

CENDIV Annual Meeting. March 22, 2020

9:00am via conference call

Minutes of the Meeting prepared by Mike Smith

Minutes may not appear in chronological order.

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Smith, Chuck Duncan, Tracey Gauper, Mark Utech, Joe Fister,
Other in Attendance: Kevin Coulter, Peter Jankovskis, Paula Spencer, Erik Van-der-Mey, and Jeff
Kulawinski

Treasurer Report (Gauper): Financial health is okay, but not as good as it was 5 years ago. Most transactions are pass-through transactions. Most of the CENDIV expenses that are not pass-through include Spring Training, hotels for Spring Training and Hall of Fame. Tracey will be ordering additional checks and deposit slips as supplies are getting low. It was noted that membership assessment fees, which at one time had been zero, are in place at this time and go toward expenses our leaders incur for attending the National convention.

Elections:

No changes to the regional representatives. Tony Grau replaced Paul Gilbert in December.

Officers: Treasurer; Tracey Gauper (Unanimous), Vice President; Chuck Duncan (Unanimous). President; Mike Smith (See December Mtg) no vote taken (Unanimous)

Secretary; A request was made of the attending board to fill the position of Secretary. The position remains VACANT.

Special Committee: Sponsorship has been received for Spring Training and the Drivers School/Double Divisional. We have received 4 donations totaling \$2,500. (We have \$2000 and there is one \$500 donation currently outstanding that was to go toward the DSDD weekend. Tracey noted that we need to seek approval from the donors to roll over donations for next year (spring Training and possibly the Drivers School/DbI Divisional). The reason we have to obtain permission to use it for something other than the original pledge has to do with how non-profits and not-for-profits accounting works. If something is ear-marked for a specific thing (like Saturday lunch at DSDD), it can only be used for that unless the donor states otherwise. After the national crisis passes, they will resume requests for donors.

Old Business: Trophy case for Hall of Fame. Mike Smith will contact Bev for additional clarification.
(TABLED)

Smith reviewed changes in CENDIV Championship Series, and sponsors. More money going to volunteers. Eliminated Driver Entry award to increase the number of additional volunteer awards. Explained the "Opt out" concept for drivers wishing to return monies that would be spent on their trophy to be returned to the series.

Motion (Smith) to increase Driver Licensing Waiver Fee from \$35, to \$50. (second by Chuck Duncan). Discussion followed. Motion FAILED.

Motion made by Mark Utech (seconded by Smith), to eliminate the Driver Licensing Waiver Fee starting in October 2020. Motion PASSED.

Membership Assessment fee will remain the same as previous year. The membership assessment fee goes to offset some of the expenses our leaders incur in attending the National Convention.

Motion (Smith) to increase the Trophy Fund from \$2 to \$3 per entry for Majors races for 2020 (seconded by Gauper). There is no trophy fund collected by CENDIV from the regions for Regional races. Motion FAILED

Motion (Gauper) to increase Trophy fund from \$2 to \$3 per entry for Major races for 2021 (seconded by Utech). Motion PASSED.

Spring Training: (Spencer): Hasn't heard anything further from the Best Western (BW) because her contact is out. Paula and Kevin are seeking that BW roll over the 2020 contract to 2021. If BW does so, and can honor the contract and services committed to in 2020, she will remain on as event coordinator for an additional year. If the contract is not rolled over or if another venue is chosen, we will need to find a new event coordinator. There was discussion concerning the 2020 deposit, and it's return. Paula believed if the monies were given to BW, this might be an incentive to BW for the carryover of the contract and services. Otherwise the 2020 deposit will be considered a prepaid expense for 2021. Paula believes we will have an answer soon, well before our 60-day commitment to future events passes. We have from 60 days from the date of the event to communicate that we are changing the venue to have our deposits for 2021 and 2022 returned.

The board believes that if a new venue is to be sought, we need to have a venue and event coordinator in place by June.

Further, the board agrees, that if an event coordinator can not be found, Spring Training, as we know it, will have to be heavily modified or eliminated.

Additionally, the board believes that future Spring Training events need to have a balanced budget rather than continuing the event in a deficit position.

How can CENDIV Help the member regions: Discussion focused on getting schedules of all types of racing events from the member regions to the CENDIV webmaster. There was discussion about the purchase of additional web software that would make it easier for the webmaster to import schedules. Tracey will research and return to the board the additional costs of this software.

Drivers School/Double Divisional (April Event). This item was added to the agenda at the start of the meeting. Discussion focused whether the event is a "go/no go". Tracey briefed the board on her recent discussion with track management. The track indicated that we would receive a full refund of our deposit if we have to cancel. Much of the decision will hinge on what the state of Illinois does in the coming weeks given the current national crisis. The board decided to have a meeting on April 2nd at 7pm to review the situation.