

Texas Region SCCA 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2025 - 7:00pm
Hop & Sting Brewing Co., Grapevine, TX

Regional Executive

Nolan Eberl-Coe

AREs

Jason McCall (Street Survival) not present, Debbie Carey (Street Survival) not present, Taylor Burnidge (Time Trials), David Powers (Solo), John Poulos (Rally), Sitara Wilson (Race) not present, Ethan Wiseley (Membership)

Directors (4 is a Quorum)

Ron Bashor not present (Asst. Race), Tammi Entriiken, Matt Lucas not present (Chairman), Paul May, Sue Anne Rische not present, Art Tapley, Vacant Seat

Officers

Bob Neff (Treasurer)

Guests

Arshia Akhtar (Acting Secretary)
Ralph Seibert
Miles Furlong
Kelsey Karanges (National Chair, Women on Track)
Brad ??

Meeting Opened at 7:03 PM

Lacking a quorum of the Board, activities requiring Board approval were deferred:

- Appointment of Miles Furlong to the Board of Directors (Bylaws Art. IV Sect 3)
- Appointment of Arshia Akhtar as Corporate Secretary (Bylaws Art. IV Sect 3)
- Approval of February meeting minutes

Review and approval to be done via email communications from the RE to all Board members.

New Attendees

Kelsey Karanges and Brad ??

What's Happening?! (Nolan Eberl-Coe, Regional Executive)

Newsletter seems to be exceptionally well-received, with a 68% open rate on recent issues – kudos to Ethen Wiseley and all who are contributing to that success. Ongoing improvements planned include adding a “call for submissions” section to solicit input from the membership i.e. stories, classifieds, volunteer opportunities, etc., leveraging QR codes and landing pages to build email opt-ins via Constant Contact. Also discussed were adding archived editions and opt-in forms on the region website as well as Facebook.

Financial Report (Bob Neff, Treasurer)

The February financial report as presented showed a positive net income, however there were several significant expenses for Race that had not yet been received which will result in a negative net income for the region once those are paid.

Investigation continues regarding apparent issues with several balance sheet accounts, in particular the Pre-Paid Race account. This seems to be related primarily to unallocated costs for gas cards, which expenses will likely result in a change to the 2024 financials as previously reported and need to be reconciled before we provide financials to our CPA for 2024 tax filing.

Discipline Updates

Rally (John Poulos)

No report

Road Race (Bob Neff for Sitara Wilson)

Two of the three planned Texas Region events have been completed, with mixed results. January at Cresson broke even, February event at ECR experienced a loss. Entries are light for the March NOLA event that we are financially participating in; for 2024 there were 180 test day entries vs current 59, and 222 entries vs current 76. Spec Miata entries are way down from last year, as are Prototype cars. Seeing same nationwide, not clear why SM is down but Prototype is clearly backlash against the new class changes/consolidations.

Arshia volunteered to help compile a list of racecar rental shops/individuals for members new to racing, to facilitate entry to the program.

Solo (David Powers)

Contract with Lone Star Park delayed posting the 2025 schedule and opening annual reg, now underway. Still some issues with EMT billing. Discussions being held regarding possibility of securing an old helicopter training site west of Mineral Wells, ongoing.

Concerns expressed regarding low Novice turnout for the March event; only 8 versus an average of 27 last year. Suggested remedial actions included earlier calendar publishing (not possible this year due to LSP contract delays), using paid advertising (FB, other?).

Street Survival (Jason McCall)

Event locked in with Pennington for June 7th, recruiting for coaches and students is underway. Still in conversations with other locations. A potential fall event is being explored, hoping to do 2 per year.

Time Trials (Taylor Burnidge)

Planning is ongoing with MidDiv folks for the Hallett Time Trial event this month, dealing with challenges with the National office in getting sanction issued since Hallett is outside both our region and division.

Working toward new/updated timing equipment and software, included in budget submission, as existing software is being phased out/support discontinued.

Membership (Ethan Wiseley)

No report/update

Roundtable

Neff advised a track inspection is scheduled for G2 Motorsports Park, on May 5th, to determine if facility can be approved for Road Race. Will be performed under new Ops Manual provisions for inspection by out-of-region Exec Steward, expenses will be covered by Race Department. Previous/initial review indicated significant concerns regarding facility readiness and safety issues. If approved, Race Chair will have to work on reducing initial quote for track rental fees.

Discussion regarding Board approval of motions/actions, such as appointing officers or directors, via email rather than during an in-person meeting. Bob Neff confirmed that state law permits electronic voting, as long as the format allows for discussion and response among all voting members and provided a quorum of members participate.

Bob discussed the Directors and Officers/D&O insurance that is provided through the National office, separate from event-specific liability and critical for staff regarding legal claims associated with club operations. A recent update was announced, Neff will send link to the webinar and documentation to everyone affected.

Nolan discussed proposal to have a “happy hour” before our monthly meetings, to encourage and increase member engagement. Tentative start in April or May, would need to publicize in the newsletter and on social media to make members aware.

The meeting adjourned at **8:52 pm**. Next meeting is Monday, April 7, at 7pm and hopefully in person, location to be determined.