

**Florida Region SCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2007
Steak & Ale, Tamarac, FL**

Board Members Present:

John Zuccarelli – RE

Dave Piasecki – Asst. RE

Stu Cowitt – Secretary

Bob Ricker

Mike Finn

Al Capuano

Jay Mauney

Jim Akiyama

Rennie Bryant

Grace Cowitt

Also in Attendance:

John Anderson

Ina Fletcher-Akiyama

The Secretary acknowledges that these Minutes are not in chronological order.

Meeting called to order by John Zuccarelli at 8:00 p.m.

Motion (Ricker/Piasecki): to accept the June minutes as submitted by the Secretary. One correction was made for a typographical error with respect to the cost of the web hosting service. As so amended - **Passed (unanimous).**

The Board held extensive discussion as to the Solo situation and the need to make a public statement. It was agreed that a statement will be drafted and released as soon as possible, initially posted on the website and followed by running it in the *Torque Express* and the *Torque*. All on the Board agreed that the Region should use all best efforts to commence our own Solo program for 2008, provided that Region members step forward to assist with this.

REPORTS

John Zuccarelli:

Very excited about Braman PDX. Had a long discussion last weekend at Barber with Jeff Knight, the Assistant R.E. from Alabama Region. They put on numerous PDX and Solo events. Our Moroso event will provide a lot of track time for the entrants. The initial plan is to limit to 45 cars, but we can open it up to more if needed. Will be a \$100 entry fee. Getting instructors will be the key to success – should not be a problem. Mike Finn and I will be coordinating that.

Spent time with Rick Mitchell at Barber, discussing T&S and Registration issues. A guy from Atlanta Region has evaluated our software and has found a problem, which we will work on having corrected. *[The Board discussed T&S issues and the importance of resolving them.]*

Stephen Zoeller has made it clear that he will not continue as Treasurer at the end of this term – we need to start looking for a replacement.

Mike Finn:

Our upcoming Moroso event should be decent; we have a lot on the schedule. Appalachian Tire won't be there due to conflicts. Drivers will need to pre-order their tires. Workers will be the big issue, particularly since it is a long schedule on Saturday. Sunday, however, will be a light schedule, ending late morning. Jay should do a post-card mailing for the event to get the word out. We need Steward names in order to get the Sanction. The SEDiv calendar still need to be updated re: deleting the September event.

Jay Mauney:

Nothing to report. 2007 budget is submitted for approval. **Motion (Finn/S. Cowitt):** to accept the Publicity Director's budget. *[It was pointed out that the Torque Express income is not being shown as a net against expenses, and the budget was amended to do so.]* As so amended - **Passed (unanimous).**

Jim Akiyama:

Need race results for May and June events, in order to get out the *Torque* with some substance in it. I will be including the letter re: Solo once it is ready.

Rennie Bryant:

There has already been some discontent voiced as to the Board's decision to eliminate dash plaques (other than for the Drivers' School). *[The Board discussed the dash plaque issue and the related costs.]* **Motion (Finn/Piasecki):** to reinstate the policy of providing dash plaques at all events. **Passed (unanimous).**

Chuck Lonsdale: (submitted via e-mail)

New graphics for the equipment truck will remain an open item. I am awaiting the return of the eleven headsets previously submitted to Speedcom, all of which are cost prohibitive to repair, and will be retained for spare parts. Replacement headsets for these have been received, as have fifteen replacement GP350 radio batteries (multiple GP 350 radios were in use at the June Homestead event, with no battery issues). Thirty-five Replacement lithium-ion batteries for the CP 200 radios have been requested from Speedcom, and will be shipped once my re-imburement for May expenditures has been received. With an experienced person in the Control position at Homestead, the only radio problem that was experienced came from a participant who was broadcasting over one of our frequencies (the team apologized, as they did not know that the frequency which was provided with their new radios was one of the frequencies listed in the supps; they moved to another channel upon our request). When are the other 2007 budgets scheduled to be submitted? All of them should have been presented by April, according to our by-laws. Although it is a Race Board issue more so than for the BOD, has a Flag Chief been identified for the August 10-12 event? The last conversation that I had with Ted, he is not scheduled to return from Canada until later in August. Bobbi and I are currently in Canada, and we may see Ted this coming weekend, if we can fit the three hour drive out to his place into our schedule. Since there is a Friday night session, I have some concerns regarding sufficient workers for Friday night, as well as the rest of the weekend (particularly since this event has not been publicized outside of a small group of

individuals at this point in time). Also, Bobbi and I will not be here for the September Moroso event, but I have made arrangements for someone to handle the radios. Possibly Gigi will be available to handle equipment. With the exception of a few racers, I have not spoken to anyone who is aware that the September event entails a night race. Bobbi & I are also scheduled to be out of state the weekend of December 29-30, as are a number of other workers that we've spoken to. I would suggest that there be a concerted effort put into getting out printed notification, even if postcards, to make members aware of multiple upcoming night racing events with Friday night sessions involved. Something should have been learned with the worker (read "lack of") fiasco that we experienced last New Year's weekend.

Stu Cowitt:

Meetings Director report (for Grace): our upcoming General Membership Meeting at Xtreme Indoor Karting should be great – hopefully we'll have a good turn-out. A flyer has already gone to Jay for the *Torque Express*, to Captain John for the website and to Jim for the *Torque* (if it will be going out before the event date). Upcoming GM meetings will be at Bru's Room, Margate (August) and Duffy's Boynton Beach East (September – nominations meeting).

Bob Ricker: nothing to report.

Dave Piasecki: nothing to report.

John Anderson: nothing to report.

Al Capuano: nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Lonsdale (submitted by e-mail): On June 6, I was notified by the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles that Progressive Insurance had provided notice to them that the equipment truck was not currently insured. I immediately contacted Progressive, and was advised that insurance coverage had lapsed in early April because the premium had not been paid. I provided my credit card for the \$2501.77 premium to re-instate the insurance, since the truck had to be at Homestead on June 8. I make this point because the insurance premium has always billed directly to the Treasurer for payment (as it did in 2006), and was not included within my 2007 budget submittal. It will become an included item in 2008.

Motion (Ricker/Mauney): to approve the attendance of John Z. and Mike Finn at the SEDiv mid-year meeting in Atlanta. **Passed (unanimous).**

The Board discussed the appointment of individuals to the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election. Pursuant to the Bylaws, the RE appointed Dave Piasecki, Pat Ricker and Deb Wiggins to be the 2007 Nominating Committee.

Next Board meeting on August 14, 2007 – Gypsy’s Horse Pub, Wellington.

Motion (Finn/Mauney): to adjourn. 9:55 p.m. **Passed (unanimous).**

Addendum: On the evening of the Board meeting, subsequent to its conclusion, Board member Bob Ricker received an e-mail from Carl Couric, tendering his resignation from the position of Solo Director (see attached). Bob forwarded that e-mail to the entire Board, which expressed (via e-mail) its unanimous acceptance of Carl’s resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Cowitt