

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Reno Region of the SCCA November 5, 2008

Attendees:

Lee Mitchell, Don Smith, Randy Jones, Doug Driver, Larry Savage, Richard Fuller, Michael Argo, John Townley, Wes Friesen, Eric Johnson, Carol Deborde, Dave Deborde, Matt Roy, Dean Benz, Jim Gandy, Debbie Kerswill, Pat Housel.

Jim Gandy called the meeting to order at 6:47pm.

New Faces:

Mike Argo introduced himself, indicating he joined in March, and worked corners at our track events.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the October General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Driver reported that the Club net worth is approximately \$37,000, with the Awards banquet representing the last major expense for the year. Dean Benz motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Randy Jones seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Events:

Pat Housel reported on Solo events #18 and #19 at Stead Airport on October 4th and 5th. Weather and turnout was good, and the Saturday course was a replica of a 2007 National Championships course. Pat thanked the volunteers from Friday setup, and from Saturday and Sunday setup and teardown.

Don Smith, Dave Deborde, and Dean Benz thanked the instructors and other volunteers who helped at the Tire Rack Street Survival school, conducted October 19th. 14 students attended Sunday's school, and some of the volunteers observed noticeable improvements in driving and confidence levels. Jim Gandy asked whether we should continue to host this school in the future, and received a 'Definite Yes' in feedback.

Upcoming Events:

Sign up forms are available for the Annual Awards banquet, set for November 15th. Randy Jones informed the group that in addition to the awards given out, door prizes would be plentiful. Donations for door prizes are being accepted.

Jim Gandy reported that a Track and Shop Tour is planned for November 22nd. The Tour will visit the Benson Brothers race prep shop, as well as a second shop location to be announced. Reno-Fernley Raceway will host the Tour to experience several track layouts. Interested participants are advised to watch for updated information to be published.

The Fall Tour has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 6th. More information will be published as the date gets closer.

Out of Region Events:

Dave and Carol Deborde attended the Runoffs at Heartland Park - Topeka. They commented that there was less attendance this year, which is the last year the Runoffs will be held at HPT. Weather was rainy for the practice and qualifying sessions, but dry for the races. The Runoffs will be televised starting on November 12th. See SCCA.org for a schedule.

Dean Benz was the Chief Instructor for Las Vegas Region's first Street Survival school. 9 students attended, and Dean remarked that there was great volunteer participation from the region, along with similar challenges related to advertising and publicity.

Jim Gandy informed the group that there will **Not** be a NORPAC Convention in 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Directors/Officers:

Board positions are open for nomination. Of those currently serving, Jim Gandy (Regional Executive), Randy Jones (Assistant Regional Executive), and Dave Deborde (Director of Track Programs) indicated they would like to serve in their position again. Dean Benz will serve the remainder of his 2-year Director term. Open positions include Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Solo, and one or two Board Directors (assuming Jim Gandy is re-elected as RE, a second Board Director position is available). Nominations were presented, and will be named on a ballot prior to the December meeting.

2009 Event Scheduling:

A preliminary Race schedule was announced. Five weekends of Track events is considered, with the 'signature race' anticipated as a Double National race, and at least one Regional race as well as Vintage race(s). Discussion is in progress on whether to hold PDX on a separate day, and how to manage the logistics of the different track event formats. Feedback was invited.

In 2008 there were 10 full weekends of Solo events. Feedback was requested on a reasonable number of Solo events for 2009, with the following considerations: a) the Hawthorne event will be hosted by Las Vegas Region in 2009; b) Lovelock is no longer an available site; c) Stead Airport is not available during August and September; d) in 2008, multiple event weekends were chaired by the same people, so for 2009 some new volunteer chairs are sought.

Preliminary Solo Supplemental Rule changes for 2009:

The group was invited to provide feedback on possible rule changes. Dave Deborde suggested a Solo Advisory Committee be formed to review and recommend rule changes, then present recommendations to the Board. Matt Roy noted that the Solo points structure seemed to work well in 2008, and suggested we keep it in place in 2009. Dean Benz recommended that we open up the web forum for discussion and feedback on rules changes, with a set period of time, for example, February 2009, to keep discussion open.

The door prize raffle for a \$50 Solo or Track event entry fee was won by Rich Fuller.

WALK ON ITEMS

Wes Friesen spoke about his grandson, who has been suffering from an illness for the past 4 years, which has just been diagnosed as Lyme disease. A fund raiser is available through Bank of America, titled as the 'Dewey Amrine Medical Fund'. A donation hat will also be available at the Awards banquet.

With no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.