

New England Region, Sports Car Club of America

**Board of Directors Meeting Sept 11, 2024**

Held via zoom online

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Regional Executive Abhi Ghatak

**Board members present:** Regional Executive Abhi Ghatak, Asst. RE Steve Introne, Secretary George Farrar, Dave Patten, Karen Petersen, Hiroshi Hatano

**Board members absent:** Tom Samuelson, Dan Sheppard, Tom Mcginn, Allen Briere

**Also in attendance:** Area 1 Director Peter Schneider, Treasurer Dick Patullo, Trevor Hermance, Tish Munson, James Ray, Melissa Introne, Melanie Kwong, William Koscielny, Kathy Barnes, Donna Stevens, Paul Omichinski

**1) The meeting opened with a Motion to accept the August 2024 minutes as presented by** George Farrar, Karen Petersen 2nd  
All in favor Yes - unanimous

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

National board is still working out details for next year's car classing. There have been some in-depth conversations going on about some of the changes they want to make. Current car count for Nationals stands at 550 cars, RallyX nationals has 117 and Time Trials Nationals is at 172.

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

All programs on track. Road racing's up about 12 grand for the year

**Motion to accept report by** Dave Patten, George Farrar 2nd

All in favor Yes - unanimous

**4) Club Racing Report submitted by N/A**

No report at this time

#### **5) Solo Report submitted by Melanie Kwong, William Koscielny**

We just had Solo Nationals this past week. We had three national champions from the New England region at the event's end. Billy Davis in STR, Mark Dadio in DS and Jeanette Jordan in FSPL, we're really proud of them. We also have a bunch of other trophy winners. Josh Brockman won the Sportsman award, because of his generosity letting someone else hop into his car and then that driver ending up winning the National Championship. So very exciting to see that happen.

#### **6) Rally Report submitted by Tish Munson**

Next RallyCross Sept 21st at the Blue Lot , Okemo Mt. Ludlow, Vt. apx. 40 cars registered

#### **7) Time Trials Report submitted by Paul Omichinski**

Event Sept 21 at TSMP, 30 cars entered at this time but expecting apx. 45

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

Merchandise went well at Palmer, some pretty big sales there. Still counting up the numbers.

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

For the first time since the middle of 2023, we have over 2700 members. We are at 2704, new members in August - 37 expired membership - 43 and we had 34 weekend members. The higher number for weekend memberships is because the Solo program ran two events and we averaged around 18 to 20 weekend members every single event. I also noticed in a new report that we have access to and that is the Learning Academy credits. So far, it is only showing credits for two road racing sessions. I will be asking whether or not it will show other leadership credits- Rally, Rallycross and Solo.

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

Working on making our content/posts more shareable to other groups

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

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

There were 5 Pit Talk emails distributed in August. The average open rate was 53% and a 8.% click thru rate.

## **Event Content and News**

In August, the following content was created and posted:

- 24 NER Members Saddle Up for Solo Nats
- RESULTS: NERRC #5 – Last Chance Majors
- All In the Family: One Run Group – 5 Family
- NER Recruits Volunteer Workers with Trackside Experience Event
- RESULTS: NERRC #4 – RAL

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

Waiting to get done with the racing season so I can get back into sorting archives during the winter.

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

George Farrar, Dave Patten 2nd    All in favor    Yes - unanimous

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Annual meeting location:** after discussions among the board a motion to hold NER annual meeting in Rocky Hill, Ct. at the Sheraton Hartford South in January, 2024 as presented by Karen Petersen, Dave Patten 2nd

All in favor    Yes - unanimous

**Recruiting for NER board directors:** continue to post on social media looking for candidates for upcoming 2025-2026 term

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Prepare for upcoming NER board elections

With no further business, George Farrar made the Motion to adjourn the BOD meeting, seconded by Karen Petersen

All in Favor. Yes - unanimous

NER BOD Meeting adjourned at 7:48 on Sept.11, 2024

Next meeting date scheduled for October 9, 2024

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**George Farrar, NER BOD Secretary.**