

Texas Region SCCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2024
7:00 on Zoom

Regional Executive

Matt Lucas

AREs

Ron Bashor (Asst. Race), Jason McCall and Debbie Carey (Street Survival) - not present, Taylor Burnidge (Time Trials) – not present, David Powers (Solo), John Poulos (Rally), Sitara Wilson (Race)

Directors (4 is a Quorum)

Nolan Eberl-Cole, Paul May (Chairman), Bob Neff, Sue Anne Rische, Ethan Wiseley, Art Tapley, Tammi Enriken

Officers

Sherrie Ledbetter (Treasurer), Danny Bullard (Secretary)

Guests

Phil Osborne
Misty Wiseley
Buck Enriken

Meeting Opened at 7:03 PM

What's Happening?! — Matt Lucas

- No first timers (Linda Cardenas unable to attend, will try to be at next meeting).
- SCCA Runoffs listed among the Top 10 sports events by USA Today!
- Matt indicated difficulty finding suitable venues for meetings, solicited inputs for June/July. Consensus was Zoom for June, July TBD. Matt discussed criteria for sites, asked group to keep eyes open for good locations. Black Walnut Café may be the best in-person meeting location going forward due to multiple locations.
- Solo site acquisition committee leveraging Phil Adams relationship re. Alliance Airport, if productive will ask National/Rick Myers to get involved.

Treasurer's Report (Sherrie)

- Time Trials event at the end of April - expenses didn't come in until May.
- NOLA money came in in early May.
- Look at Road Race – lost considerable money in sanction fees.

- Time Trials is a negative balance.
- Nolan acquired sponsorship funding from Riser-Harness Ford and Hagerty for the Divisional Time Trials.
- Bob Neff mentioned Road Race should be up to a positive balance.
- Zelle was a problem re. reimbursement for ECR race workers – email and phone number a problem. List comes from Sitara for payment, need better coordination. All have now been paid.
- Discussion regarding reimbursements via check, pending new IRS implementation next year regarding \$600 annual limit, enforcement of requirement for issuing 1099s. Will likely need to have workers requesting checks to fill out IRS form at beginning of the year.
- Restored a cash balance after some solid events.
- Bob Neff reviewed impressive cash balances for the Lone Star Region prior to and after the NOLA event. Lengthy discussions regarding escalating costs of putting on road race events.
- Matt Lucas mentioned that the bank payment from SOWDIV Profit Share included a back-payment.

Discipline Updates

Rally (John Poulos)

- Rally Masters have stopped volunteering. John Poulos will be the only Rally Master going forward.
- John is planning a couple more events that would include him as the Rally Master.
- Nothing else concrete to report.
- We may have a new Rally Master moving into the area, need to solicit involvement.
- John may have someone to do safety check. But the Rally Master can't do their own safety check.

Road Race (Sitara Wilson)

- For the May 3rd road race, there were 101 entries with 67 for test day.
- There was a lack of corner workers; but it worked out okay.
- Pleasantly surprised how it worked out.
- Including shirt orders in registration is imminent.
- Bob Neff mentioned that the lack of flaggers is a concern. Linda Cardenas made a call to CVAR and the help showed up.

Solo (David Powers)

- Event #2 just happened:

- 116 entries with times, including 31 novices.
- 5/19/24 Burlleson event coming up.
- 6/1/24 Frederick event – main hangar roof hit by a tornado:
 - Texted back and forth on logistics.
 - Need to get the trailer up there.
 - Joint effort/event with Equipe Rapide.
- Trailer for the 6/1/24 event - Matt Lucas could bring up the trailer. If not, he knows someone who can.

Time Trials (Matt Lucas for Taylor Burnidge)

- The second event nearly sold out, 94 entries (largest TXR TT ever)! Novice and Track Day did sell out.
- We'll change some trophy ceremony procedures due to survey results.
- Next is the Divisional Time Trials – sponsors from Riser-Harness Ford and Vorschlag for trophies.
- The Divisional TT is scored as two different points events.
- Transponder rentals are doing well. The last Apex event netted \$1,000.
- Nolan reported that they ran 3 run groups by necessity.

Street Survival (Matt Lucas)

- Jason and Debbie are working on an event for 6/30/24.
- We'll have to pay for water – but not that much.
- If you want to instruct for that event, please let Matt know.
- Is registration open? Matt noted that's handled through the National office.

Membership (Matt Lucas)

Membership is still holding at a little above 1,100 members.

Roundtable

- Phil Osborne mentioned that the next event is this weekend (Solo).
- Bob Neff mentioned that we got a nice comment from Mike Cobb on the NOLA Road Race for regions working together.
- Ron Bashor had a shout out for Sitara for all of her hard work on the road races to date. Art Tapley seconded that.
- Nolan mentioned Sitara has done a great job – Taylor too!
- Paul May mentioned that there is a Track Night in America at Cresson tomorrow.
- No other attendees had any other comments for the roundtable.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM