

SOUTHWEST DIVISION - SCCA
Round Table Meeting
Richardson, Texas
January 10, 2009

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. Additional notes will remain on file with the division records. Also it is not intended to be chronological.

The meeting was hosted by the Texas Region and held at the North Texas Automotive Museum, 677 West Campbell Rd, Richardson, TX 75080. The format was to simultaneously conduct the Annual (Corporate) Meeting and the Round Table Meeting. Discussions without motions, and in some cases, discussions prior to motions are documented here as Roundtable discussions.

Tom Brown, corporation president, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Area 7 Director Mike Sauce sent a letter to be read by Tom Brown, as he could not be present. The letter addressed the following topics.

- The Insurance Committee made it possible to lower insurance premiums from \$33 to \$28 per car.
- Entry fees should be kept at the lowest possible rate to allow the highest participation.
- Less flexible rules will allow everyone to compete on the same level.
- The SCCA National Convention will be held in Las Vegas February 19, 2009.

Other topics discussed during the meeting are noted below.

Solo Report

Todd Ferris gave a report for Solo. Solo had 3 events in 2008. The events, on the average, had an increase of 12 cars per event last year. Todd would like to see an increase of 10 cars per event more in 2009. The Divisional Trophies have been ordered. Roger Johnson has been retained as a course analyst for 2009.

Rally Report

Sasha Lanz reported on Rally activities. He told the group he is still the Rally Steward and he must check each Road Rally course. Currently, only one region is doing Rally (Texas). Sasha also reported he was appointed to the National Road Rally Board and will attend the upcoming meeting.

No report was given for Club Racing.

Fuel Testing

Tom Brown informed the group that the CRB has proposed the testing of fuel at race events. Several issues have surfaced based on the proposal. The cost to test each sample is \$350. In

addition, race results could be held up to 2 – 3 weeks pending results of the testing. Hauling the samples poses problems for Stewards due to airline restrictions and the toxicity of the samples. Questions have also been raised regarding the accuracy of the lab and possibility of mixing up the samples. Administration of the program is also undetermined – will tests only be done for protests, or will a certain number of tests be required each weekend.

Track Certification/Recertification

Tom Brown reported that all tracks have been recertified for the 2009 – 2010 race season. Stewards were trained to recertify the tracks. The only course that has not been certified is the long course run clockwise at Texas World Speedway.

Tim Evans reported on progress at Eagle Canyon. The track has been given tentative certification, however there are still issues with rocks on the track. A volunteer day has been scheduled for Saturday February 21 to uncover rocks near/on the track. Following the volunteer event, a final inspection of the track will be conducted to determine whether it will receive final certification

Operating Budget

Since SOWDIV is a Not-for Profit organization, Tom Brown raised the question of how much money should be retained for our operating budget. Vince Hummer believed \$30,000 would cover activities for one year. Tom felt a one-year supply of funds would be sufficient.

Robey Clark reported on the Texas Region's Operating Budget. Their Operating Budget is generally close to \$80,000. The Texas Region faced several challenges last year due to the race held the weekend of Hurricane Ike and very low attendance at their Drivers School.

Equipment

Each Region received a new whistler as a result of money received from national.

Radios

SOWDIV is still in need of a person to be responsible for the radios. Eddie Sinclair has been traveling frequently, which make it difficult for him to come to the races.

Division-owned Transponders

Mike Rogers stated most rental transponders owned by the division are not working. Apparently, they have not been charged on a regular basis and now will not hold a charge. The division may want to look into purchasing some new transponders in the future.

Sound Control

Tom Brown should receive additional information regarding sound control at future events next weekend (Jan. 16-18). Questions have surfaced as to whether sound control might be going away. SOWDIV will post sound readings, which drivers must check.

Trophies

Guidelines need to be established regarding who is eligible to receive year-end trophies. In addition, it should be determined whether or not competitors want trophies. Several regions reported that much money is wasted on unclaimed trophies.

Website

Scott Seegers will be the liaison for the website. All information to be posted should be sent to Scott so he can determine the validity of the source and ensure that the information is sent to Colin Mason.

Permanent Numbers

Lon McKinstry will send information regarding permanent numbers to Scott Seegers for posting on the website.

SRO Program

Brian Sill presented the report for the SRO Program. The balance in the SRO fund at year-end 2008 is approximately \$34,000, with an estimated liability of \$9,000. Generally, 800-900 cards are issued per year. Specialty Chiefs and Stewards need to educate volunteer workers as to the benefits of the program to increase redemption of cards. The most popular reward is still gas cards. However, the process for redemption is not widely known and should be simplified. Only 6 members redeemed cards to pay their membership dues last year, and only an additional 6 redeemed cards hotel reimbursement. The SRO Committee will be responsible for oversight of the program. For 2009 races, the SRO Committee member for each region will distribute cards to Specialty Chiefs for worker volunteers upon receiving a list of workers, and will control inventory of the cards. Some new rewards for 2009 are: shirts, sunshields, patches, SCCA logo items, and reimbursement up to \$65 on a hotel room for bringing a new volunteer. Tom Brown also suggested that a "New Worker packet" be created to educate new volunteers about the program

Insurance on Division Equipment

A question was raised regarding whether or not the equipment owned by SOWDIV is insured. The division owns approximately \$40,000 in equipment. Dan Helman suggested someone bring up the issue at the National Convention

Tony Predock Award

The winner of the Tony Predock award, given for their outstanding long-term service to SOWDIV, will be announced at a future date. Last year's winners were Lon and Joyce McKinstry. This year's nominees are Paula Taylor and Brian Sill.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hummer
Secretary