

SoCal Solo2 Committee Meeting  
February 18, 2004  
Coco's Restaurant  
Covina, CA

Present: CASOC, TCC, SCNAX, No\$, PSCC, SVTOA, GRA, Team Blew  
Absent: Morgan+4

Secretary's Report: Minutes distributed. Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report distributed. Motion to approve treasurer's report-passed.

Equipment Manager's Report: SCCA Rulebooks ordered--should be here by end of the month.

Lots Manager: Brian Robertson says that all dates for California Speedway have been approved and scheduled. One change, the April 24/25 is now booked at Norton not California Speedway. Motorsport Auto wants the 24<sup>th</sup>. Issue over whether to make it a Championship weekend (in conflict with ProSolo in Atwater). Finally agreement is for Saturday being a Motorsport Auto event with Sunday being a practice open to those who work on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Art Rinner will chair. We have Mar 27/28, April 3/4 (not confirmed), September 25/26 (not confirmed) at Hollywood Park. SVTOA has tentatively asked for two practice weekends (May 22/23 and Dec 11/12) preferably at HWP.

Ladies School is last week in March at HWP. We will need to hustle on event promotion.

Miscellaneous Equipment: Gayle as had a magnetic sign made to place on vehicles when an instructor is making a run. This to prevent timing and scoring confusion. Plastic cars will still present a problem. Gayle also presented a new draft of the Run Card before we print new ones. Run Cards will NOT be filled out by Online registrants.

Timing Wizard: Rick Brown is continuing to evaluate alternative programs.

Sound: Sound was monitored at HWP. HWP is a Noise Sensitive location not Noise Critical. So, it is not required that we monitor sound. Mari Clements notes that the SEB is becoming more sensitive to sound as an issue because locations are being lost over noise complaints. The February monitoring was in response to an extremely loud car (108db) that came out to the January event. Such an extremely loud car could draw complaints and possible loss of lot. George Lynch expressed concern that the loudest offender was allowed to continue to run, in one case for 6 laps. Which appears to ignore our own Supp Regs that require remediation before a subsequent run is made when a car registers in excess of our standards when monitoring is in effect at a Noise Sensitive site. George also notes that the national SCCA muffler rule is in effect at all our events. That

allows an Event Master to evaluate any car for excessive noise and remove or require remediation.

Bill Schenker asked to speak on the sound issues. He would like to see our rules have some consistency with San Diego who has actively had to deal with sound for some time. One difference is that SDR uses the slow setting while our Supp Regs call for fast setting. Brian Robertson reports that he was using the Slow setting as the fast setting is impractical for sound monitoring. Bill will propose this change to our Supp Regs. Now that we learned that the slow setting was used, Bill is concerned about why he is legal in SDR, but not here at HWP. Will Kalman suggests giving Bill our Sound Meter to take down to SDR in order to compare readings. We have two meters to compare. Brian notes that he was too loud for the first time and suggests maybe the extreme cloud cover might have contributed.

Rules Committee: Larry Andrews is currently trying to schedule the first rules committee meeting of 2004.

DSQ issue at January Event: Gayle addressed facts of the event. Security guard approached Brian Robertson and warned him regarding cars driving to Lot 8 and 9. The guard stated that this is no longer allowed. Gayle warned the competitors. Renee states that the DSQ is based on the report being filed with California Speedway positively identifying cars by car number. She is concerned that if we have another issue with California Speedway and we failed to address the problem we'll lose the lot. Gayle and others concern is that the DSQ was not for squirreling but simply, their being in the wrong spot. Since this is a new rule it seems to harsh to offer a DSQ. The important thing should be putting everybody on notice that we are not allowed elsewhere and violating this new rule will have consequences. Gayle says the entire issue is really a miscommunication. A motion was made by Eric Arnold to reverse the DSQ's. The motion was seconded. No\$, GRA, TCC, CASOC all abstained from the vote since they were involved in the issue. Motion carried.

Gayle further addressed the message board thread and complained over the comments by people not even attending the event. She wants people to tone it down and more self-policing. She also wants Will to add a disclaimer that the message board is not the official communication vehicle for the region's solo program.

Also at the January event, junior karter Jessie Contour received a DNW. It will be corrected. Gayle will call Abe Potter, Henry Botkin, and the Contour's to let them know that the DSQ's have been rescinded.

Irwindale: Renee Angel is working on a group discount for a tailgate party and evening at Irwindale Speedway.

PointsCards: Tony Payne provided updated lists for the Club Reps. Gayle reminds that the Supp Regs require that we sell Pointscards at the events. Steve Ekstrand suggests that we change this rule immediately as an emergency action. The motion is not to ban the

sales, but not to require the sale. Motion not seconded. Tony reports that pointscards were available at the February event, but GRA turned away people saying that pointscards will not be sold.

Brian Robertson comments that with pre-registration a list should be given earlier than 7:30am. But Will is concerned that the list will not be complete unless we cut off registration early. Brian suggests an early sheet and a later sheet arriving on Sunday morning. But this would split the sign up sheets causing confusion.

Rick suggests that we email the registration list to the registration chief and let the chief print it out on his way to the event. This should solve the problem as long as the chief has email and printer access the morning of the event.

Will has set up access to club rosters to club reps off the web.

Tony is setting up some programs to automate the importing of the results files.

Will and Tony are working to try and integrate the pointskeeper functions in the web based system.

CalClub Solo Liaison: Bob Hempy cannot make the meetings. Robert Thirlaway will takeover.

Past Event Review: February event. The practice format allowed for LOTS of runs. GRA used the format first tried at the 2002 Test N Tune. Each person signed up for a work group and the rest of the day they could run at will. Lots of runs with lots of flexibility.

Mari Clements requests her average for the February event due to her conflicting attendance of the SCCA Convention.

Annual Tech: Steve O'Blenes is chairing. We will need people to have rulebooks and we will need the stickers.

Brian Robertson reports that our old radios are in bad shape. He has them at home now evaluating. We also are evaluating FRS radio use, we have 10 of these for event official use or course backup. But we are still considering purchasing higher quality FM band radios.

Jeffery Grossman is working on an FM transmitter setup for our announcer/primary PA. Rick Brown has been researching how the rest of the country deals with issues regarding extremely low power FM broadcasting. Our PA is not adequate currently to make announcements to the paddock. Sometimes we can't even get the attention of the starter. Larry points out that a wireless setup might speed setup.

ProSolo Event: Tom Berry is event master and course designer. Craig asks that SCCA be notified that they need to send a check to pay for the Norton event.

SCNAX Event:

Chair: Art Rinner

Course: Art Rinner

Workers: Gunnar Nettleship

Tech: Darryl Craig

Timing and Scoring: Jayson Woodruff

Novice: Vincent Wong

Safety Stewards:

Results: John Hyon

Registration: Vince Rinner

Ladies School:

Chair: Renee Angel

Course:

Safety Steward:

Robert Puertas Proposal for Entry Requirements:

Robert first introduced his written proposal at the January meeting. Discussion was tabled to allow Club Reps to take back to the membership for member comment. Jayson Woodruff makes a motion to table til March. Seconded. Roll Call vote to table the motion. CASOC No, GRA Yes, No\$ Yes, PSCC No, SCNAX Yes, SVTOA Yes, TCC Yes, Team Blew Yes. Motion tabled until March.

Art Rinner notes that the SEB has just established two new Supplemental classes, STS2 and STU. These classes will be offered at Tours, ProSolos, and the Nationals for 2004. Art makes the motion to run these classes. Rick says that our Supp Regs provide for the automatic inclusion of any new SCCA supplemental classes.

Mari Clements reports on the Solo strategic plan presentation made at the recent SCCA Convention. Solo1 will be transition to Club racing. The Nationals lot is identified as a weakness. Work is ongoing at examining the class hierarchies in Solo2 leading to possible consolidation to allow for future growth areas.

Glenn Duensing notes that a new program for solo cars in a track day format will be announced soon.

Craig Angel made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Ekstrand

SoCal Solo Committee Secretary