

Reno SCCA – March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2020, 6:45pm - Online Conference Call

Attendance: Carol Deborde (Membership Chair), Dave Deborde (Regional Executive), Ahren Renner (Director at Large), Anthony Ta (Secretary), Andy Ross (Directory of Track Activities), Doug Driver (Treasurer), Don Smith

March 2020 Meeting minutes posted to Renoscca.org website.

Items from National SCCA

- Many events cancelled and impacted by COVID-19
- About 20% of events cancelled or postponed
- Reduced staffing at National to 10%
 - Few personnel left are on half-time
 - May be delays in responses and processing
 - Renewals - Physical member cards delayed sending out

Regional Impact

- Tire Rack Street Survival rescheduled to Saturday, June 13.

Time Trial and Track Event - May 9

- Thunderhill Raceway currently closed
- Track staff meeting on April 13 to determine if track can open
 - May open for private or very small events only...
 - UPDATE April 15 - Thunderhill to remain closed through April 31.
- If we go ahead with the event, many issues/concerns to address.
 - Loaner helmets - SCCA discourages use of loaner helmets due to COVID-19
 - We will need to provide head socks, disinfect helmets
 - Andy: No use of loaner helmets, or one-person use only
 - Carol: In past events 6-8 people use loaner helmets
 - Physical separation
 - Disinfect door handles
 - Social distancing!
 - Meetings should be held outdoors (per SCCA and track recommendations)
 - Suspend all social presentations
 - “Grab and go”, preassembled lunches.
 - No physical contact (No handshakes. Do air elbow bumps!)
 - Difficulties in acquiring disinfectant, sanitizers, etc.
 - Need masks
 - Unavailable in stores or online
- Greater than 50% chance” event will not happen
 - SF and Bay Area has shelter-in-place until May 3
 - Central California - “Until further notice”

- Andy's recommendation: If track is open, make effort to have event held.
 - Dave: Concerns of many older-aged participants, but outbreak in California less severe than expected.
- Nevada state requires people from California to self-quarantine for at least 14 days
 - Dave: Governor Sisolak says it will go through the end of April.
- Doug - Concerned about low participation could cause financial disaster for club.
 - Andy: What if track is open, and we decide to not have event?
 - Track would either refund deposit or schedule another date (preferred)
 - Deposit may be applied to another event already scheduled
 - Don - We have been struggling with track events before COVID-19 crisis. With unemployed and health scare, financially better to put resources to July event.
 - Dave - Andy did suggest that some people may want to get out to events, maybe have higher attendance numbers, but we do not know for sure.
- San Francisco region has event that hasn't been cancelled or postponed yet.
 - Most attendees are from six counties that are on lockdown until May 3
- Latest date we firmly decide to cancel or not? April 14.
 - UPDATE - April 17 - Reno Region Board of Directors have voted to cancel or delay May 09 TE/TT event. Email sent out.
- What is break even point?
 - 50-55 participants
 - Possible 45-50 if no other major expenses
- Tow truck
 - During last use, heavy smoke, low on power
 - Turbo not spinning
 - Dave turned turbine, has unstuck, debris may be stuck behind it
 - Replace turbo? \$400-500
 - Running OK at this time, will not commit to repair yet.
 - Dave installing turbo boost and EGT gauge - \$65 in gauges

Solo (Autocross)

- Supplemental Regulations
 - Ahren - Put those up within the next week
 - Cameron will look over changes to classes
 - Class groupings changed from last year
 - If another meeting on April 14, "supps" ready by then would allow others to read and comment
- First event - May 23
 - Same weekend as an San Francisco Region event
- Is registration up?
 - Dave - Not yet, events not sanctioned yet.
 - MSR doesn't need to sanction yet, but SCCA does.
- Sanction must be in 14 days before event
 - Doesn't charge anything, but \$200 charge if sanction request submitted less than 14 days before event
 - Dave - Worthwhile to have all sanctions put in
 - Triggers registration to MotorsportReg
 - Triggers notices from SCCA
 - Ahren - Needs access to SCCA admin to submit sanctions
 - Only person who can access admin at a time
 - Currently Cameron
 - Dave - Dave, Andy, Cameron, can do sanctions
 - Dave can submit once he has information
- Have XTreme Street A and B (XS-A and XS-B) replace "Tuner (W)" class?
 - Group agrees
 - Ahren has inputted XS-A and XS-B into Solo timing software
- Prices
 - Ahren would like prices to be the same
 - No projections of costs going up
 - Member and non-member prices
 - Same, non members buy weekend membership
 - Solo prices - \$30 ahead of time, \$35 on-site
 - Add \$10 for weekend membership
 - Site fee - \$600 per day, \$1200 for weekend
 - Hopefully prices remain the same

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes Submitted by:
Anthony Ta - Secretary
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