

Texas Region SCCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2024
7:00 on Zoom

Regional Executive

Matt Lucas

AREs

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

Directors (4 is a Quorum)

Nolan Eberl-Coe, Paul May (Chairman), Bob Neff, Sue Anne Rische – not present, Ethan Wiseley, Art Tapley, Tammi Enriken

Officers

Sherrie Ledbetter (Treasurer) – not present, Danny Bullard (Secretary)

Guests

Phil Osborne
Misty Wiseley
Buck Enriken

Meeting Opened at 7:05 PM

What's Happening?! — Matt Lucas

- No new attendees.
- Tammi Enriken moved to approve the May minutes and Art Tapley seconded the motion – minutes approved.

Board & Officers – Matt Lucas

- Two of the Directors on the Board of Directors, Ethan Wiseley and Bob Neff, time out at the end of the year and cannot run for another term.
- We hold Officer elections each year and Matt is timing out as Regional Executive at the end of 2024 and cannot run again.
- No immediate action necessary. But we need to keep in mind potential candidates for replacing those who are timing out. Nominating period for officer and board positions for 2025 opens on September 15 and nomination forms are due to the Secretary by the October monthly meeting.

- Matt reminded the ARE's that anyone considering stepping down must put forward their replacement for consideration by the new RE for next year.

Quarterly Volunteer Recruitment Call – Matt Lucas

- Any of the Region's leaders are invited to attend. Matt sent around an invitation, and he'll attend.
- Nolan mentioned that the Motorsports Safety Foundation is having an event at the same time as the volunteer call.

Award Nominations – Matt Lucas

- Matt needs observations from events about members being worthy of nominations for year-end awards. Those awards and criteria for selection are now listed on the region website.
- Please try to do something to remember what you observe and report it to Matt for nominations.

Treasurer's Report (Matt for Sherrie)

- Overall numbers looking pretty strong.
- The Time Trials event from last weekend has no expenses posted yet. Sponsor revenue from the event has not been posted yet as well.
- Both Matt and Sitara are pretty sure that the Road Race financials are settled out now.
- Solo should have everything but the Frederick event caught up.
- Cash flow is strong. Cash balance not yet up to pre-COVID levels but trending in the right direction.

Discipline Updates

Rally (John Poulos)

- Very little to discuss – on pause for the moment.
- Challenged by lack of Rally Masters.

Road Race (Sitara Wilson)

- Sitara had nothing to report – taking a few weeks off.
- It was very hot, humid and muggy in Houston for their Memorial Day weekend event. They had 85 to 90 drivers. She assumes they would break even as the track rental in Houston is less than what we see up in North Texas.

Solo (David Powers)

- 85 drivers in Frederick last weekend with times. Not many Oklahoma Region Members. Not great concrete and we had to make accommodations. There was heavy rain on Sunday for the ER portion of the event, and only 63 entries – disappointing that more folks didn't do both. Solo Board is not sure about returning to Frederick for this event next year.
- Solo will be at ECR mid-next month for its annual Road Course event following Time Trials event.

Time Trials (Taylor Burnidge)

- Good attendance for Divisional Time Trials. The event went really well.
- Good attendance as well for the track walk, dinner party, and trophy presentations.
- Good job to Tammi for banner.
- Taylor has no feel for whether or not the event will break even. It will take a long time to break even due to track rental, etc.
- Trophies – only 5 or 6 drivers were not there to receive their trophies.
- Nolan stated that social media was blowing up on trophy presentations.
- There was good participation in the voting for special worker/driver awards.
- ECR is doing events where they will be renting our transponders. More money for the Region!

Street Survival (Matt Lucas for Debbie Carey)

- The event scheduled for Sunday June 30th at Dragon Stadium is now scheduled for Pennington Field on Saturday, June 29th. BMW recently ran there so Pennington Field is promising, the area previously used for paddock is now bus parking however there may be some potential there.

Membership (Matt Lucas)

- Membership is now above 1,200 members.

Roundtable

- Phil Osborne mentioned that we need more Solo Safety Stewards. There were issues with coverage during the Frederick event.
- John Poulos reported that he attended the Mini Club 22 laps at Texas Motor Speedway charity event – best attended ever!
- Tammi asked if we have comprehensive (insurance) coverage on our trailers. Matt replied that we have no coverage on our trailers unless they are being towed and then there is liability coverage. Nolan suggested we take the discussion off-line. Matt mentioned the Race Trailer has no coverage as well.
- Taylor advised that he is working on a proof-of-concept awards nomination form. Taylor also added that we have a minor challenge getting trailers to sites. We should look at acquiring a truck to haul trailers. Nolan countered that that may necessitate a new storage solution. Matt proposed another option of renting a truck when needed. David added that there will be costs involved with renting; naming of drivers; and reimbursement of towing.

- Nolan congratulated Taylor on his continued success with the Time Trials program! He added that the Motorsports Safety Foundation needs help. Anyone interested should send a note. Lastly, Kelcie Karanges is looking for two people to support Women on Track for Road Rally and Rallycross.
- Paul May said that Michigan International Speedway will be hosting the annual Formula SAE event. He also mentioned that the next TNiA event is at MSR Cresson on Tuesday (6/17).
- No other attendees had any other comments for the roundtable.

Matt announced that the next meeting will be July 8th on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.