

Houston Region SCCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

The Houston Region Sports Car Club of America Board members met Tuesday February 13, 2017 at Kim Son Restaurant, Downtown Houston, TX. The following board members participated: Sydney Davis-Yagel, Rosa Lee Smart, Larry Svaton, Richard Tomlin, Jim Lowe, Mark Watson, Mike Jiang, Tisha Strickland, Jan Rowe, Robert Horton, Dan Helman, Holly Murphy. Board member not in attendance was Larry Svaton. Attending guests were Randy Smart, Whitney Strickland and a Richard Tomlin guest. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

SECRETARY REPORT – SMART

December 2017 Minutes were approved by this board.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JIANG

We have money in bank and effective immediately, please bring your expenses to future Board Meetings for reimbursement. Expecting checks for deposit reimbursement from NOLA & COTA events.

SOLO REPORT – HORTON

We are doing fine, financially. Making a bit of money for each event and haven't lost any in while. We are still negotiating with Grand Sport Speedway & MSR H to have an autocross out there in the near future. We have pretty much given up on Royal Purple Raceway we incurred some problems with them about 1.5 yrs ago and at this point with no resolve. For now, we have 12 events scheduled at the Houston Police Academy, in hopes that we are able to host two of these events at GSS & MSRH depending on cost. We are averaging in the vicinity of 150, which is not where we want to be, and we are continuing to struggle with our Timing System. This last event we went to the wire assuming that the wireless would work, and we discovered that after the course walk when we started the event the wires were broken. This took us an hour to discover and we started with an hour delay, in spite of the fact that all this had worked before the event.

ROAD RALLY REPORT– TOMLIN

A Gimmick Race will be held on Saturday, February 24, earlier in the day before our Annual Banquet. This event will begin at MSR and end at the Kemah Boardwalk just in time for our banquet that evening, we would encourage each Board Member to participate, if possible.

We had 16 Drivers at our last Rally event two weeks ago, Mike Jiang will cover later. The National Convention highlighted a lot of opportunities. They are coming up with Time Trials, which created new ideas, we submitted a proposal for a Grant. We are waiting to hear status to

capitalize on some of the business that NASA has been taking away from SCCA for a while, and some of the Auto Cross experience where people have been stuck in Autocross and not moved over to Road Racing. As well as giving Road Racing people to go to Autocross for little bit.

For those of you who were not at the Convention in January, PDX is dead and Time Trials is the name and what it should have been called from the beginning. This creates an opportunity for us to put cars out on the track that are not caged.

We looked into Track Nite in America but the cost of doing one at MSR is too high, so we are approaching other opportunities from a Grant type proposal on a smaller scale.

ACTION ITEM: Rally Cross needs to provide SOLO with some sort of an Ad/brochure for the next event to publish it.

ROAD RACING

Rosa Lee Smart reported on COTA event, as Chief Registrar: 290 Drivers – It was very busy, and everyone had a great time. Drivers were commenting on a return performance for next year, this year we understood that LSR was able to negotiate a very reasonable rate from COTA. All the COTA staff were very good to work with this year, quite accommodating. It was a positive experience for all and hopefully we made a little money. We currently have 132 Drivers registered for NOLA and still have about a week and a half to go and anticipate this to be another successful event.

Action Item: Road Racing needs to provide SOLO with some sort of an Ad about the next RR event.

MEMBERSHIP – LOWE

Our current membership is 848 members in our Region. We have a situation with one of our members, Jim Robertson, he is one of our best flaggers. He is upset with us because we would not give him a National License for F&C, this is because he did not meet the requirements. These requirements can be given to him by Jim Lowe to address his issue and give him his National License once he meets these simple requirements. Jim will provide these requirements to Mark Watson to incorporate into our website.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE - WATSON

Our Website is up and running; however, the mobile access to the website does not have the same functionality. We are looking into getting this resolved. We have made great progress and continue to improve on this website. We can now start promoting our website via social media.

BANQUET UPDATE: STRICKLAND

We currently have 46 people registered and we need each board member to push for more attendance. We close registration on February 21st. Have been working with different entities for donations, BMW, SR Sports, Mercedes Benz of Sugarland, and one in particular, Winding Road Racing, for example is offering a \$50 discount for a minimal order of \$200 and that's what they have always done in working with their contingency. Some of the same people are donating, Performance Stop reached out to me, they sell gear to some of the Autocross people. They are donating two \$50 gift certificates along with three BMW tire gauges. We also have a nice gift basket being donated by R Smart Properties. We will have gas cards to give away. MSR is donating a SCCA Comp School Entry less SCCA fee. A set of tires from Zestino Tires with this school and will be offered to attendees of the banquet with the opportunity to win this package for a nominal fee and the money will be used to pay for part of the banquet. Another possible donation is a one-year SCCA Membership for volunteers that work an event.

FINAL MOTION:

To Adjourn: Tisha Strickland

Seconded by: Rosa Lee Smart