

# Reno SCCA – January 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 13, 2021 - 6:30pm - Mimi's Cafe

**Attendance:** Dave Deborde (Regional Executive), Carol Deborde (Membership Chair), Sam McCord (Assistant Regional Executive), Andy Ross (Director of Track Activities), Anthony Ta (Secretary), Colleena McHugh, Bob Williamson, Eric Hauge, Sean Thibodaux, Leon Borden

December 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes posted to Renoscca.org website

- Reading of minutes waived

## 2021 Reno SCCA Board or Directors

Regional Executive - Dave Deborde

Assistant Regional Executive - Sam McCord

Secretary - Anthony Ta

Treasurer - Brittany Barats

Activities Director, Solo/Rally - Cameron Drudge

Activities Director, Track Event and Time Trials - Andy Ross

Director-at-Large, Two-year term expires Dec. 2021 - Cory Davis

Director-at-Large, Two-year term expires Dec. 2022 - Ahren Renner

## Financial Report

- Signers of the organization checking account: Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, and Treasurer - Updated for 2021
  - Signed by Secretary (Anthony Ta)
- Year-end 12-month Treasurer's Report
  - Statement of income/expenses completed through October 31
  - Full year detail of event expenses completed
  - General Fund (Street Survival, conventions, etc) down over \$1500
    - Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) did give gain of \$1400
  - Solo (Autocross) - Net income of over \$6000
  - Track - Net income of over \$3400
  - Overall Fund Balance gain of \$12k for 12-month period in 2020
- Treasurer's report approved by Board

## State of the Region

As with most other clubs, the Reno Region SCCA was affected by the COVID-19 virus. Early season Autocross events were cancelled due to site availability issues. The first event was delayed until June 6-7. When we were able to resume events, attendance was good and events were safe. Track Events suffered a similar fate. The first event, May 9, was cancelled but the remaining schedule was good. Like Solo, Track saw increased attendance at the remaining events. All programs experienced positive cash flow for the season, with a Season Total Income on from Event Operations of over \$12,000. The Reno Region is in good shape financially with sufficient reserve funds to cover unexpected expenditures and invest in program expansion.

One area of concern: region membership has declined from a high of nearly 400 down to 255 currently. Several factors likely influence this decline including the loss of the Stead Airport Solo site and Reno-Fernley Raceway. Planned Rally and Rallycross events could help restore our membership base.

## Regional Business

- Membership numbers - Introduction of RallyCross in 2021 season may help
- Banquet - If 50 person limit continues to exist by March, event will need to be cancelled or postponed
  - If event cancelled, need alternative way to deliver trophies
    - Virtual presentation of awards?
  - Still need ideas for special award ideas (such as Coach of the Year, etc.)
- Regional Charter Renewal - Deadline February 25
- Business Charter with State of Nevada
- IRS filing
- Need to update the Reno Region officers and chair people list with SCCA national for 2021
- SCCA National Convention (held virtually)
  - 1 day kickoff on January 23
  - Various different nights for topics such as Solo, Time Trial, Road Race, etc.
  - Many sessions also will be recorded

## Solo (Autocross)

- New Solo Laptop - David Davidow has received the new laptop and donated it to the meeting. Laptop now in Reno SCCA's possession. Thank you Mr. Davidow!
- Replacement cones?
  - Colleena - Green apex cones like at SFR?
- Solo Supplemental regulations will need to be completed
- Andy made very quick draft of three-run group format
  - Problem with 2 run groups: With lots of cars, course workers are working over 90 minutes...
  - Add 3-run group to Supplemental rules?
  - Will need to update Reno SCCA website for run groups (very outdated...)
- 2021 Event Schedule on website
  - Events through June are confirmed.
  - Cameron says site sees no issue with other events, but they are NOT able to be confirmed/locked until later in year
- Solo School
  - Cover all basic concepts of autocross and driving course
  - Can it be replaced by mentorship program (led by Bryce Reddinger)
  - To be determined...
- Registration
  - Need a dedicated person to help with full (yearly) membership registration
  - Andy very busy with registration for the day's events, unable to guide people through full SCCA membership sign up
  - Anthony: How about a tablet kiosk that allows for membership sign up?
    - Andy: Great idea, may need a dedicated member at kiosk to guide people
  - To be determined...
- Dedicated Solo Meeting?
  - Many topics to discuss, but limited time in monthly general club meeting
  - Currently various topics to make decisions on before start of first event on April 3-4.
  - Anthony to contact all applicable members to have a dedicated online meeting for Solo
  - Topics: Sanctions, course design philosophy, equipment needs, preparation

## Track Activities (Time Trials / Track Event)

- 2021 Supplemental Regulations
  - No major changes expected
  - Will need review to keep it current
- Start advertising for first event one month out
- Dedicated corner workers
  - Normally volunteers or paid to course (~\$15/hour/person)
- Track Costs
  - Dave: Expects Thunderhill to keep costs the same for 2021. SFR has advertised their Road Race events with same entry fees as in 2020, at times slightly lower fees.
- Feedback from Sean Thibodaux
  - A lot of people who attend Track Event would love to go to different tracks
    - Andy: Difficulty is the Reno SCCA club is very small and very financially risky to travel further away than Thunderhill
  - Met with owner of Reno Fernley Raceway
    - Owner is looking for investments and as contacted for estimates of repaving and building costs
    - Track Layout: SW portion gone, NE will be RallyCross
    - Andy: Reno SCCA unable to assist with investment due to club being very small and unable to run enough events to be an investor.
      - Uncertain if SFR region people would travel to RFR...
- Tech Inspection
  - Feedback: Taking too long. Tech inspection ends up interfering with morning driver's meeting and causes delays
  - Annual tech?
  - Various track organizations are moving to "self-certify tech" due to COVID-19, responsibility of inspection on owner vehicle
    - Tech still has right to inspect a vehicle if concerns of safety are raised or apparent

## Rallycross - Presented by Eric Hauge

- Dave: RallyCross tour?
  - It may be possible, varies on route and COVID-19 restrictions
- Rally development committee?
- August 22 date at Yerington (Lyon County Fairgrounds)
  - No conflicts
  - More information to come soon
  - Other event dates unknown at this time

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

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