

Reno SCCA – October 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2020 - 6:45pm - Mimi's Cafe

Attendance: Scott Knauf (Assistant Regional Executive), Anthony Ta (Secretary), Ahren Renner (Director-at-Large), Sam McCord (Chief Driving Instructor), Boris Vujasinovic, Leon Borden, David Davidow, Eric Brolli, Jacob Greene

New Attendees

- David Davidow - Retired firefighter, long-time Reno resident. Last autocross event prior to last weekend was in 1960s Reno SCCA. Had a fun blast at the final Solo weekend of 2020 Season.

September 2020 Meeting Minutes posted to Renoscca.org website

- Reading of minutes waived

Financial Report

- No Treasurer's report submitted for October 2020
 - Reading of report waived

Regional Business

- Banquet delayed to March 20, 2021
 - Due to COVID-19 pandemic, 50 person capacity limit in ballroom
 - Our banquet typically has far more than 50 attendees
- New equipment needed
 - Radios
 - Couple new stacks of cones needed for Solo
 - Solo Timing Laptop
 - Likes to crash on Saturday at about 10:15am
 - Usually turned on 1-2 days before event to make sure all updates installed and hard drive defragmented
 - New laptop with SSD storage drive would be highly preferable
 - AXWare timing software license expired
 - Renew, update, or new timing software?
 - New timing program will need to work with timing lights
 - Scott - Address software sooner than later
 - Timing lights and displays OK. One display needs some maintenance.
 - David submitting a donation to assist with equipment costs
 - Carol will handle specifics of donation submissions

- Solo Bus
 - Has $\frac{3}{4}$ tank of fuel
 - Ahren will add fuel stabilizer to keep fuel good throughout winter
 - Pull battery to avoid draining it?
 - Solar trickle charger?
 - Bus otherwise runs and functions well enough
- Solo - Perform maintenance on electricity generator
- Appreciation gift to Regional Public Training Center and those who help store Solo van and trailer
 - Sam - Chevron Gift Cards to owner to Solo van and trailer storage site?
- Scott: Need volunteers to help run club
 - Great start with Solo Safety Steward program. Numerous more stewards.

Solo (Autocross)

- Regional Public Training Center has been a good site
 - Common feedback is surface size is small
 - David can scout for large, open, and empty warehouse lots Solo may use
- Winnemucca expressed interest in having us back
- Boris: 3 run groups?
 - Helps prevent station workers from standing for 1.5 hours and getting exhausted
 - Ahren: How do you keep people who are there all day from getting tired?
 - Not enough in changeover for lunch, and event may run until 4-5pm
 - Not enough grid space for three run groups
- Boris: Good attendance has many people at work stations when we really only need two or three.
 - Ahren: Rotate workers? Hot swap?
- Boris: Is "Enduro" (similar to Sacramento SCCA) possible?
 - 2-3 laps, single run
 - Ahren: Rules dictate three runs minimum. We can do two practice runs on one day, and official Enduro run on next day.
 - Enduro "catch": DNF in only official run and time for driver is invalid.
- Cap attendance?
 - Recommend we cap online registration to 60 people
 - Higher driver count will cause day to drag on into mid-afternoon
- Yearly non-refundable pass?
 - Positive reaction to have a year pass for entry to all Solo events of season
- Solo Schedule for next year
 - Will find out at end of October. Regional Public Training Center needs to determine dates with their partners before we find out date openings for our events.
- Posting course map on FaceBook before event is a great idea!
 - Boris: Recommending posting course map for both days.

Track Activities (Time Trials / Track Event)

- Dave working on getting tentative dates with Thunderhill
- Sam: Feedback and interested for two-day events using East and West course at Thunderhill
 - Using East (3-mile) course is expensive
 - Club experienced a financial loss from that day
 - Less attendance on 2-mile course the following day
- Final TT/TE event of year had high attendance
- No particular changes
- Many first timers at event
 - Number of instructors available is a little better this year
 - \$175 introductory entry fee has been good
- Will continue using two Time Trial Groups (TT1 and TT2, separated by speed)
- A turbo has been donated to repair tow truck

Rallycross

- Reno-Fernley Raceway site is building three Rallycross courses
 - One course will be used in the extreme Nitro series (fully-caged race cars and jumps)
 - SCCA may be able to use the mildest (flat) course or sections for our events
- No new news for Yerington fairgrounds site this month (handled by Eric Hauge)
- Ahren recommends splitting the Solo/Rallycross Director role into two positions if rallycross events are happening for Reno SCCA
- Make a Facebook post to get a feeler on level of interest in Rallycross

Board Nominations for 2021

- Regional Executive
 - Dave Deborde nominated
- Assistant Regional Executive
 - Sam McCord would like to be more involved with club. Nominated.
- Treasurer
 - Doug Driver has been performing in this role for 15 years and has decided it is time to step down.
 - Scott: Need Doug or another with experience to handle end-of-year taxes, filings, etc.
- Director-at-large (One year term)
 - Ahren Renner nominated
 - Second Director-at-Large position is two-year-term held by Cory Davis
 - Determined next year
- Director of Solo Activities
 - Ahren: Cameron is good with doing it another year
- Submit nominations for all one-year positions (needs a person to second nomination)
 - Regional Executive
 - Assistant Regional Executive
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Director of Solo Activities
 - Director of Rally Activities
 - If split from current Director of Solo and Rally Activities position
 - Director of Track Activities
 - Director-at-Large (One-year term)

Miscellaneous

- Bring back test-and-tune? (similar to a Solo exhibition. No scoring)
 - Maximum 30 attendees
 - Can perform annual tech at the same event
- Reno SCCA official website needs a complete overhaul (very outdated)
 - Need to determine ownership of site
 - Need to determine who will run site if overhaul gets go-ahead

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes Submitted by:

Anthony Ta - Secretary

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