

SOUTHWEST DIVISION SCCA
Scheduling Meeting
Huffman, Texas
July 23, 2011

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. Additional notes will remain on file with the division records. Also it is not intended to be chronological.

The meeting was held at Roma Pizza & Pasta Restaurant in Huffman, Texas. The Houston Region hosted the meeting. The format was to conduct the Scheduling Meeting and convene a special business meeting as needed to entertain and vote on motions.

Corporation President Tom Brown called the meeting of the Southwest Division - SCCA to order at 10:10 AM.

Voting delegates were:

Jerry Hooten (Lone Star Region)
Phil Adams (Texas Region)
John Dorety (Alamo Region)
James Rogerson (Houston Region)
Mike Rogers (Southwest Louisiana Region)
Andrew McMillan (South Texas Border)
Tom Brown, SOWDIV President
R David Jones, Area 7 Director

Also present were:

Treasurer Vince Hummer
Secretary Mary Hummer

Many other members attended as non-voting participants.

Minutes of the January 2011 Corporate Meeting and the January 2011 Roundtable Meeting were presented. Motion made and seconded to accept the Corporate Meeting minutes and Roundtable Meeting minutes without amendment (Rogerson/Rogers). Motion passed unanimously.

Future meeting minutes will be sent to the SOWDIV Board of Directors by the Secretary following the meeting. The directors will have 10 days to respond with any additions/corrections to the minutes. If no response is received within the 10-day period, a silent vote to approve the minutes will be assumed. The minutes will, then, be posted to the website.

Treasurer, Vince Hummer, presented the 2011 Mid-year financial statement. A copy of the report is retained on file. Questions were answered regarding funds for the Worker's School, Permanent Numbers, and Timing & Scoring Equipment. Motion made and seconded to accept the 2011 Mid-year financial statement as presented (Rogerson/Rogers) Motion passed unanimously.

Vince communicated an issue regarding SRO funds involving the Texas Region. SRO cards valued at \$1620 were accepted by the Registrar for race entry fees in error. Normally, the cards must be submitted to Vince with race results in order for the driver to receive reimbursement. Registrars should never accept

cards for entry fees. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse the Texas Region in the amount of \$1620 for the value of the SRO cards that were accepted by the Registrar in error (Hooten/Dorety). The motion passed (5 for, 1 abstain).

Committee Reports

Rally Report – no report

Solo Report – no report

Website – no report

Other - none

Director's Report – R David Jones

- SCCA is still losing members. We do not actively recruit members, and our events are more “business” than fun. With fewer participants, costs rise.
- We are segregated into groups, and the groups do not help one another.
- R. David would like the Southwest Division to work together, as a group, to put on a Division event. By doing so, all Regions would get involved in sending workers and racers. The super Regions would help the lesser Regions to participate in the divisional event.
- SCCA needs to think of innovative ways to attract members, since there are so many competitors (NASA, CVAR, Porsche Club, etc) who fight for members and track time at the different venues. Many of these competitors offer drivers' schools and bring members in through the schools.
- We do not have as many tracks (airports can no longer be used). Tracks are being built in the major metro areas rather than rural areas.
- Larger Regions should consider helping/working with the lesser Regions, and possibly share races with them. Many years ago, the Division had a loan fund to help the lesser regions with costs. We are going downhill, so we need to work together to increase participation.
- All Regions should make people feel welcome, and make their events fun. Regions are fading away, and they need to be brought back.

Old Business

- Retirement of Permanent #67 in honor of Tom Thrash. A letter was written to the Thrash family to notify them that the number has been retired.
- A proposal made at the National level on July 6, 2011, to use test days prior to races to mentor drivers was almost word for word as to what was discussed at the SOWDIV meeting in January 2011. A vote will be taken at the National level in August, but it appears everyone is in favor of the new program. A detailed discussion ensued regarding tracks, mentors, placement of novices on the grid, etc.

Break for REs to discuss Racing Schedule – 12:50 PM

Reconvene – 1:15 PM

New Business

Scheduling

- Motion made and seconded to accept the 2012 Southwest Division Racing Schedule as presented (Rogerson/Hooten).
- Discussion ensued regarding the number of races being scheduled.
- R. David has concerns about the large number of races proposed for the season. He believes participation in each race will be diluted.
- The Texas Region is facing a “make or break” year, but would like to experiment. A bad weekend could end their ability to put on races, and venues are a problem.

- Tom Brown asked the Lonestar Region if the Texas Region could host a race at Texas World Speedway if they ran into trouble. The Lonestar Region replied they would do whatever is appropriate.
- R. David suggested that the Division work together to put on one of the events, with all Regions supporting it.
- The prior motion was amended/seconded to accept the 2012 Southwest Division Racing Schedule with the change that November 12 - 13 weekend (Enduro/Regional) would now be a Southwest Division Event rather than a Houston Region Event (Rogerson/Hooten). The motion passed (5 for, 1 abstain). A copy of the schedule is kept on file.

Race Groups, 2012 Season – no changes proposed

Regional Points – Championship

- Motion made and seconded to use the best 7 finishes for the Regional Points Championship and require at least 4 races to qualify for a Regional trophy. (Rogers/McMillan). Motion passed unanimously.

Equipment/Software needs

- Motion made and seconded to allocate \$800 for a Fire School at Eagles Canyon (Adams/Hooten). Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made and seconded to allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of a LCD projector. (Hooten/McMillan). Motion passed (4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention).

Stewards

- Detailed discussion on the number of Stewards required for races developed.
- In general, 2 Operating Stewards, 1 Tech Steward, 2 Black Flag Stewards, 1-2 Safety Stewards, 1 Chief Steward and 1 Chair SOM should be on duty (total 8-9).
- Each Region decides what to do for their workers with regard to SRO cards, gas cards, etc.

Street Survival

- Mike Rogers received an email regarding an event similar to the Street Survival course, this one by Chevrolet, and inquired as to whether SCCA would want to participate in the event.
- Phil Adams commented that Subway restaurants would provide free sandwiches for the event.
- Others commented that the event is more of a “goodwill” event.

Registration

- A question was raised as to whether SCCA has migrated to a new registration system.
- Migrating to the new system is mandatory.
- Tom will speak to our registrar to confirm SOWDIV has migrated to the new system.

Formula One

- There was discussion regarding the upcoming F1 race in Austin. Will SCCA be involved and how?
- SCCA might provide workers, but will probably not be in charge of the workers.

Tony Predock Award

- The Tony Predock award is presented to a worker with above normal participation level. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the division secretary on or before December 1, 2011. An email vote will be completed based on the names of nominees submitted. The award

will be presented at the January meeting, if nominees are received. Mary Hummer will send a reminder to the RE's in November.

SRO Program

Revised SRO Program

- A document detailing the proposed changes to the SRO program was distributed to the Board of Directors
- The SRO Committee members are Charles Orea, Jim Lowe, Brent McNaul and Vince Hummer (Treasurer)
- It was determined that the old program needed more control due to monetary issues, and the new program provides that control.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the new SRO Program in its entirety as a replacement for the old SRO Program effective August 1, 2011 (Dorety/Rogerson). The motion passed (5 for, 1 abstain)

The Texas Region is scheduled to host the January 2012, meeting. However, another Region might agree to host the meeting in order to boost participation in a non-racing Region. Details will be provided as the date approaches.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Rogerson/Hooten). Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hummer
Secretary