

New England Region, Sports Car Club of America

**Board of Directors Meeting August 9,2023**

Held via zoom online

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Regional Executive Abhi Ghatak

**Board members present:** Regional Executive Abhi Ghatak, Asst. RE Steve Introne, Secretary George Farrar, Dave Patten, Jennifer Ferreira, Jeff Adams

**Board members absent:** Hiroshi Hatano, Dan Sheppard, Paul Omichinski, Mark Gregory

**Also in attendance :** Area 1 Director Peter Schneider, Treasurer Dick Patullo, JB Swan, Donna Stevens, Melissa Introne, Trevor Hermance, Chris Martin, Tish Munson, James Ray and Mike Petrucci

**1)The meeting opened with a Motion to accept the July, 2023 minutes as presented by Steve Introne, Jeff Adams 2nd Yes - unanimous**

**2)Area One Director report submitted by Peter Schneider**

Last week's meeting held in Kansas, next years runoffs will include Spec MX-5

New CRB rule changes to come out in Fast Track soon

Modification to the operating manual to decrease BoD term to 2 consecutive (2 year) terms, member can still be appointed if the needs of the club require it.

**3)Treasurer's Report submitted by Dick Patullo**

The trend is still our friend. Road racing car counts, the largest contributor to profitability, continues to rebound from the 2022 numbers.

At the NH event road racing collected \$1509.00 (for RAL) of which \$1134.00 came from the Formula Vee community.

As I mentioned last month after consultation with the Solo Comptroller, I opened an additional savings account with \$40k from Solo and \$80K from racing.

We will earn more interest and there was no reason to have that much cash in those checking accounts.

The new account is reflected in the cash book this month.

**Motion to accept report by Jeff Adams, Steve introne 2nd** Yes - unanimous

#### **4)Club Racing Report submitted by JB Swan**

NHMS July 29/30 car counts were good, last 3 races of Saturday were postponed to Sunday morning due to weather conditions

TSMP Majors Aug 18/19 has car count of 105 as of now

#### **5)Solo Report submitted by Kathy Barnes (email)**

**RAL:** Once again, the Solo community did not disappoint. Donations were made through the registration system, by cash at the event and through the donation link. Brian Levesque once again supported this event magnificently - \$1000 was raised and at the end of the event, before trophies = hair and beard were gone. I'd like to note that this was announced at the drivers meeting and before the first heat the goal was met. The top 8 donors and Brian were in a one run shoot out for the Jeff Gordon Challenge. The trophy went to Brian Kuehl.

**Pro-Solo:** Will and Melanie have really done a great job with getting all the national requirements met for the event, planning a great welcome party and working with Cumberland Motor Club who are the regular users of the site. The entry is low – a couple reasons: late announcement of the event, conflicts with previously scheduled events in nearby regions and the date. This event is 3 weeks before Solo Nats and ProFinale, it is a challenge for many. As a team we decided to make sure the event is great and those who do not come are sorry they missed it. This has been a great team building exercise for the solo program and I am sure it will have a long term positive effect on NER Solo.

**6) Rally Report submitted by Chris Martin/ Tish Munson**

Due to flood damage in the town of Ludlow, Vt., Blue lot event Sept. 23 has been canceled, an alternative has been scheduled for Sept 24 at Glove Hollow Christmas tree farm in Plymouth, NH

Union Me. Aug 19/20 next, NER RallyXs only 2 day event

**7) Time Trials Report submitted by N/A**

**8) Merchandise Report submitted by Donna Stevens**

Merchandise was on display at the RAL Road Racing weekend at NHMS. Archive items were also available for a donation to RAL.

Merchandise was also on display at the Solo event at Devens last Sunday. Sold 4 archive mugs in the first 20 minutes and also offered "keep the change" as a donation to RAL. Raised \$71.00 total for RAL through Merchandise at the Solo event.

**9) Membership Report submitted by Kathy Barnes (email)**

August 9, 2023 2677 active members

New Members July 2023 - 46

Expired memberships July - 37

Weekend Members July - 41

**10) Social Media Committee Report by Trevor Hermance/James Ray**

Launch of RAL donation page this month has raised over \$200

**11)Pit Talk Update by Melissa Introne**

A Lot of racing activity and articles going on this month

**12) Archives Report submitted by Donna Stevens**

No report for Archives this month - maintenance work is on-going.

**A Motion was made to accept the reports as presented by**

Steve introne, Dave Patten 2nd      Yes - unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Approve budget for annual meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discuss annual meeting and type - live, virtual, hybrid. Where to hold it and menu options, etc.

Ways of retaining and increasing our volunteer base

Look into national specialty worker award nominations

Start trying to recruit members for 5 BoD seats available after present BoD members terms expire

**The 8:02pm motion to adjourn by**

Jennifer Ferreira, Jeff Adams 2nd      Yes - unanimous

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**George Farrar, NER BOD Sec.**

