

New England Region, Sports Car Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting Feb 10, 2021

Held via zoom online

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by RE Abhi Ghatak

Board members present: Abhi Ghatak Regional Executive, Andrew Benagh Asst.RE, George Farrar Sec., Rich Currey, Wiley Cox, Jerry Papenhausen, Jennifer Ferreira, Paul Omichinski, James Ray, Steve Introne

Also in attendance : Bob Dowie Area 1 Rep, Dick Patullo Tres., Donna Stevens, Kathy Barnes, Paul Krysiak, Scott Carlson, JB Swan, Alex Jackson, Kathy Moody, Dana Nicgorski, Trevor Hermance

1)The meeting opened with a Motion to accept the Dec 2020 minutes as presented

Andrew Benagh, Jennifer Ferreira 2nd

Yes - unanimous

2)Area One Director report submitted by Bob Dowie

Pretty quiet at the national office, waiting on updates concerning Covid-19 restrictions. Hoping new venue for Majors, Pocono Raceway goes well as the SCCA would like to expand Majors in the Northeast area.

3)Treasurer's Report submitted by Dick Patullo

A usual January, very low activity.

2020 finished close to even club wise even with all the Covid-19 restrictions

\$1500 worker donation needs to be distributed

motion to accept report by Rich Currey, Andrew Benagh 2nd

Yes - unanimous

4)Club Racing Report submitted by JB Swan

Contracts have been signed and deposits going out

5) Solo Report submitted by Alex Jackson

New contract with Devens benefits club, fee changed from per person to group fee. Solo would like to thank: Abhi Ghatak, Bob Davis and Kathy Barnes for their efforts in getting this accomplished.

NER to be trial host for JR DRIVER program

6) Rally Report submitted by Scott Carlson

Feb 13th Rally at 508INT, 1st event of season for Rally.

March 13th is 2nd event

Rally Sprint @ Team O'Neil Feb 20th

7) Time Trials Report submitted by Paul Omichinski

2 dates scheduled for 2021 - May 22 and Sept 18, Palmer date TBD

Time Trial group meeting later this month to go over years plan

8) Merchandise Report submitted by Donna Stevens

New SCCA Driver's patches for Road Racing required this year

Orders are being filled and sent out

9) Membership Report submitted by Paul Krysiak

New members January 2021 - 32

Expired memberships December 2020 - 26

Interesting note about membership: 18% of the entries at Track Night were SCCA

members in their first year of membership. Since Track Night in America began, there have been 13,000 entries by people in their first year of SCCA membership.

It's always great to have NER members on the Track Night team but it is super effective to have region members walking the paddock.

10)Social Media Committee by Trevor Hermance

Sim racing Facebook group starting to tie into the NER Iracing program

Virtual presence because of Covid being well accepted among most users

11)Pit Talk Update by Melissa Introne

No report at this time

A Motion by Abhi Ghatak, Rich Currey 2nd was made to accept reports as presented

Yes - unanimous

Site Acquisition Committee submitted by Jerry Papenhausen

Solo has a site for now but if lost would be hard to replace as looking into a few different venues. The average cost of purchase for an appropriate sized paved site could cost 1-2.5 million dollars. Rally on the other hand would require approximately \$100,000 - 250,000 for a site and maintaining dirt roads/area is very small compared to asphalt. The Board has decided to separate the needs of Rally vs Solo for these reasons especially with Solo signing into a new agreement with Devens. Board will continue to discuss and re-examine to fine tune logistics.

Gerry Papenhausen has decided to step down from Site Committee duties due to personal needs.

Motion by Abhi Ghatak, 2nd by Jerry Papenhausen to appoint Rich Currey as Board representative on Site Committee, Yes - unanimous

Motion by Jerry Papenhausen, 2nd by Andrew Benagh to appoint two chairs for Site Committee: Scott Carlson and Dana Nicgorski Yes - unanimous

Archives Report submitted by Donna Stevens

Found notes of Thompson Manor burned to the ground in January 1955
Final scanning of Pit Talk issues should be completed this summer
New England Region was created late 1951 by SCCA; combining both the Hartford and Boston Regions

OLD BUSINESS:

RAL - Aug 8th @ NHMS works for CRB/Rally and Solo @ Devens Aug 1st

Motion by James Ray, 2nd Steve Introne to accept dates

Yes - unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

Should BoD finance to analyze our NER.ORG site for change over to new format with Pit Talk? National office is focusing their attention on SCCA.com and would prefer to have Regions run their own social media.

Motion by Rich Currey, Paul Omichinski 2nd to fund up to \$500 for exploration by Mellissa Introne. Yes - unanimous

Motion to Adjourn, 8:44pm by Rich Currey, James Ray 2nd Yes - unanimous

Respectfully Submitted, George Farrar, NER BOD Sec.

