before 2021.
- c. **Equipment Storage** – tabled.
- d. **Thayer sponsorship** – Matt W. met with Adam and will get back to us.
- e. **Automotive HoF_ Trophy Display Updates** -- tabled
- f. **2020 BOD Officer's Election and Chiefs/Chairpersons confirmation**

RE Frank Putman requested elected board members to stay for the election and excused the others.

Per the bylaws the board elects the appointed directors/program chairs and financial director. Frank Putman moved the nomination of the slate and Ray Jason seconded (list attached).

The Chairs and Financial Director were approved by voice vote.

Per the bylaws the board elects the specialty chiefs and chairs. Frank Putman moved the nomination of the slate and Cindy Wisner seconded. The Specialty Chiefs and Chairs were approved by voice vote. (list attached).

RE Frank Putman then asked for nomination of officers, Each of the officers was nominated and seconded. The officers were approved by voice vote in favor:

Regional Executive:	Frank Putman
Assistant RE:	Cindy Wisner
Secretary:	Brian Thorpe
Treasurer:	Jennifer Glass

Meeting attendees returned and Frank Putman announced the 2020 officers and confirmation of the appointed directors, financial director, specialty chiefs and chairs.

2. Reports (including new/updated 2020 Event Budgets and follow up)

- a. **Race** Nick Aranda gave the race report. No racing in December.
 - i. **WHRRI Driver's School_ April 19 Class_ April 25-26 On Track**
DRSCCA is looking for 75 students

ii. **Detroit/WHRRI Restricted Regional_ Jun 27-28_ Waterford Hills** in progress

iii. **Event Updates** Considering an open track day at Gingerman for the weekend conflicting with Vintage at Waterford

b. **Rallycross**

i. **#7 Season Ender, Dec 7, Thistle Hill.** John K chaired the event with 51 drivers and 8 runs there was a cone massacre in the am (average 7 cones per driver) and the course was changed in the pm making a surplus.

ii. **#1 Season Opener, Jan 4, 2020, Crystal Motor Speedway.** Cap was raised to 65 and the event is full, with a waiting list / budget was approved last month.

iii. **Event Updates** Feb event at Bundy Hill –still working on a final date Matt W is event chair. Proposed to approve budget online – projecting a \$1200 surplus.

c. **Solo**

i. **Solo Planning Meeting_ 2020 Schedule Update** Planning meeting is 1-12 at cart to cart; budget is \$100 for the meeting. Tentative plan is 12-1:30 with 90 minutes for meeting to go over a tentative schedule and identify event chairs Meeting location is being changed to increase participation. Tentative schedule has been worked out with Corvette Club. If the schedule works out there will be 10 Great Lakes events. There are 12 points events and a join event with Saginaw in Oscoda 8/22 and 8/23 -- key is being sure there is equipment for the August event. Sean Tate (past event chair) is both SVR and Detroit regions. Ray is asking to confirm dates and offering to be event chair if we can get the dates. Ray will attend the planning meeting.

d. **Rally**

i. **Pavement Ends TSD_ Nov 23_ South Lyon** Good turnout with approximately \$1000 surplus The event used electronic scoring and it well received. The organizers learned a lot, identified best practices and used advanced GPS tracking.

ii. **Electronic Scoring** makes it easier to put on a Rally event == you don't have to hide the controls and control crews. Crews continue to work – approximately 25 teams participate

iii. **#1 Son-of-Sno*Drift XXII TSD_ Jan 11_ South Lyon** Scott Harvey is running the event. He will layout the course and use the virtual control system – all controlled by GPS so far we are sold on the concept – you don't have to limit controls to locate workers meaning

we envision more challenging rallies – no longer limited by the number of control crews we now can have 75 controls where previously we had to limit to 15-20 controls to veiling in time to get crews to the next section – there is lots of flexibility can do paved rallies with no problems This is a revolution in Rally – will be easier to put on shorter Rallies and bring in younger people and the control crews can compete. It will be necessary to re-think year end awards as it may no longer be required to work events to get an award. The smart phone tells the participant that they are at a control and early or late and they can adjust. Q from Keith – can we put a Ham radio operator in the car? This will be revolutionary; Ken Wiedbusch spoke highly of the system, too

- iv. **USRRC 2020_ Updates** national road rally event to be a standout event – possibly more than a cookout at the farm in November 2020

e. Asst. RE

- i. **2019 Award Banquet_ Updates.** Cindy Wisner passed out and reviewed the budget for the banquet. (copy attached). Three 50-year service award recipients and guests are invited. Cindy Wisner reminded program directors that program information is needed, and perpetual award winners will need to be decided at the January board meeting. Ray Jason made the motion to approve and Jennifer Glass seconded. The motion passed on voice vote.

f. RE

- i. **Director/Chief Budgets_ Due Jan 2020 BOD meeting** Frank Putman reminded attendees that budgets need to be brought to the January meeting. Frank sent out the forms via email. Discussion of Director and Chief budgets. If an item of equipment for an event breaks the repair/replacement should be added to the event budget. Piotr noted that virtual scoring will change the budget. We won't need to carry around controls, etc. but will need a laptop, GPS and amplifier to expand the network reception. These items are valid expenditures for the Rally program. The items used to lay out Rally will change - buying cones and or passed down cones.

- g. **FSAE Quote.** DRSCCA has been asked by FSAE for quote – the ask is early. FSAE has moved Lincoln to California – no experience yet with planned California event. DRSCCA asked for an increase last year with the new endurance course, etc. Frank and Ed will closely look at our requirements to support the event.

- h. **Treasurer.** Jennifer Glass reported \$136,805.92 in money market and \$42,730.01 in checking. Ken W. has submitted equipment expenses. Payment of Grand Prix expenses is complete. The tax filing was submitted

11-15. By the end of the quarter a box of papers will be provided to the auditors for the yearly audit. There were a couple of late submissions for RallyCross. It was noted that the chair of the event needs to report the number of cars – sanction number and count completing and submitting the form. Late fees are due if not timely submitted. There was discussion that possibly the chair does not get points for the event if late fees are assessed. Mary Shiloff sends entries and weekend memberships. Dan A. noted that he is sending info to chairs and directors they can use to update budgets.

- i. **Membership report** Steve B. reported membership is down 6 from last month with 1301 members. 10 new members and 16 expired or transferred. Nine (9) service awards were mailed at the end of the month.

- j. **Equipment** No updates.

- k. **Open Exhaust** Next issue at the end of Winter – articles are needed.

- l. **Street Survival® _ 2020 Fowlerville, 2020 Schoolcraft** Only date available for DRSCCA street survival at Schoolcraft is April 12 which is Easter Sunday. Ray offered to investigate availability of Pine Knob. We have been trying to book Schoolcraft for an event. Wheel Sport apparently owns downtown parking lots. Nick also offered to investigate locations.

- m. **Website/Social media** Discussion about how to keep the website and social media updated – there are MSR, Facebook and the website with calendars. It would be nice to list perpetual award winners on the website – no current info on the website. John Li agreed to contact Matt K and Matt W. Specialty directors can update the calendars. There is an opportunity to use a MSR widget for creating a calendar on the website.

- n. **Special Events** - none

- 3. **Calendar Review** Frank P passed out the calendar and the group reviewed the listed events and added events

- a. FSAE_ Organizing Committee Meeting_ Jan 14_ Dynamic Committee_ Feb meeting (date TBD)
- b. DGP_ May 29-31_ Updates, TransAm Schedule announced
- c. Empire Hill Climb_ Updates_ Sep 18-19

4. New Business

- a. **New Business/walk-ins/comments** Frank P went around the room for discussion
- b. **Autorama Display Booth_ Feb 28- Mar 1, 2020.** Nick A. is involved with Autorama. Displays have to be certified as fireproof- the 10' x 10' canopy may not be. Max size is 10x10. It is a good idea to do Autorama. There was not charge for Grand Prix. There is a charge for Autorama, and a budget will be needed Would like: kids' books (26% of attendees are 17-21), SCCA promotional literature, workers. A slide show/video also would

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be good. More than 149000 attend Autorama – about 50,000 more than Grand Prix. The plan is to approve a budget online or at the next monthly board meeting. The Q is the number of members recruited per \$1000. Will need to gather data re how members discover DRSCCA. Consider use of coupon codes on MSR when signing up for events. Discussion of where to ask for the display and proximity to Waterford. Also looking for canopy info and request for YouTube videos from rallycross, runoffs and FSAE. Nick offered to ask for videos from board and members. Info also can include how to find DRSCCA events on MSR.

5. 4. Jan 8, 2020 Meeting Date and Location

i. Meeting Location_ On-the-Border_ 7:00 pm

6. 5. Adjourn