

Reno SCCA – June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2020, 6:45pm - Online Conference Call

Attendance: Dave Deborde (Regional Executive), Carol Deborde (Membership chair), Andy Ross (Director of Track Activities), Anthony Ta (Secretary), Doug Driver (Treasurer), Sam McCord, Ahren Renner (Director At-Large)

May 2020 Meeting minutes posted to Renoscca.org website.

Financial Statement

- No activities during month of May
- Same position as last year (repair to tow truck engine)
 - Small loss until we catch up
- Treasurer's report approved by board

Webinar with SCCA National

- Junior Driving Program
 - Result of recent happenings, program on pause until issues sorted with procedures and way events might be run
 - Reno SCCA does not have junior driving program
 - If interested, there will be new procedures and processes sometime in future (stay tuned!)
- A lot of events reopening across country
 - They are able to fill staffing positions back at national office

Regional Business

- Tire Rack Street Survival
 - Result of COVID-19, event postponed
 - Questions on in-car coaches
 - Not enough coaches that would ride in-car with masks with students
 - Elected to reschedule for August 8

Solo (Autocross)

- June 6-7, held as planned
 - It was cold, windy. Snowed on Sunday
 - Turnout was good (best in three years) since started using site
 - Sacramento and SF region members visited
- Very few problems
 - One downside - Solo Bus needed new battery
 - Ahren bought new battery, will submit receipt to Doug (\$109)
- Adherence to COVID-19 procedures?
 - Mainly social distancing
 - Decent number of people wore masks and gloves
 - Registration wore gloves
 - People spaced out registration line to distance
 - Cold weather encouraged people to stay in vehicles

- On course - People a little close at worker stations
- Excellent income - Likely most ever for a weekend at current site
- Site Rental Fee - Will need to submitted to Training Center
- Results for events 3 and 4 posted online as events "1 and 2"
 - Ahren - Scoring system cannot start at "3". System will have problems calculating "drops" if cancelled events are blank
 - Prefer to continue counting from "1" to avoid manually fixing scoring at end of season
- Preparation for next round
 - Ahren - Need a post on Facebook for a volunteer to design a course
 - Running out of designs
 - One or two "default" designs would be good in case no one volunteers
- Big post on Reno Cars and Coffee Facebook Group
 - Many unaware
 - Advertise to them for awareness!
 - First time attendee primer? Week or two in advance.
 - Also for TT/TE events
- Need another Solo safety school
 - Very short on available safety stewards

Track Activities

- June 20 - Thunderhill Raceway TT/TE event is a go
- Guidelines to meet as issued by California
 - Not too difficult but will do the usual social distancing and wear face masks when outside cars
 - Andy: Requirements vs. "good ideas". Do not want to unfairly point out rule breaking.
- California reopened, but more COVID-19 cases.
- Some places in California pulling back on reopening. Should not be an issue at Thunderhill.
 - Need to make sure we are reacting correctly.
 - Temperature taken at entrance gate
- Sam: Definitely county by county. Track has requirements to follow. Need to determine requirements for Glenn County (Thunderhill Raceway county location).
- Sam: Teaching will be done outside with distancing
- Will check with track and SCCA to confirm confirm COVID-19 requirements
 - Info will be passed to track participants
- We have to fill out a request for what equipment we need at track
 - Rent PA system?
 - Sam - Not necessary. Can articulate verbally without PA system.
 - Andy - Not in favor of renting. Will need to announce to drivers to pay attention to time and schedule.
- Corner workers
 - Andy: Three people signed up to work event
 - Need three or four more course workers
 - SFR believes our event weekend will have 100+ degree temperatures

- Ahren - How does taking temperatures at gate work if outside temperature is 100+?
 - Sweating should not affect IR temp reading.
- In-car coaching?
 - Driver and instructor both need to agree
 - For those uncomfortable with instructor in car, instructor will observe from outside.
 - Ahren - Lead driver with instructor following? At least 6ft separation between cars.
- PPE - We have masks Reno SCCA has purchased
 - Disposable masks
 - Hand sanitizer - Sam will follow up with local brewery that is making 70% alcohol hand sanitizer.
 - Big hand sanitizer bottles now available at Costco? Carol will buy some if possible.
- Loaner helmets
 - No loaner helmets
 - Must notify all registered participants that there will be no loaner helmets
- Lack of confidence on the turbo on tow truck
 - Dave planning to take tow truck and equipment trailer to Willows, CA for storage. Proposes to leave it there until end of July.
- Waivers
 - Will continue paper waivers. Not trying electronic waivers for now.
- Food?
 - No prices yet to bag up lunches by Thunderhill.
- TE Green group sign ups full
 - 15 drivers signed up
 - Very good news!

Other Business

- Rallycross?
 - Possible rallycross track being built for "Nitro World Games" rallycross competition at Fernley motorsports complex
 - Much more extreme than SCCA rallycross
 - Fully-prepped race cars and jumps
 - If venue built, possible to use leveled tamer sections for rallycross events

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes Submitted by:
 Anthony Ta - Secretary
 Reno Sports Car Club of America