

New England Region, Sports Car Club of America

**Board of Directors Meeting October 18, 2023**

Held via zoom online

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Regional Executive Abhi Ghatak

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

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

**Also in attendance :** Area 1 Director Peter Schneider, Treasurer Dick Patullo, Donna Stevens, Trevor Hermance, JB Swan, Kathy Barnes, Paul Krysiak, Chris Martin, Tish Munson, Melissa Introne, Chris Zarzycki, James Ray, Melanie Kwong

**1) The meeting opened with a Motion to accept the Sept. 2023 minutes as presented by Jennifer Ferreira, Steve Introne 2nd Yes - unanimous**

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

No national BoD meeting was held last month due to many members attending the National Road Race Runoffs.

2023 rainlite setup approved for use in 2024

B-spec will be able to run Goodyear tires in 2024

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

Solo and club racing both will move well into the black once October is posted. Rally appears solid once you account for the new (used) truck purchased. Merchandise has a bit higher inventory than in the past. BoD has spent less than they have taken in. Palmer has made their annual \$20,000 repayment leaving a receivable of \$40,000. That money was added to the capital savings account.

**Motion to accept report by George Farrar, Jennifer Ferreira 2nd Yes - unanimous**

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

NER, which participated in the VIR Runoff Block Party ( inspired by NERs' Lime Rock paddock crawl ) went so well, the huge amount of food/beverages brought were all consumed. This earned the NER region the Haggerty "Keepin' It Cool" Award and were presented with a Yeti cooler for their efforts.

The Road Racing Championship weekend took place Oct. 13/14 at TSMP. Event was well attended and luckily the forecasted rain never materialized.

#### **5) Solo Report submitted by Melanie Kwong**

Last points event of the season was held Oct.8 and the Sterling Moss award was won by Evan Leblanc.

Oct 28/29 will be the last two Solo events of the season, both days are no-points awarded. The 28th is a test and tune and the 29th is the team challenge.

Talks are in progress to try and hold another Pro-Solo event in New England after the success of last year's event held at the Brunswick Executive Airport in Maine.

#### **6) RallyCross Report submitted by Chris Martin, Tish Munson**

Trying to secure two dates for Nov. and Dec. to RallyCross at either Little Pines, Canaan, or 508 INT

#### **7) Time Trials Report submitted by Kathy Barnes**

NER was well represented at the Time Trials Nationals held in Bowling Green, KY

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

Merchandise was on display at the Thompson Championship event. Did quite well. Still working on the final tally. Plan to take inventory in November and finalize the end of year report. Merchandise order form is still available online through the winter.

#### **9) Membership Report submitted by Kathy Barnes**

New Members September - 23

Expired Memberships September - 38

Weekend Members September - 32

Due to rising publishing costs and the general acceptance of online media, starting in 2024 Sports Car magazine will be available online only.

#### **10) Social Media Committee Report by Trevor Hermance**

Things are running smoothly.

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

##### **Event Content and News**

In August the following content was created and posted:

- 2024-2025 BOD Nominations Are Now Available
- 2023 Runoffs: NER Preview
- RESULTS: NERRC #6 – Palmer Pig Roast
- 2023 Solo Nats: 4 Championships, 10 Trophy Winners
- Palmer Time Trials Recap

##### **Site Traffic and Constant Contact**

There were 5 Pit Talk emails distributed in September.  
The average open rate was 54% and a 9% click thru rate.

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

**Archives: Two important developments.**

Thanks to Pete Watson who has been working diligently on identifying drivers from the 1980 era in a recently acquired photo album from Bridge Hill Studios. Received the album back this past weekend with 75% identified and it is an impressive collection. Also received several interesting boxes from the 90s from a former BOD member and Road Racing Chairman. He discovered the boxes while in the process of moving and I was pleased to find out he had some 'key' data from the 90's that the archives were missing.

Which brings me to the following - especially RE's - I haven't received anything from the BOD since 2014! Missing the last 7 years of Regional charters. Please gather these up during the winter and arrange for transportation with me.

I am glad the Racing season is over so I can return to and focus on Archives over the winter.

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

George Farrar, Jeff Adams 2nd      Yes - unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS:**

BoD nominations - as of this meeting we have 4 candidates who have submitted their paperwork for a position on the board

January 13th, 2024 is the date reserved for the NER annual meeting to be held at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The 8:03 motion to adjourn by**

George Farrar, Jennifer Ferreira 2nd      Yes - unanimous

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**George Farrar, NER BOD Sec.**