

# **Houston Region SCCA Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2017**

The Houston Region Sports Car Club of America Board members met Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Gloria's Latin Cuisine downtown Houston, TX. The following board members participated: Sydney Davis-Yagel, Rosa Lee Smart, Larry Svaton, Richard Tomlin, Jim Lowe, Dan Helman, Holly Murphy and our former RE, James Rogerson. Board members not in attendance were Tisha Strickland, Markham Watson, Robert Horton, Mike Jiang and Bryan Gregory. Attending guests were Randy Smart and Janice Rowe. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

## **SECRETARY REPORT – SMART**

June 2017 Minutes were approved by this board.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT – JIANG**

We have money in bank

## **SOLO REPORT – HORTON**

151 timed entries for 09Jul2017: 101 timed entries for 11Jun2017

Purchased replacement equipment trailer, we will be transferring the equipment over from the old to the new trailer in late August or early Sept. Is there another group within Houston SCCA that would like to have the old trailer?

We are having an autocross at HPA on 13 Aug 2017

No event planned for Sept due to Solo Nationals in Nebraska

## **ROAD RALLY REPORT/GIMMICK EVENT – TOMLIN/STRICKLAND**

Kim, Richard's wife, was very instrumental in helping to organize this event with Richard and Tisha. Everyone participating had a great time.

The following report came from Tisha Strickland, as she was the joint director of the Gimmick event with Richard Tomlin, which took place on 22 July, 2017.

This event began at Gateway Classic Cars of Houston which was a nice venue but did not have donuts and coffee as discussed. I had to ask James to make coffee for us. Luckily I bought 4 dozen donuts when I left home just in case. I had to make a run to get drinks and ice.

Registration ran smoothly! We had a good turnout of about 15 or 16 cars for our first Gimmick Rally in 18 years. A minor snag but with technology in hand everything worked itself out by communication of drivers and email. It's a work in progress! They loved the gas gift cards as 1st- \$75, 2nd- \$50 and 3rd- \$50 prizes.

Feedback I've heard is it needs to be about an hour to an hour. When you get turned around it starts eating time up and a lot of people are competitive and won't give up. Have it during a cooler part of the season if we are going to do outdoor seating especially with pets. Even though the venues say it's pet friendly some restaurants will not let you bring your pet indoors. It was just too hot to be outside.

We signed up three new members, of which one rejoined after an extended absence.

## **ROAD RACING – DAVIS-YAGEL**

Tier pricing will be incorporated into our events for the purpose of attracting more drivers. We still need a Safety Steward and Chief Instructor for our PDX events. Richard will be looking into this for us.

Larry Svaton has been asked to look at Grand Sport in Hitchcock, on August 19 at 5pm and will be meeting with Joey Todd, as there is a potential investor who wants the feedback to make this a 2.3 mile race track. Larry will provide a written report as follow up or result of this meeting and survey.

A SODIV preliminary Race Schedule is being worked on and should be published soon on the SODIV website.

James Rogerson is also looking into a Charity event to host in Houston.

## **MOTION – LARRY SVATON**

Our Region should hold 3 races in 2018 and should therefore, take the Memorial Day Weekend date that will be left open due to Texas World Speedway closing down.

Seconded: Dan Helman

Passed by acclamation.

## **MOTION: RICHARD TOMLIN**

Take our abused Tech Trailer, update and sell it and take our profits to focus into our Annual Banquet.

Seconded: Rosa Lee Smart

Passed by acclamation.

## **MEMBERSHIP – SVATON**

921 Current Members

We need to recruit new members through incentives like if 2 non-members work 2 races they will receive their first year membership at no cost.

### **MOTION: LARRY SVATON**

First Non-Membership workers will receive their first year membership free; however, they must work a full weekend race.

Seconded by: Jim Lowe

Passed by acclamation.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

SEPTEMBER 19 – ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2017

NOVEMBER 28, 2017 – TRANSITION MEETING

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Houston Region is hosting our next SODIV meeting on October 7. Sydney will be looking to a place for this meeting.

Our next meeting is our Annual Elections Announcement meeting and Sydney will be sending out an email for nominations for the positions on the Houston Region Board.

Tonight we are nominating the following individuals for the following positions.

Janice Rowe for Assistant Regional Executive - Road Race Chair

Rosa Lee Smart nominated Jim Lowe for Director of Membership Participation II

Effective immediately, Jim Lowe is relinquishing his position as Assistant RE Club Race Chair to Janice Rowe as the new AE Road Race Chair.

It time to update our By-Laws and therefore, James Rogerson has been volunteered to take care of this task with Rosa Lee Smart's assistance.

Dan Helman announced a new worker incentive program for Non-SCCA events with SCCA members working races as it relates to insurance coverage. SCCA National will be paying \$6.50/worker insurance. A list of these working SCCA members will need to be provided to the local R. This list will need to be mailed this list to the National Office for reimbursement.

**FINAL MOTION:**

To adjourn meeting by Richard Tomlin and seconded by Dan Helman.