

Central Division of SCCA Annual Meeting Minutes February 4, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mark Utecht.

Present, Mark Utecht, Tracey Gauper, Paul Gilbert, Mike Smith, Chuck Duncan & JoAnne Jensen.

Minutes of the 11/13/2013 were approved as distributed via email.

Election of Officers:

President: Mark Utecht

Vice Pres.: Chuck Duncan

Secretary: Paul Gilbert

Treasurer: Tracey Gauper

Discussion of the cash balance maintained by CenDiv Corp.

Milwaukee Region has asked that CenDiv dispense with 2014 member assessment as the cash balance is sufficient for Corp needs. (Tracey)

CenDiv board discussed changing the assessment to racing drivers in each Region or each driver and worker in each Region.

Discussion of adequacy and purpose of cash balance. Mark feels that balance should be maintained as a safety net for any CenDiv Region that cannot meet obligations (track rental, etc). Although CenDiv events are to be self supporting, Spring Training lost about \$3,000 last year and is projected to lose more this year. (total CenDiv assessment last year was about \$3,500)

It was motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> to waive 2014 membership assessment. (Tracey/Chuck) Motion did not pass and was tabled to next meeting (at Spring Training on 4/5 & 6).

Motion passed unanimously for Treasurer to spend up to \$200 to purchase checks, windowed envelopes, deposit tickets and new check endorsement stamp.

CenDiv Championship sponsorship discussion:

C&P Installations is still considering sponsorship at this time as they did not think we are having a CenDiv Champ Series. (Tracey)

TRO Mfg has expressed interest in participating. There is an ongoing discussion of the sponsorship. Scott (of TRO) has expressed an interest in returning a portion of the money to drivers and workers thru random drawings at the (non-Majors) CenDiv races. Asking for stickers on support/safety vehicles as well as racecars. Details are still being worked out. (Mike) May ask race chair to handle cash drawings at Saturday night parties for each race.

Discussion of # of trophies per class. Currently rules state SM & SRF receive 5 trophies, other classes receive 3 trophies. Should the number of trophies be based on class participation? (Tracey)

There needs to be better recognition of our sponsors (C&P & TRO have sponsored the CenDiv Championship for several years.) There should be recognition on the entry forms, Motorsport Reg (MSR) and find other ways to recognize our sponsors.

Need to update the CenDiv Championship sign up procedure for 2014.

Expect to use MSR for sign up.

Need to create electronic communication for racers and sponsors.

Post on MSR and link to each entry form. Also present hard copy at Registration to each driver.

Forward info to Jeff Cashmore for inclusion in CenDiv news section of SportsCar magazine.

Postcards of CenDiv 2014 race schedule are in the planning stages and should be mailed soon. Still

needs to obtain estimate and receive approval from RE's. Will try to coordinate with CenDiv webmaster to include the link on the CenDiv website to CenDiv Championship info. (Tracey)

Discussion of the appointment of Program Stewards (Rally Cross, Road Rally, Solo & Time Trials Programs). Per the SCCA Operations Manual (National) this is handled thru SCCA National not CenDiv or CenDiv, Inc.

New timing & scoring equipment is being purchased by Blackhawk Valley, Chicago & Milwaukee Regions (together). CenDiv is not financially involved in this purchase. LOL has its own equipment.

Updated Divisional Administrators have been updated on CenDiv web site.

Ed Locke is the new CenDiv webmaster.

How is the Divisional correspondent for SportsCar selected? (Jeff Cashmore is current) When the current correspondent steps down, he solicits a replacement.

Spring Training (4/5 & 6) preparations/questions:

Agendas being prepared. Logistics (site rental) nearly complete. May need to expand to 2 day format in future or hold separate meetings for administration and competition topics (currently administrative topics).

Discussion of raising Spring Training registration fees from \$30/40 to \$35/47 or \$40/50. Event lost about \$3,000 last year and projected to lose \$3,600 in 2014. CenDiv covered this loss in 2013 and will cover in 2014.

Motion carried unanimously to keep the Registration fees at \$30 for 4/5, \$40 for 4/5 & 6. (Chuck)

Driver's school is being administered by Chicago Region this year. Jim Dentici & Bob Clark lead instructors.

Budget of \$500 for Executive Steward for supplies & printing passed unanimously.

\$150 budgeted for CenDiv awards to recognize Jim Dentici for long-time work with Driver's School.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Paul Gilbert  
Secretary.