

Houston Region SCCA Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017

The Houston Region Sports Car Club of America Board members met Tuesday December 12, 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 and Robert Horton. Board member not in attendance, Dan Helman, Holly Murphy and James Rogerson. Attending guests were Randy Smart, Whitney Strickland and Maria Watson. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

SECRETARY REPORT – SMART

October 2017 Minutes were approved by this board.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JIANG

We have money in bank and made a payment towards our COTA event and should be reimbursed at a later date.

SOLO REPORT – HORTON

We continue to have timing system issues even after we sent in equipment to Race America for refresh and some fixes. After working fine in first heat, start of second heat we had to resort to running wires before we could start runs. We'll be spending time working on this prior to January event.

We are having a big discussion in the solo world about proposed new classes. A ladies PAX class is proposed. Two classes with OEM sports car style tires proposed as an attempt to provide a class for those that are slightly less ambitious. All of this is part of an attempt to grow the program and retain a greater percentage of the novices that try solo and often do not come back.

Our goal for 2018 is to get back to a consistent participation level that allows us to return to morning/afternoon format like we had prior to 2008. We will also need to improve efficiency and solve our occasional timing system issues.

Retention is always a challenge, we get from 16 to 30 novices in the Novice Class and our stats show that these individuals don't come back. Looking into doing morning and afternoon sessions.

We have finished the 2017 schedule averaging 137 drivers for 12 events, and averaging 22.6 novices per event.

ROAD RALLY REPORT– TOMLIN

We are working on another Gimmick Road Rally for our annual awards banquet on February 24, 2018. This is a work in progress.

ROAD RACING – ROWE

We are getting prepared for NOLA and I will be Grid Chief for this event. Sydney will be the Race Chair for NOLA and is planning on opening Online Registration on January 1, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP – SVATON

Membership has dropped, we are down to 854, as for our goals we still need to follow up on our Weekend Memberships. Looking into working Cars & Coffee events. Since we decided to pay for memberships of the weekend membership workers, we are still looking for more participation from Auto Crossing, Road Rally and Road Race areas. It's quite normal to have a drop in membership towards the end of the year and should be back up starting at the beginning of the new year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Markham Watson is still working on new website. We have been quite busy getting this going with a flurry of activity this month. The only challenge is trying to get some workflow content to the webpage designer so they know how to set up the Auto Cross results. We have made a lot of progress; Sydney & I have already viewed the mockup of the website guide. Suggestions to provide more content like calendar events, etc. are being considered. All this was just started in February of 2017 and there was and is more required before completion.

2018 SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas is now open for registration which will be held January 18-20, 2018.

Bill Skibby has been asked to present at the convention.

MOTION: TOMLIN/DAVIS-YAGEL

Offer Bill Skibby the same funding structure that we offer to the Board Members for attending.

Seconded by Jan Rowe

Passed by acclamation.

BANQUET UPDATE: STRICKLAND

Taking place February 24, 2018 at Landry's Kemah Boardwalk and we are charging \$30/person, \$15/children under 12 and day wrist bands are \$17.99 each, single ride tickets will cost \$3.99/ride. Nearby hotels will be listed in the registration form and there will be no hotel rooms blocked. We are still needing additional sponsors, so please submit names to Tisha.

Happy Hour is sponsored by Apex Auto Works, Richard Tomlin

Band is being sponsored by Tisha Strickland

MOTION: STRICKLAND

To charge a fee of \$30/person and \$15/child for this event.

Seconded by: Jim Lowe

Passed by acclamation.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Comprised of Rosa Lee Smart, Tisha Strickland and Jim Lowe. We are currently working on putting all the 2017 nominees' name together, Rosa Lee & Tisha are stepping out of this committee and are need replacements for 2018.

FINAL MOTION:

To Adjourn: Tisha Strickland

Seconded by: Rosa Lee Smart