

Texas Region SCCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024
7:00 at BJ's Draffhouse

Regional Executive

Matt Lucas – not present

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, Ethan Wiseley, Art Tapley, Tammi Enriken

Officers

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

Guests

Phil Osborne
Andrew Palmer
Buck Enriken

Meeting Opened at 7:05 PM

Per the Bylaws, Paul May opened and chaired the meeting in the absence of the RE.

New Attendees

- Andrew Palmer welcomed as a relative newcomer!

Minutes – Bob Neff moved to approve the July minutes; Nolan seconded the motion – minutes approved.

What's Happening?! — Paul May

- Paul May reiterated that the Region logo issue needs to be resolved once and for all. Bob Neff reminded everyone that the Grub Rustler logo is the official logo, and we are not required to use that logo on all discipline communications. Some inconclusive discussion followed.
- Tammi took the floor to provide a trailer update. She received 3 quotes for coverage for three trailers – Race, Time Trials, and Solo – but not Tech as the Tech trailer is not titled in the Region. Bob and Ron corrected this, noting the Tech trailer was transferred from SWDiv to Texas Region some time ago. Scottsdale provided the best

coverage/premium. The Total Annual Premium is \$1,576. Bob commented that the policy needs to be reviewed before the Region can approve/fund it. Nolan mentioned he would like to review the policy for exclusions. Paul advised we can carry this topic over to next month. He also added that the Tech and Race trailers are being stored at ECR gratis.

- Paul asked if there were any trailer tow updates. Unless any objections, we need to drop the issue. It should have been dropped last month. The Board of Directors agreed to close this item and only rent a tow truck if/when a member's vehicle is not available.
- Street Survival's next event is planned for March 2025.
- At the September Board meeting, Matt has another social media person attending/present. Bob elaborated that a person immersed in social media can bring a lot of others to help with social media/events. There are, however, concerns in getting social media people certificated/trained in order to be properly utilized.
- Nolan added that he doesn't think a lot of volunteers are coming from outside of the club. It's better to use social media personnel to create brand awareness.
- Paul added that to properly do the job of social media representative is a lot of work.

Board & Officers

- Bob Neff interjected that September 15th nominations are open for Region elections.
- Sue Anne added that she would take over the responsibility of unifying the options for a possible replacement for the Grub Rustler logo. Sitara asked for a high resolution image of the Grub Rustler. Bob mentioned he could help out.
- Paul asked for any nominations for upcoming vacant positions. Nolan indicated his intention to run for the RE position.
- Bob mentioned that October is the "meet the candidates" meeting and November is the Annual Meeting at which votes will be finalized.
- Ethan and Bob time out of their positions. Matt times out as well.

Treasurer's Report – Paul May

Taylor mentioned that events 2, 3, and 4 numbers are wrong. Tammi thinks that Sherrie made duplicate entries. Bob moved to table approving the Treasurer's Report for July. Nolan seconded.

Discipline Updates

Rally (John Poulos)

- Nothing since February
- Hopefully, a rally in October/November
- Might put together a year-end rally if he can get a Rally Master.
- He might do a book trek and end at ECR for parade laps. Bob cautioned that John should check with the national office to confirm insurance for an event like that.

Road Race (Sitara Wilson)

- The schedule might change for 2025. The May date to change as ECR is the week after Hallett. For the Super Tour event, she's trying to replace the May date with the last week in January or end of February. For the Fall, the SWDiv Race Committee is looking at a 4th quarter Majors race.
- She is having some discussions with ECR getting certified as an approved SCCA school. She'll approach the Board if the syllabus passes muster. She'll also look at ECR sharing costs.
- She mentioned that she has some concerns about the newly promoted race experience program – essentially non-licensed drivers on track in wheel-to-wheel racing. The National office is really pushing hard for this.
- She added that she is not quitting, but really needs help at race events.
- She needs a Tech Chief for the Cresson event. Art volunteered to pull the Tech Trailer to Cresson.
- Sitara mentioned that there is now a gate at the back entrance at Cresson.

Solo (David Powers)

- At the August 4th event, they had 133 drivers with times, including 30 Novices. They were able to get 5 runs for everyone and it was HOT.
- Their next event is September 15th at Lone Star Park.
- The annual UT-Arlington FSAE event is October 12th through the 13th
- Bob cautioned that at the August 4th event, neither of the workers using the blowers were wearing hearing protection.

Time Trials (Taylor Burnidge)

- At the event last Saturday at Cresson there were 14 Novices, 12 entered for Track Days, and 44 entered for Time Trials. They were also able to get some good feedback from the entrants.
- October 19th is the next event.
- The region has a new Flag Marshall – Mike Vandament - and he is doing a great job.
- They will be speaking to Hallett about a road trip event.
- They are also talking to the National office about another National Time Trials event.
- They are working with Brad Flack, the SWDiv Administrator for Time Trials, about trying to start Time Trials programs in other Southwest Division regions.

Street Survival (Paul May)

No further updates.

Membership (Paul May)

- Danny mentioned we still have over 1,250 members in the Region.

Roundtable

Sitara – The Area Director position is up for re-election. She is interested in running.

Taylor – A test web page is up on the Region website for nominations for annual region awards. Please provide feedback.

Art – The G2 track is considering running events. Bob interjected that he did a review and provided a 4 to 5 page punch list of items that need to be addressed before SCCA could run an event there:

- A track inspection must be conducted and approved by an SCCA certified inspector.
- Realistically, it will probably take 1 to 1-1/2 years before they're ready.
- Frankly, there is a lot to be done before it can be certified for SCCA events.

Andrew – The merchandise site has been up and running as part of our Region website. Please see the menu.

Paul - the next meeting will be September 9th, likely on Zoom.

Bob moved to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.