

Monday, October 9, 2023
7:00pm, Black Walnut Cafe

Texas Region SCCA Monthly Meeting

Regional Executive—
Matt Lucas

AREs—

Ron Bashor (Asst Race), Danny Bullard (Membership), Sam Graff (Street Survival) (not in attendance), Taylor Burnidge (Time Trials), David Powers (Solo, not in attendance), John Poulos (Rally, not in attendance), Sitara Wilson (Race)

Directors—

Nolan Eberl-Cole (not in attendance), Paul May (Chairman), Bob Neff, Phil Osborne, Sue Anne Rische (not in attendance), Ethan Wiseley, Open

Officers—

Sherrie Ledbetter (Treasurer), Misty Wiseley (Secretary)

Guests—

Brian Brooks, Art Tapley

Meeting Open 7:04pm

Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Bob Neff and seconded by Phil Osborne. Unanimous approval.

What's Happening?!— Matt Lucas

Banquet/Awards Party— Tammi has a potential date as February 3rd at Alysheba Room at Lone Star Park. She is knocking it out of the park and the room has been paid.

2024 Race COTA/NOLA Swap— CoTA is no longer on schedule due to much higher prices. NOLA Feb 16-18 at a much lower cost than CoTA at \$15k/day and includes amenities priced separately at other places. Race chair secured (being co-chaired by Sydney Davis Yagel and Sitara Wilson). Date secured. This event is a profit/risk share with Houston and Lone Star regions (25% / 25% / 50%). This is an opportunity to add a Super Tour to our offerings. Really need to look hard at the financials. Bob motions we have Sitara to continue to move forward to secure this and get the deeper financial information so we can make a formal vote in the near future to get this formally on the 2024 calendar quickly. Ethan and Ron both second the motion, motion approved.

Also, Lou Gigliotti at G2Motorsports contacted Sitara about the possibility to officially hold an SCCA race there. His numbers are high, and she is going to attempt to negotiate with him. The track is still in progress and needs bathrooms, etc, before completion. May or may not be ready next year, but the track is brand new and it would need to be certified by a licensed SCCA track

inspector, like Martin Thake. Bob wonders how much that would cost to have it certified, and he says it would take longer than one would think to have it certified. And... who would pay?

Presentation of Candidates for 2024 Officers and BoD—

Tammi— nomination for open board seat

Sherri— for treasurer

Matt— nomination for RE

Ethan— nomination for board

Neff— nomination for board

Art— nomination for board

Nominees need to send a brief biography for the nomination form as soon as possible.

Secretary position for 2024 is open and needs to be filled, no one has submitted a nomination.

// Update 11.8.2023: Misty has decided to stay on as Secretary assuming no one has stepped up to which she would be their backup. She is seeking 1-2 people that can take on the roll of backup secretary when she is not able to attend the meeting. Please let her know if you or someone you know would be willing to help her out when needed. Taylor has done this for her the last 2 years, and he should be allowed to retire from being backup secretary!

Brief Runoffs Update— Bob went to 60th event and was an SOM Steward. Quite the experience and he was very impressed. First time in history to have a tie (in SM); lots of wrecks; lots of fun, lots of excitement. This was Bob's first year to go, and he is looking forward to going next year at Road America.

September President's Update— Membership is doing great. Downward trend in participation across the board. Looking at a registration module to replace motorsport.reg; if it cannot support roadrace it is not viable. Next year's convention is virtual and free again Jan 18-24th and it will be the 80th anniversary. Sportscar Magazine will no longer be printed starting next year— Bob is not happy with this.

Club Spec information is very vague. Also, there are already too many classes. Bob also feels there should be a minimum requirement for people to qualify for runoffs as there are too many people that are allowed in that are not safe. Bob would love to see Sitara on the CRB.

Discipline Updates:

Sherrie Ledbetter / Financials— Still waiting on autocross to complete updates. Needs to change transponders to a capital expense; really skews TT. Still a smaller purchase for transponders to occur. Otherwise a quiet month.

John Poulos / RoadRally Update via email— Not too much to report for RoadRally at this point. Our next rally is the DFW Shortest Distance Map Rally on October 28th, and we will close the season on December 2nd with Sasha's Children's Book Run Rally, which will be a competitive GTA Rally (as opposed to the Trek format in the past couple of years), with a "Clue"

twist to it. Welcome all to sign up and contribute children's books in support of Scottish Rite for Children.

Sitara / Road Racing Update— ~30 entries for October event. Wish there were more. There are a number of folks coming from Houston. That is a busy weekend with all sorts of events going on that weekend; road race, autocross, rally, G2 event.... Etc

Sitara proposed using **Google Workspace**— \$12 per user per month. She also wants to clean up Constant Contact. Sitara would prefer a vote on this as soon as possible rather than it be sat upon. Sitara says she will get the framework set up with the promise/need to hand it off in a plug and play way with templates, etc., to someone else. Email addresses would remain consistent when ARE's and such turn over. Matt will start writing a Kerrie Speed type email once a month with all discipline updates.

Vote proposed to add this at 10 email addresses with @TxSCCA.org domain. If in 6 months we find it not working, then cancel it. Bob motions to approve and Phil O. seconds. Old addresses will continue to be viable via auto forwarding.

David Powers by Matt / Solo Update— 119 signed up and 97 with times. 29th at LSP. Average drop of 10 per event this year. Also, think extra hot summer. Our hosting for UTA was a huge success, and they had the largest number of drivers ever and a huge crowd. Parade of cars from lab to track is awesome.

Taylor Burnage / Time Trials Update—

Event coming up soon Oct 21st on 3.1 at Cresson. It was double booked and Taylor nipped that in the bud quickly. 32 entries so far which is good this early. New transponders will be labeled and used. Holographic stickers?!

Sam Graff / Street Survival—

Not present. Sites are still a challenge. Continued renewed interest.

Danny Bullard / Membership— 1190 members

Round Table:

Misty Wiseley— let me know if you have any ideas for secretary.

Taylor Burnage— Let me know if you see any website issues or anything out of date. Still looking for someone competent in web design that would be able to take this position over so he can focus on TT.

Paul May— Last Track Night in America is tomorrow. He'll be pushing SCCA for sure. Sitara and Matt will be there as well.

Ron— New living units at ECR, but no extension of paddock. Skidpad and more bathrooms have been added. Restaurant expansion. A few flagging stations destroyed in storms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

**Next meeting will be the region Annual Meeting and election. November 13th, 2023
7pm at the Black Walnut Café in Coppell. All members are invited and
refreshments will be provided.**