

Arctic Alaska Region SCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10th, 2017
BP Energy Center, Anchorage AK

In attendance:

RE, Kent Hamilton: Present

ARE, Paul Carter: Present

Treasurer, Ken Martens: Absent due to illness

Secretary, Terrance Pearson: Present

Trustee, Kevin Cose: Absent

Trustee, Oliver Madsen: Present via Video Conference

Trustee, Chad Barnes: Present

Past REs: Bill Demming, Cheryl Babbe, Polly-Beth Odom, absent

Members: Sayrah Mitchell, John Buckley, Marshall Carter, John Wahl, Becky Pearson

CTO 5:50pm, Kent Hamilton

Opening Comments- Kent Hamilton

- Welcome to all members

Approval of the Agenda- Kent Hamilton

- No one opposed to the agenda

Minutes of previous meeting- Kent Hamilton

- Kent Hamilton presented minutes that had been posted on the website for approval
 - Pearson motion to accept
 - Barnes 2nd motion
 - Unanimously approved

Treasurer Report- Ken Martens

- No treasurer report available
- Kent stated that as far as he knew there were no outstanding debts, and that the new signer cards had been filled out at Northrim Bank with Kent Hamilton, Ken Martens, Paul Carter, and Chad Barnes as signatories.

Steward Reports

- Membership Steward Report- Becky Pearson
 - Becky Stated that she had received a current membership report from the National Office and that we stood at 77 active members.
 - Becky Stated that since September of 2016 we had 25 members not renew their membership
 - There were three groups categorized. North of the Range, South of the Range, and L48 members. The largest group not renewing were South of the Range with that also being the largest group in the Region overall.
 - Sayrah asked if there would be an effort to reach out to those members that had not renewed. Becky stated that she intended to do that.
- SOLO Steward Report- John Buckley
 - Discussion on John's initial efforts on scheduling SOLO Dates

 - John stated that dates at the Carlson Center in Fairbanks were limited and conflicted with other organizations dates. The dates were limited to May 27-28 (Tana X), June 24-25 (PCA AutoX) and August 19-20 (PCA AutoX)
 - John stated that Alaska Raceway Park can only be used prior to and after racing season. Before MAY 12, and after September 4th.
 - Much discussion over potential Fairbanks dates conflicting with PCA's requested dates. Consensus was that due to the distance between the events the conflict is minimal, and a Fairbanks weekend is unlikely to draw Anchorage competitors away from a local option. Hamilton agreed to reach out to PCA to discuss the situation. The following dates were determined to go forward for the SOLO Season contingent upon contracts with the venues:
 - SCCA SOLO School and Regional 1, April 24-25, Alaska Raceway Park, Palmer AK
 - SCCA Regional 2-3, June 24-25, Carlson Center, Fairbanks, AK
 - SCCA Regional 4-5, July 8-9, Houston Middle School, Houston AK
 - SCCA Regional 6-7, August 5-6, Houston Middle School, Houston, AK
 - SCCA Regional 8-9, August 19-20, Carlson Center, Fairbanks, AK
 - SCCA Regional 10-11 September 16-17, Alaska Raceway Park, Palmer, AK
 - John Buckley confirmed that he would immediately request the dates agreed upon and that he would notify the BOD upon approval.
 - It was also discussed that there would be an effort to conduct a SOLO Drags sometime during the season.
 - Leftover glasses from 2016 will be used as trophies for season class winners, and mailed to winners. Recognition will be given during one of the Fairbanks events.
 - Marshall Carter stated that we should look at expanding our possible sponsorship opportunities.
- RallyCross Steward Report- Marshall Carter
 - Marshall notified the BOD that he was ready to go forward with requesting sanctioning for March 5th, March 19th, and April 1st at Big Lake Ice Racing Road Course.
 - Marshall stated that after the 1st of April, we would need to look for alternate locations on land as the ice would be starting to leave at that time and may not be supportable.

- Oliver Madsen requested that there be some investigation of locations in the Fairbanks area to host a RallyCross. Several texts were exchanged with photos of possible sites in Fairbanks. It was agreed upon to look at sites in and around Fairbanks.
- Marshall stated that we really need to search for areas in and around Anchorage. Terrance stated that he had been approached by Valley Trash Cars (VTC) to look at the possibility of having a RallyCross at the Tune in The Spring car show at the Alaska Transportation Museum in Wasilla. Marshall stated that he too had been approached and that he determined that if SCCA participated it would have to adhere to SCCA regulations, and made no commitments to the VTC leadership. Terrance stated he looked at the area and thought that it might be suitable if some museum displays were moved. Hamilton wanted to know the location, and Pearson suggested he as the RallyCross Safety Steward look at the location as a possible site.
- Discussion was brought up about the possibility of getting back onto the old hospital site in Anchorage. Pearson was nominated to engage the municipality, and the heritage land bank on its possible use.
- Road Rally Steward Report- Sayrah Mitchell
 - Sayrah noted that she had been doing a lot of research on Road Rally. She noted several different types of rallies that could be held that were very simple to execute.
 - Sayrah stated that the goal of Rally was to have a social good time.
 - It was stated that she intends to hold Rallies in conjunction with the weekend events that are for SOLO or RX.
 - The first event that is in the works will be for the Tune in the Spring Car Show put on by Valley Trash Cars in Wasilla. Details will be developed over the next month.
 - Terrance Pearson stated that he now had his Road Rally Safety Steward License and that when we were ready for sanctioning just let him know.
 - There were some discussions on a possible Road Rally training class.
 - The issue of the status of the Bear Paw Rally and membership in the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce was brought up. Pearson stated that he would contact ER chamber to understand our status.
- Regional Executive Report- Kent Hamilton
 - No report given, topics are covered under other discussion items already.

New Business

- Reports/Information from the National Convention- Hamilton
 - Hamilton stated that this was his first convention and that it was an awesome event. He also stated that he would love for our team to plan to attend in mass next year.
 - The main theme was "Keeping Members"
 - Discussion was held on ways to work with Rookies at events:
 - Immediate engagement
 - Signage at events explaining what Rookies need to do Step 1, Step 2, Step 3.
 - Assign a Rookies Steward at events to engage them and employ them.
 - Get different color vests for different leaders so rookies know who they can talk to
 - Make it a requirement that Novice/Rookies ride with an instructor as well as have an instructor in their car until they have a clean run.
 - Some discussion was held on how to engage past members who have left
- Update on USRRC- Report via email, read by Hamilton/Barnes

- The following report was received from Cheryl Babbe

USRRC Report – Star Date 170210 for the SCCA Board Meeting February 10th, 2017

Promotion and advertising is underway for the Sept 15-17th United States Road Rally Challenge. The fundraising effort is progressing for the SCCA Rally Archives via the associated Rallying to Preserve the Historic SCCA Rally Archives with the International Motor Racing Research Center.

Rallymaster Cheryl Babbe announced the USRRC event and the IMRRC tie-in at the Town Hall Meeting on January 19th at the SCCA Convention in Vegas.

We have our peer-to-peer fundraising at: <http://bit.ly/RegionCause>

Motorsportreg.com is our official Registration at: <http://bit.ly/msregUSRRC2017>

We currently have four dedicated Checkpoint Crews for the event, four Cheechako and one Sourdough team registered. We have secured our Official Pre-Checker who will be traveling from New Jersey in June. Our second Pre-Check will happen later the summer.

As has been posted on Road Rally eNews Facebook page, as well as the Registration page (open since at least January 1st), the event will be lodging at the Seward Windsong Lodge and Ocean Shores Motel in Homer. Accommodations have been secured at both locations and we will have the option to reduce the holds on the rooms mid-summer, based on registrations at that time. We have not secured a location for our Thursday evening Reception.

While sanctioned as a Divisional, the points chasers in the National Championship may not see the value of costs to travel against the possibility of only ten-points for a win. A potential 60-points would have been available if the USRRC were sanctioned as three National events. The RoadRally Board has established the USRRC to be a destination event with social and road rally aspects. We are striving to meet that goal.

At the Convention, Region Member Cheryl Babbe was approached by fellow Arctic Alaska Region members with concerns that that had just been asked questions by the SCCA Board Chairman Lee Hill, NORPAC Board of Director Mr Weideman, and Southeast BOD Director Tere Pullium about the Sanctioning of the event last Spring, concerns as to the Regions' oversight and involvement, and RPM's involvement vs. the Region handling it. Cheryl shared their concerns with RoadRally Board Chairman for him to address and resolve.

Two members of our Team met with the Region's Rally Chairman Mitchell January 10th. We are awaiting the 2017 Schedule, of her ten events, so we can let local rallyists know of the time-speed-distance events planned for use as their USRRC practice rallies.

We are optimistic that we will get out to final our route recon in April, with much work going on behind the scenes in these next two months.

Respectfully,

USRRC Team

- Brief discussion about the Region's responsibility and the potential liability for sanctioning an event with no involvement or oversight.
- Plan to bring Region into Compliance-Hamilton
 - Hamilton stated that we are currently researching details of our 501 and 990 filing status, as there are no records available to us.
 - Pearson stated that the filing date for National Charter certification was the 15th of February, 2017. Hamilton stated that he had the paperwork for the certification and would submit to Rick Myers in the National Offices with a request for records from prior years, and assistance with the IRS if needed.
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- SOLO School- John Buckley
 - John Buckley stated that the intention of the school was to employ local instructors. It was stated that the talent here in the state is at a level equal to anyone that we could pay to bring up from the lower 48. .
 - It was discussed that the school have a format that avoided the way the school was conducted in 2016. It was discussed to have individual elements be trained separately and then on the following day have a course design that incorporated all of the elements.
 - It was discussed that the school would be held as the first event of the year at Alaska Raceway Park.
- Northwest Rally Association Trade event
 - Kent discussed the idea with Kito Brielmaier at the Convention, as a follow up on Kito's discussion with Corey Munk at the 2016 Convention. There's a possibility of doing a trade event, similar to what was done with Hawaii Region a few years ago. Members from the Northwest would travel here for an event and drive our members' cars, and we would travel to a Northwest Rally Association event and drive their members' cars. It's still in the early discussion stage with no plans set, but could be a possibility in the future if our RallyCross season goes well.
- Future Meeting Plans (Full year or next meeting)-Hamilton
 - Pearson stated that the BOD should go ahead and schedule out meetings monthly at the BP Energy Center. It was proposed to have them on the second Friday of the month.
 - It was agreed that we should hold the meeting on the 3rd of March at 6:30 at the BP Energy Center and Paul Carter would make arrangements.

Old Business

- Rev Van-Pearson
 - Pearson brought up the point that we needed to get the box van moved from Palmer to Chugiak. If we can't get it moved before the RX dates, we will need to get equipment out to run the event. Pearson agreed to attempt to get in touch with Bill Demming to arrange pickup.
 - Marshall Carter made the point that there should be no reason for us not to be able to add other drivers to the insurance policy. Pearson shared the Progressive Insurance paperwork.
- Bylaws-Hamilton
 - Similar to last year, the Bylaws committee will consist of the entire BOD, plus the volunteers from last year
 - Hamilton requested the BOD appoint a new chairperson.

- Paul Carter volunteered for the position.
- Fairbanks Region/Chapter Discussion- Discussion Tabled
- Strategic and Future Planning- Discussion Tabled
- Pearson makes motion to Adjourn (Paul Carter 2nd)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50p