

New England Region of Sports Car of America  
Board of Directors Meeting May 13,2020

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Meeting held via Conference/Video/Phone/Computer  
due to COVID-19/Coronavirus Outbreak

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by RE rich Curry

Board members present: Rich Currey RE, Wiley Cox Asst RE, George Farrar Sec., Jerry Papehausen Trevor Hermance Abhi Ghatak Paul Omichinski

Also in attendance : Dick Patullo Kathy Barnes Paul Krysiak JB Swan Donna Stevens, Scott Carlson Andrew Benagh

1)The meeting opened with a Motion to accept the (month) minutes as presented

Paul Omichinski 1st - George Farrar 2nd

Y - unanimous

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2)Area One Director report \* may 12 jumbo call\*

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3)Treasurer's Report by Dick Patullo

Due to current conditions there has been very little activity. Membership income higher in 1st four months than last 2 years, possibly because of renewal ease with new SCCA member portal or number of people at home looking/remembering to do yearly renews

Motion to accept: Paul Omichinski 1st, Wiley Cox 2nd

Y - unanimous

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4)Club Racing Report by JB Swan

Lime Rock is 4 weeks away and a lot of questions would have to be answered before anything concrete, waiting to update status after next week's announcement from CT. governor.

5)Solo Report by Kathy Barnes

Management has informed the Solo Board that they will contact us when the area is cleared to reopen.

6) Rally report by Scott Carlson

The next scheduled event is June 20th @ Okemos' Blue Lot. Rally Board waiting to hear if current restrictions will be lifted or modified and a decision will be made at that time on how to proceed

7) Time Trials Report by Paul Omichinski

1st event cancelled, next event scheduled is the Majors July 4th @ TSMP. Because of how event is run, this may be 1 of first events to take place around the New England area

8) Merchandise Report by Donna Stevens

Main focus has switched from merchandise to PPE procurement that may be needed for events, Donna is to look into temp testing equipment also if it becomes needed or required. Biggest problem is locating and receiving goods as the entire country is fighting this pandemic

9) Membership Report

New England Region SCCA Membership Report  
May 13, 2020

Members as of December 2018 2350  
Members as of January 3, 2020 2255  
Members as of February 5, 2020 2290  
Members as of March 11, 2020 2341  
Members as of April 8, 2020 2335  
Members as of May 13, 2020 2301

New Members for April 22  
Weekend Members Jan. 1-Apr. 30 56  
Expired Members for March 87

This is a good time to renew or extend your SCCA membership. Your paid dues will grease the wheels to keep the National Office running. Money will also go back to your region to help fund your events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Krysiak and Kathy Barnes

## NER Membership co-chairs

### 10) Social Media Committee by Trevor Hermance

Continued posting of historic photos. Iracing(NER Group) and Discord channels continue to see growth with a majority being younger members but older generation numbers increasing

### 11) Pit Talk Update by Melissa Introne

#### 2019 Yearbook Update

Digital versions of all the printed yearbook articles are now uploaded and available on the site. Continuing Updates and Membership Outreach. Pit Talk continues to post updates on schedule changes as news and decisions develop.

Additionally, the region lost a few long-time members in the last month, so notifications and condolences regarding these passings were created and distributed.

New Content Development - Matt Murray and Donna Stevens have worked with us on creating an updated archive for the Stirling Moss award. In addition to curating the history of Moss and his connection to the region, we have created a dedicated page to record all Moss winners over the last 50+ years and pulled the research to collect this complete list of names. This should be ready soon to share with members.

Also working on a feature piece breaking down the differences between CRE, TNiA and Time Trials as a reference source.

Site Traffic and Constant Contact - Traffic took a big jump for the month of April, primarily as a result of the two announcements of passing members. 1792 users, 2277 sessions with 3331 pageviews. There were 5 Pit Talk emails created and distributed. Open rates stayed high at 32%. Click-through rates for static announcements was expectedly low, but the click rates for the memorial posts was very high, 32% as well.

### 12) SAC (site acquisition committee) by Jerry Papenhausen

A final mission statement was presented to the board for approval:

The region has formed a Site Acquisition Committee (SAC) in order to find new sites to host events for our programs. The committee will explore options for purchasing, renting, leasing, or otherwise gaining access to new event venues.

The SAC will assess the need for sites owned or leased by the region as well as their feasibility, both from an economic and from a liability standpoint. The committee will perform a cost/benefit analysis in order to advise the NER Board of Directors (BoD) on whether the club truly wants, needs and can afford to own or lease property to host events. If the SAC

recommends and the BoD determines it is feasible and necessary, then the SAC will advise and support the purchasing or leasing process.

The SAC will also support and expand the efforts of the discipline chairs and their respective boards to find new venues to host events.

The BoD has unanimously approved the SAC mission statement and it will be added to the NER Ops manual.

The committee has started preparing a potential site list and how to effectively pursue these leads.

A Motion by (name/name)was made to accept the reports as presented:

Abhi Ghatak 1st, Paul Omichinski 2nd

Y - unanimous

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OLD BUSINESS:

Archives has attained a new assistant who is scanning 1954 - 94 Pit Talk issues for upload to NER site.

NEW BUSINESS:

That BOD has an action plan going forward for our events during COVID-19 declaration concerning PPE and other safety precautions needed to proceed.

An Ewaiver is under consideration but need to finalize specifics with Insurance Co.

BOD to pursue and appoint member to BOD for the remaining time of Robert Andersons position.

The 8:12pm Motion to adjourn by Paul Omichinski 1st, Wiley Cox 2nd PASSED unanimously

Respectfully Submitted, .....BY..... George Farrar NER BOD Secretary

May 12th jumbo call

SCCA Jumbo Region Conference Call Notes – May  
12, 2020

Attending: Rick Myers, Chris Robbins, Mike Cobb, Rich Currey, Lee Hill, Arnie Coleman, Wayne Armbrust, John Zuccarelli, Frank Putman, Brian Gause, Matt Lucas, Erik Vandermeij, Chuck Dobbs, Tim

Sullivan, Rich Tomlin, Jason Frank

Agenda

Notes:

1. SCCA Updates –

Cobb

a. Solo events in Alaska & Salina Region this past weekend b. Colorado Region had TT event at La Junta (site of Majors events) c. More events, including some National events coming up between now and end of May 2. PPE Resources

a. We have developed a short roster of PPE suppliers that Regions can consider as potential PPE sources for

local events. Those include:

o Masks: [Discount Mugs](#) o Face / Neck Gaiter: [SCCA GEAR](#) o Hand Sanitizer: [SCCA GEAR](#) and [5and20 Distillery](#) o Gloves: Consider nitrile gloves, best sourced locally b. 5and20 is owned by Mazza Wines, one of our long standing partners, so please consider using them.

Steve Armstrong is contact and is excited to provide an assist. They are in the NE. c. Most distilleries are producing along the lines of 70-80% alcohol. d. Big Machine Vodka – Mark Bruchetta contact out of Tennessee also distributes bulk and smaller sizes. e. We are finding it is hard to find USA based products, which we are trying to support best we can. 3. VIP Single Event Credit

a. As you know, COVID-19 has had—and continues to have—wide-spread impacts to SCCA events and

operations across the country. We know that one of those impacts is to you—as an event volunteer—and your ability to attend enough events to qualify for your membership discounts and credits in 2020. We want to reduce that impact, so we've created a "Bonus VIP event" to help you retain your current level of VIP participation. Following the steps below will add the event to your profile and provide a bonus two-days worked to your total for the year.

i. Login to your Member Account Portal ii. Scroll down to MY

VIP DAYS on your profile page iii. Click ADD

VIP iv. Enter Event Date: 04/01/2020

v. Select the event *SCCA National Office COVID-19 Worker Relief Event (Max. 2 days)* vi.

The number of days worked will default to 2 days—this cannot be edited vii.

Select the specialty you normally work viii. Click SAVE

b. We appreciate all that you do the Club, and we hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity if you

need to. Discussions are ongoing with region leadership to keep up with the rapidly changing environment that continues to impact our ability to conduct events across all of

our programs, and we hope to be back up to speed in the near future.

#### 4. Event

##### Success/Guidelines

a. Be prepared – from Salina Region Solo event: “apparently one citizen got his nose out of joint and

went to a City Commissioner’s house to complain. The Parks & Rec director came out to take a look, told me (today) he did see a few people closer than 6 feet, but they were masked, and some who appeared to be family. Wasn’t enough he felt the need to come tell us during the event.” 5.

Q/A/Comments

a. Cobb - Kansas has provided a framework for returning to work. Currently 10 person limit. Half still

on furlough until June 1. Other half working full time at reduced pay. b. Membership/Licensing still on reduced staff of Aimee and CherriLea, so patience is appreciated. c. Continue discussions with BOD on moving forward as events pick up d. Wayne – thanks for the enthusiasm. One of the issues is liability of exposure to members outside of

the framework of our normal racing environment.

i. Information is on supporting regions regarding coverage as well as a statement for supps

regarding cv-19 “waiver”. ii. We are finding some tracks are requiring we sign a cv-19 specific waiver. iii. We are discussing with risk management and legal council regarding track waivers. iv. We are going to do everything we can to defer risk. Is our current waiver enough? e. Rich Currey – one of the struggles is a strong divide between those that believe in social

distancing/masks and those that don’t. What to do?

i. Wayne – DC Region is selecting someone within each program to serve as a Health & Safety

Coordinator willing to take on and enforce necessary rules in regards to CV-19

1. In supps guidelines will be established requiring compliance and actions if

compliance isn’t met. Wayne will share information they have developed. ii. Cobb – once we publish guidelines, they are non-negotiable. Guidelines need to be pushed

out frequently. Done to protect the participants and the organization. Safety is always first.

f. John Z – awaiting info from county for track to open. How are we doing financially?

i. Cobb – the BOD meets every two weeks and Exec BOD weekly going over revised forecasts. Monitoring cash daily and keeping short reins on everything and managing best we can. ii. Membership continues to provide at/above budget. iii. Hill – Mgt team has tried to stay well ahead of the issues we face. Taking steps needed to

ensure we position the club best we can. g.  
Erik – any kind of idea of sunset on guidelines.

i. Cobb – don't have a hard date. We have been following CDC primarily and monitor

continuously. Some will depend on local government. Continue to be intentional with CDC and local mandates and go from there. ii. Illinois keeps moving goal posts, making planning difficult. h. Matt – motorsportreg; electronic waivers?

i. Cobb – we have had ongoing conversations with MSR and K&K, and John Beam (Willis). We are closer than we have ever been. Key thing isn't technology, it is insurance companies agreeing that they are comfortable with digital signatures and storage of those. i. Matt – getting a lot of questions on runoffs qualifications

i. Cobb – working on RO qualifications with CRB on what it might look like with reduced

schedule. Recommendation will likely be with SCCA BOD in a couple weeks. ii. Region is starting to bump into scheduling challenges for events. j. Scotty – trying to continue marching forward. Going to require variance from governor. Track feels confident. Concerned that all is looking good, but recently folks dropping out because the track management has said no overnight camping. What happens if requirements are so far out of norm that it impacts attendance? Exposure with track if we have to cancel event.

i. Cobb – maybe an early exit clause/cancellation. If you are past that. ii. Sullivan – thought good to go? Scotty - We are based on track info, but nothing in writing. k. Arnie – SCCA Foundation Loaner helmet program is a go. Delivery in December. Pre-orders August

1<sup>st</sup>. SA2020 helmets. More details as we progress. \$75, plus shipping.

l. Jason Frank – prosolo entries for finale?

i. We currently do not have information but will find out and push out info.

**From Wayne  
Armbrust:**

## **WDCR COVID-19 Program Management Policy**

1) Each Program Director (Autocross, Track Events, Rallycross, Road Racing, etc.) will appoint a volunteer to function as **Health and Safety Compliance Officer** for each independent program. Program leadership may appoint more than one if necessary.

2) There will also be a Board member or other volunteer to take on the duties of **Region Health and Safety Coordinator** as a center resource for our Program officers to turn to for support, guidance, and manage requisition and distribution of PPE.

3) Any program Supps include H&S policy reference as well as mention of H&S Compliance officers. These H&S people, along with Program Chairs & Directors, Event Leadership, Specialty Leadership, Board Members, will have the authority to have non-compliant or repeated risk, and uncooperative people leave an event. Entry will be refunded and all event records will show DQ for any participation of the individual. The decision based on health exposure will not be appealed.

4) We are obligated to meet conditional use agreements as outlined by the facilities we use as well as meet the guidelines and directives from SCCA, local, state, and federal resources.

5) All events will be operated under best practices for health and individual safety. Each of our operating programs will be appointing Health and Safety Compliance Officers with the job of insuring health exposure protection for all participants and operating personnel. Health standards and guidelines will remain at levels established by regulatory agencies, facility, and SCCA guidelines and directives. Any changes, relaxation, or sunset of these controls will be based on **CDC** information and recommendations.

Suggested Language for the Supps:

Some individuals are expressing reservations in getting involved with events early after the quarantine controls have expired. Those individuals are concerned with the risk of exposure continuing. There is a validity with the concern. Washington DC Region policies, along with guidelines from SCCA and in cooperation with Summit Point Raceway, Dominion Raceway, and other facilities will be following all recommendations to minimize the risk of exposure. The governing issue is if you do not feel comfortable in participating, please do not feel obligated to take unnecessary risk. If there is any question as to how you feel, headache, dry cough, unexplained temperature rise, or other likely symptoms of illness, please do not attend or remove yourself from the area and proximity to others.

Our goal is to get back into business together. This will take all of us.