

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reno Region of the SCCA**

## **January 2, 2008**

**Attendees:** Jim Gandy, Dave Deborde, Carol Deborde, Matt Roy, Randy Jones, Don Smith, Dean Benz, Scott Perry, Debbie Kerswill

Jim Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

### **Past Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes from the December 5, 2007 meeting were approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer's Report provided by Doug Driver was approved. Dean Benz commented that just because we have excess cash doesn't mean we have to spend it all.

### **NORPAC Convention:**

Don Smith has a laptop and projector for use at the Convention.

Dave Deborde informed the Board that there are fewer attendees this year.

There will be a silent auction, which will include contributions from the SCCA National Office along with Reno Region contributions. Jim requested Reno Region donate one autocross weekend entry and one \$50-off track event. The Board approved this request.

### **Reno Region Bus:**

Matt Roy has a contact in Sacramento who can get a good deal on bus tires and install them at Stead.

Dave has the bus license.

### **Blower purchase:**

Discussion deferred to the General Meeting.

### **2008 Track Events:**

Dave informed the Board that there has been no response from a possible sponsor.

Proposed event dates are unchanged (from the preliminary schedule distributed in December).

Dave was contacted by FFAST, an SCCA-accredited school, who will be running schools at Reno-Fernley Raceway. Their cost is around \$565 or \$595 per day.

### **2008 Solo Events:**

Matt reviewed the proposed schedule, which includes 19 points events starting with a test and tune and/or autocross school at Stead. This schedule leaves weekends open for Tours, a Street Survival School, and does not conflict with West Coast National Solo events. Matt is waiting to hear back from Reno-Stead airport on whether our proposed schedule works with their schedule and the pilots' school. The proposed schedule is as follows:

April 5/6 - Test and Tune and/or autocross school; Solo points event 1

April 19/20 - Points events 2 & 3

May 24/25 - Points events 4 & 5 (site TBD, Hawthorne or Stead - further Hawthorne details below)

June 7/8 - Points events 6 & 7

June 28/29 - Points events 8 & 9

July 12/13 - Points events 10 & 11; the Corvette Club may want to join us as well

August 2/3 - Points events 12 & 13 (site TBD, Squaw Valley or Stead)

August 23/24 - Points events 14 & 15 (site TBD, Squaw Valley or Stead)

September 6/7 - Points events 16 & 17 (tentatively at Lovelock)

October 4/5 - Points events 18 & 19

Early November - Awards Ceremony

**North-South Challenge, Memorial Day weekend at Hawthorne:**

Matt heard from Las Vegas Region RE Allon Adar-Burla, that we are unlikely to receive SCCA approval to run a Solo event at Hawthorne this year. Allon asked Matt whether Reno Region would be interested in joining Las Vegas Region in a Solo Trials event at Hawthorne, instead of a Solo event. The Board felt that in general, with Solo Trials rules (i.e. no convertibles without rollbars), and with an option of running a Solo event weekend at Stead, a majority of our Solo drivers may opt to attend a Solo points event at Stead. This question will be proposed at the General Meeting. Jim will discuss this issue further with Allon at the SCCA National Convention.

**Solo Supplemental Regulations Changes for 2008**

The following discussion points and Board voting on Solo Supplemental Rules changes were completed:

1. Change Section 4.1 - Event schedule (to start events 15 minutes earlier, with the Morning Drivers' meeting at 8:45am and Morning runs to start at 9:00am) - APPROVED.
2. Change Section 2.4.1, eliminate reference to non-member entry fees, eliminate Section 2.4.2 and renumber subsequent sections to note how the national Weekend Membership program fees are applied. 2008 SCCA National rules requires all Solo participants to be either regular or Weekend Membership members (Weekend Membership fee is \$15). - APPROVED.
3. Change Section 5 regarding the Annual Revision of Solo Supplemental Regulations, as follows:  
"5. Annual Revision of Solo Supplemental Regulations  
These Solo Supplemental Regulations are to be reviewed at least annually and revised as appropriate by the Reno Region Board of Directors. Each change must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Revisions should be completed and the finished Supplemental Regulations published at least 30 days before the region's first scheduled Solo competition of the year." - APPROVED.
4. Replace 2.12.1.F with the following:  
Trophies: up to 4 trophy positions; if eligible; add 1st and 2nd place trophies; omit 'non-eligible entrants' statement; - TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY MEETING FOR FURTHER VERBIAGE CHANGES.
5. Implement 'Segregation' of R-Compound and Street Tire, replaces Sections 3.1  
As an alternative to segregation of street/race tires classes, Matt discussed the National Prep Class with some of our California drivers. Half of them were interested in participating and half were not interested. He has not received much other input on National Prep Class rules yet. General discussion among Board Members were that a class segregation was not in the best interests of the Club.  
Motion was made to indefinitely table a tire segregation change - 7 VOTED YES, 1 ABSTAINED
6. Change the numerical value of the Street Tire Handicap Multiplier specified in Section 3.1.2 (current multiplier is .968).  
Matt suggested a change to .970, a 15% harder value.  
Based on Randy's analysis from 2007 results, he suggested a change range of .9725 to .975.  
Dean offered to re-run an analysis based on Nationals results, Matt supported his offer.  
Don suggested running a side-by-side comparison of race and street tires.  
FURTHER DISCUSSION OR DECISION WAS TABLED.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm, with a follow-up meeting after the General Meeting.

The follow-up meeting was called to order after the General Meeting and included the following

discussion items:

Don shared some follow-up conversations regarding Street Tire segregation. Some of those giving feedback were not adverse to changing the modifier to be more in favor of race tires.

**Solo Annual Tech Dates:**

Matt suggested holding an annual tech day at C&C (as was done in 2007), and will help start the planning earlier this year.

**Street Survival School:**

Street Survival School scheduling was discussed, with a suggestion of holding a school at the end of April or early May, or perhaps earlier in the Carson City/Carson Valley area.

**Expenditure Requests:**

Jim requested the Board to approve a budget of up to \$50 per General meeting to fund door prizes. Dean Benz motioned to approve, Don Smith seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the request.

The Board approved an ongoing cost to purchase some pitchers of soda and ice tea for General Meeting attendees.

The Board approved the purchase of a limited number of 2008 Solo Rulebooks, to be provided for purchase by the membership. Dave will handle the purchase of GCR rulebooks for purchase by Track participants.

**Web Forum:**

Matt proposed implementation of a web forum for Reno Region, as a tool to facilitate communication among members. Scott Perry can build this using existing forum products, which provide user login verification, swear filters and other features. Scott and Matt can serve as forum moderators to insure appropriate content. A yearly cost of \$130 was estimated. The Board voted to table this request until the February meeting, when firmer costs will be provided.

**Solo Class Structures:**

In addition to the street tire class discussion and debates, Matt also evaluated other class structure ideas including catch-all' classes for street-tired cars in Stock, Street Prepared and Street Modified classes.

**Online Registration:**

With continued interest in providing online registration, Scott will pursue this for 2008.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.