

New England Region of Sports Car of America
Board of Directors Meeting August 14, 2019

Held at Fairfield Inn, Auburn, Massachusetts

The meeting was called to order at 7:22PM by Regional Executive Rich Currey

Board members present: Rich Currey, Assistant R.E. Trevor Hermance, Brian Doherty, James Ray, Paul Omichinski, Treasurer Dick Patullo, and, by telephone, Jessie Carroll. Also in attendance was Kathy Barnes.

The meeting opened with a **Motion** to accept the July minutes as presented (Omichinski/Doherty): it PASSED unanimously

No **Area One Director** report was made available this month.

The **Treasurer's Report** (delivered by Dick Patullo) contained information on Race Against Leukemia donations collected - tabulation is still in process.

A **Motion** was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented (Doherty/Omichinski): it PASSED unanimously

Club Racing Report (Delivered by Dick Patullo on behalf of chair JB Swan): Program is performing well financially.

No Rally Activities report was available for this meeting

Solo Report: Kathy Barnes and Brian Doherty anecdotally shared reports of a great July event despite extreme heat, and an enjoyable return to RAL at Loudon. There is appreciation for Mohawk-Hudson Region's diplomatic approach in using a new site/venue in New England, at the Berkshire Mall.

Time Trials Report (Paul Omichinski): C.A.R.T. is now at mid-season in its regional Time Trials, with the unfortunate storm damage at Canaan canceling this coming weekend's event. The Palmer event end-of-month appears to show low entries currently but there is still time for an uptick to break even.

Merchandise Report (Delivered by Rich Currey on behalf of chair Donna Stevens): Merchandise has remained available at events through the summer, both regional- and national-level.

Membership Report (Delivered by co-chairs Paul Krysiak and Kathy Barnes): Membership is down slightly over the last month, by about 24. Personalized emails are sent to expiring/expired members and a significant number of the messages do cause the member to renew. Track Night in America has also been campaigning for participants to join for the benefit of member-rate entries.

Social Media Committee No news this month - some discussion was held on the region's position on other events' and organizers' involvement in NER-centric discussion spaces.

Pit Talk Update The website will undergo a mild refresh to organize its pages.

A **Motion** by Doherty/Hermance was made to accept the reports as presented: it PASSED unanimously

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Archives Update (Note from Rich Currey on behalf of Donna Stevens): Another package has been sent to Watkins Glen's IMRRC (now totaling over 1000 documents). Year 1971 is currently being sorted/worked on.

Racing Against Leukemia Update (Rich Currey, Dick Patullo): RAL once again provided for a great event atmosphere of generosity and fun, with many raffle items, T-shirt sales, online donations, and event entry proceeds still being tabulated and accredited to the respective programs' fundraising efforts. There was a return to a "haircut/shaving rally", with former Club Racing chair Serge Lentz being the volunteer/victim this year for \$5000 in donations.

Site Acquisition Trevor Hermance shared news that the Palmer Kmart location has been announced to close in October, and notes that if the soon-to-be-empty corporate-owned plaza were to no longer be standing, there could be a suitable autocross site on the location.

The 8:13PM **Motion** to adjourn by Omichinski/Doherty PASSED unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Hermance, on behalf of Secretary Robert Anderson