

SOUTHWEST DIVISION SCCA
Scheduling Meeting
Grapevine, TX
July 21, 2007

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

The meeting was held at the Stacy Furniture Community Room in Grapevine, TX. Texas Region hosted. 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 to order at 10:02 AM. A break was taken for lunch around mid-day.

Voting delegates in attendance were:

Danny Benzer (Lone Star Region)
Ralph (Bert) Siebert (Texas Region)
Brian Stubblefield (South Texas Border Region)
Dan Helman (Houston Region)
Mike Rogers (Southwest Louisiana Region)
John Lieberman (Red River Region)

Also present were:

Director at Large Mike Sauce
Secretary Laurie Sheppard

Many other members attended as non-voting participants.

Mike Sauce presented national news, including his perspectives as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. A special focus of that committee is to maintain a balanced budget. Toward that end, Mike reports that operations at mid-year are in the black and SCCA no longer maintains a margin loan. Pro Racing is also in the black after changes were made in the make-up of the Pro Racing Board and installation of a new leader. Pro Racing now provides a financial statement to SCCA monthly. A major crossroads coming up for Pro Racing is renewal of the Speed TV contract.

Mike also spoke of discussions on how to manage classes (he has proposed a program to condense the classes to 24 in order to meet the Runoffs® format) and the viability of SCCA Enterprises, which at an earlier point was up for sale but is currently being run well.

As always, Mike welcomes comments and suggestions; anyone can call him at any time.

Minutes from the January meeting were made available for review. No changes were noted - they will be approved at the next Annual Meeting of the SOWDIV Board.

The mid-year financial statement was distributed prior to the meeting by Treasurer Susan Balon. A copy of the report is retained on file.

The divisional Solo Steward was not in attendance. There was no discussion of Solo issues.

Radios for the division's Club Racing events are still in need of replacement. Items discussed included:

- ◆ A plan for replacement has not been received from Eddie Sinclair - it is needed as soon as possible
- ◆ TWS and MSR-H are affected by bleed-over from the Houston Cab Company, making race operations stressful
- ◆ Suggested to give Eddie 30 days to prepare a proposal for replacement radios and vote on the proposal electronically (the directors agreed to this plan)

Considerable discussion related to scheduled events included:

- ◆ Houston Region will hold an event on August 4-5, 2007 at MSR-H
- ◆ Houston Region would like to have their scheduled event on November 17-18, 2007 be the first national of the 2008 season. This would require BoD approval. Mike Sauce and James Rogerson to discuss.
- ◆ Lone Star Region will go back to a Regional/National format for their May 2008 event at TWS.
- ◆ Regions should consider worker turnout, relationship to abutting divisions, projected car counts, and stability of published schedule when preparing for events.
- ◆ Texas Region feels the division should avoid national holiday weekends when scheduling events; Mike Sauce added that we should also allow at least three weeks between dates for competition preparation
- ◆ The number of nationals, double nationals, regionals, and drivers schools was discussed with various opinions being offered
 - A true regional championship is needed - Mike has sponsorship lined up.
 - Number of regionals and nationals is equal
 - One more double drivers school is on the schedule
 - No PDX date - this should be considered as a ladder event

- o Restricted Regional on a national weekend will be considered on a case by case basis
- ◆ Other topics included "traditional dates" and the possibility of returning the enduro to TWS
- ◆ Mike Sauce urges that the schedule be 'set in stone' by 12/1/2007.

Status of various tracks:

- ◆ MSR-H would like to have 'reverse direction' approval
- ◆ South Texas Border Region has scheduled an event at Cabiness - the track will need to be reinspected
- ◆ Rusty reported to Lone Star Region that he expects racing to continue at TWS for another three years

Race groupings for the 2008 season were discussed with the following highlights:

- ◆ Spec Racer Ford drivers requested removal of sports racers from their group, citing decreased entries, potential incidents, "25 race cars sitting in garages", difficulty in differentiating a sports racer from a SRF in the mirror
 - o Sports racers are also risky in 'wings and things' due to closing speeds
 - o 120% rule should be enforced for national races
 - o Belief that we are hurting the SRF class in general to accommodate a few slow sports racers
 - o Racers need to work together
- ◆ Race groups will stay the same for 2008; will evaluate throughout the season
- ◆ Regional class rules and points were presented (handouts on file):
 - o 4 preparation changes proposed for SRX7
 - o Move Baby Grand to Super Production due to low car counts

Motion: "To accept SRX7 rules changes as proposed."
[Rogers/Sauce] Passed unanimously

Motion: "To accept regional class rules for 2008 with Baby Grand in Super Production." [Rogers/Sauce] Passed unanimously

There was extensive discussion of worker issues, including lack of workers, recruitment, rewards, SRO Fund status, training, payment of workers, etc. Among the highlights were:

- ◆ A survey of 140 people yielded 11 responses. Reasons cited for not working were:
 - o Expense involved in traveling to races
 - o Long days with few breaks
 - o Low worker count means everyone works harder
 - o Not enough breaks between race weekend (scheduling)

- o Races scheduled on holidays, Easter, Fathers Day, Mothers Day, etc.
- o Race working is not family friendly
- ◆ Potential incentives:
 - o Stipend for expenses is being given by Houston Region - how can this be communicated?
 - o Proposed help with hotel expenses
 - o Reward a worker who brings a worker
 - o Recruiting with PCA gives worker a free PDX if they agree to work the Enduro
 - o Invitation to work Houston Grand Prix (only applicable to Houston Region)
- ◆ Payment of workers means IRS and OSHA become involved (it's not a hobby if you get paid to do it); other clubs ignore this
- ◆ "Bring a worker" program proposed
 - o Bring a new worker who works both days and get reimbursed for expenses
 - o How soon could this be implemented? Pilot program in October?
 - o Open to all officials; should it include drivers?
 - o Who covers infrastructure and accounting?
 - o Same record keeping as SRO points
- ◆ Need to make it FUN to be a worker; need better social environment; need increased interaction with drivers; reduce time pressures (make sure program does not go long)
 - o Exec Stewards need to make it fun from the top down
- ◆ SRO is heavily funded at this time with large number of outstanding tickets
 - o Suggest that excess funding be given back to the regions to put into the race parties
 - o Allow outstanding tickets to expire after two years
 - Already have a 3 year expiration rule
 - o Jake Davis to report on the extent of liability at the next meeting

Motion: "To resume funding of the SRO fund once the account drops below \$20K." [Siebert/Lieberman] Passed unanimously

Discussion continued after the motion passed on how to manage the SRO, the outstanding points, and the available funds.

Division tech representatives described the difficulties in having the right tech equipment in the right place now that races are being held at both ends of the division. The explained that a trailer in North Texas would save the division travel expenses. Additional equipment is also needed to outfit the trailer. Further, there are some specialty items and replacement tools that would be desirable to add to the division's assets, such as a "whistler". A suggestion that the division needed a radar gun did not generate any interest.

Motion: "To equip the existing trailer, purchase radios, and investigate the whistler before deciding on a second trailer." (Benzer/Rogers) Defeated; 2 in favor to 3 opposed.

Motion: "To fund a second trailer (\$7335), fund equipment for the existing trailer (\$860), fund additional equipment for the new trailer and deny funding for..." Motion withdrawn.

Motion: "To fund \$7335 to purchase a second trailer plus \$860 for equipment for the existing trailer." (Siebert/Sauce) Passed; 4 in favor to 1 opposed.

Staffing changes will be required in 2008 as Susan Balon will be retiring as Treasurer and Trophy Queen. The two jobs can be split if volunteers can be found. REs are urged to provide nominations for treasurer within 30 so there can be overlap and time to change signature authority, etc. It was agreed that the directors would vote electronically for the replacement treasurer.

By a show of hands, the unanimous consensus of the directors is that they are dissatisfied with the SOWDIV web site.

Motion: "To spend up to \$200 for a presentation item for Susan Balon to honor her for her years of service." (Brown/Sauce) Passed Unanimously.

The 2007 Annual Meeting and Roundtable will be hosted by Lone Star Region on January 12 in Rosanky, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sheppard
Secretary