

EFFECTIVE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The SCCA National Board of Directors met in Kansas City on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2016. Area Directors participating were: John Walsh, Chairman, Dan Helman, Vice-Chairman, Todd Butler, Secretary; Bill Kephart, Treasurer; Dick Patullo, Lee Hill, Steve Harris, Bruce Lindstrand, Terry Hanushek, Tere Pulliam, Brian McCarthy and KJ Christopher.

The following SCCA, Inc. staff participated in the meeting: Lisa Noble, President and CEO; Eric Prill, Chief Operations Officer; Mindi Pfannenstiel, Senior Director of Finance and Aimee Thoennes, Executive Assistant.

The secretary acknowledges that these minutes may not appear in chronological order and that all participants were not present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Helman.

MOTION: McCarthy/Helman - accept the formal minutes from the March BoD Conference call. Approved 12-0.

#### Executive Staff Report – Noble, Prill, Pfannenstiel

President Noble provided a Membership update: membership up 6.5% for the year which is the highest it has been since 2009. Drivers licensing still continuing a downward trend, down 2% from last year to 6565 drivers.

2015 Year of the new program: Track Night in America, Bracket Enduro, Club Racing Experience. CRE and Bracket Enduro are designed to bring in new and lapsed members/drivers to help address the declining driver population. TNIA also has high potential to bring in new people to multiple SCCA programs. Other new programs, pilots and concepts include: RallySprint, RallyTrials, Solo Trials, Heritage Classic Project (concept development), Starting Line Track School, TNIA Starting Line, and Classic American Muscle.

TNIA Update: Participation is very good if not actually achieving the (optimistic) budget numbers for first 1/5 of the season. TNIA is reaching the target audience: 44% of TNiA participants are millennials and 42% of TNiA participants identify as novice. Currently, 28% of our membership identifies as millennial. This program gives us an opportunity to attract the novice, millennial participant and promote growth across the country.

Noble reported that MSX tradeshow was a successful endeavor for two years yet it did not reach the goals of management and that the SCCA would be ending its relationship with the show.. It was announced that the SCCA National Convention would be returning to the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, NV on January 22-23, 2016.

Noble provided update on multiple business development initiatives underway. These include STEM collaboration with educational institutions and a road safety public service initiative. As some of these programs take off, they will require staffing increases to run effectively.

Noble reviewed efforts supporting key elements of the strategic plan which are: strengthen the SCCA brand, long term financial stability, and leadership in motorsports. Beta web site demo was shown. The new web site includes region web sites and individual web sites for members. Ease of use and capabilities demonstrated. Intent is to go live before our championship events kick off later this year. A new hire was made to support website content and provide user support.

Noble reported on staff training efforts. BoD strongly supports and encourages these efforts for all staff.

Pfannenstiel updated the Board on 1st quarter financial results. 1Q15 ended close to target budget, within 1% negative variance. Revenue and expense account variances are well understood.

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The SCCA financial audit performed by Mize Houser and Company of the consolidated financial statements was completed. Auditors reported that the consolidated financial reports fairly report, in all material respects, the financial position of SCCA, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015.

**MOTION:** Walsh/Patullo - To accept the 2014 audit from Mize Houser and Company as presented. Approved 12-0. PASSED.

Prill reported that Claudine Stueve had been hired as the Road Racing Program Specialist. Currently looking to fill a vacancy in tech. There are issues with the current Solo timing system and staff is looking at ways to update and provide live timing and scoring. A new product will be tested this fall at Solo Nationals. SCCA is exploring the development of a new system specific to Solo.

A Runoffs update was presented with confirmation that a contract had been signed with Daytona. Additional features being planned with the format defined with Friday night racing (Spec Miata) and an autocross competition. Potential Saturday night TNIA activity with sponsor support. 2016 business agreement being finalized with Mid-Ohio and 2017 progress update presented. 2018 agreement is pending the outcome of the negotiations for the 2017 event.

Update on RallySprint developments: there are two different versions underway. One is a longer version of RallyCross and the other is a mini-stage rally. The pilot RallySprint (mini-stage rally version) was successfully conducted and received good reviews on Jalponik.

Staff has investigated the processes currently used in registration and tech and are looking at opportunities to implement a streamlined, online approach. The proposal doesn't circumvent current requirements, but rather is a customer friendly approach to streamlining our processes and going paperless.

Club Racing Board Chairman, Jim Wheeler presented the idea of a new Tech specialty focused on data acquisition and interpretation. This position would support DA at events, uploading and providing analysis for DA to the CRB and Advisory Committees.

**MOTION:** Butler/Harris - Approve 14612 (Compliance Review) and 15576 (Drones at track) as recommended below effective 6/1/15. Approved 12 - 0

#### GCR

#14612 (May Fastrack – Steve Harris) Replacement for GCR 8.1.4 - Compliance Review Thank you for your request.

Change 8.1.4.: 8.1.45. Protests

Any entrant, driver, crew, organizer, or official participating in an event may protest any decision, act, or omission of another entrant, driver, crew, organizer, official, or any other person connected with that event whose actions the protestor believes to be in error or which violate the GCR, the Supplemental Regulations, or any condition involving SCCA's sanction of the event, except where exemption from protest is specified elsewhere in the GCR or the event Supplementary Regulations.

Add new section 8.1.4: 8.1.4 Compliance Review

A member may request a determination on the compliance of their vehicle or its components by submitting a Compliance Request Form to the Club Racing Department at which time a letter will be entered into the CRB letter system. The Compliance Request Form is available through the Club Racing Department.

A. The staff will review the request and must consult with the CRB and other appropriate experts.

*B.* Club Racing will schedule in-person inspection of the vehicle or components by a class expert. The expert will submit a written opinion back to Club Racing and the CRB.

C. Club Racing and the CRB will review the expert's opinion. If required, the CRB may initiate a clarification of the applicable rule(s). Club Racing will then submit a written ruling to the applicant.

D. A fee will be determined and paid in advance of the inspection. A portion of the fee may be refunded at the discretion of SCCA.

*E.* Verification of compliance is based on the GCR as of the date of the written response to the member. The GCR changes annually, and there is no guarantee of compliance beyond the current rules season.

#15576 (May Fastrack (Language Updated from March 2015 Fastrack) – Terry Ozment) Drones at the Track Add 2.2.6: 2.2.6 Commercial and private unmanned aircraft systems (aka "drones") are prohibited unless authorized in the Supplemental Regulations.

**MOTION:** Butler/Harris - Approve 15424 (Heater Component), 16475 (SM Cylinder head thickness), 16712 (aftermarket wheels Pontiac Solstice) as presented and 16783 (SM clarification to 9.1.7.C.1.a.1.f.5) with modification "*The bottom of the cut must form a 90 degree angle with an allowance for a bevel or curve whose radius is not to exceed .040 .010*", changes effective 1/1/2016.

#### Improved Touring, IT

#15424 (April Fastrack – Earl Richards) Clarify IT Rule on Heater Component Removal Thank you for your letter. Change 9.1.3.D.e: e. <u>Air conditioning *Climate control systems*</u> may be removed in whole or in part.

Change 9.1.3.D.3.g.: g. Engine coolant fluid, coolant/heater hoses and clamps may be substituted. Heater hoses may be plugged or bypassed (looped) or removed. Heater water control valve(s) may be added or substituted. Heater core shall not may be removed.

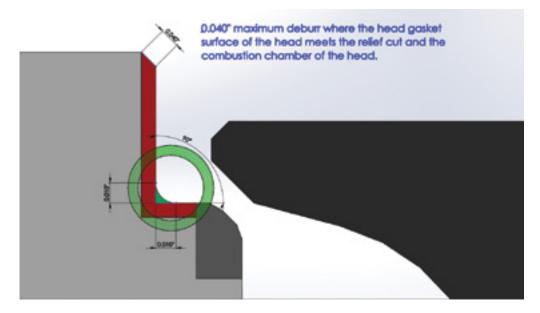
#### Spec Miata, SM

#16475 (Aril Fastrack – Ralph Provitz) Minimum Cylinder Head Thickness Thank you for your suggestion. Change the values in the table for 9.1.7.C.1.f.1: 5.245 5.235 inches.

#16783 (May Fastrack – Club Racing Board) Update to 9.1.7.C.1.a.1.f.5 Replace the entirety of 9.1.7.C.1.a.f.5

Current: 5. Unshrouding of valves is explicitly limited as follows: there must be a sharp edge where the valve relief cut meets the chamber. That edge must be present and unmodified. This area is not to be blended by hand, machined, or chemically processed to create a smooth transition. The maximum dimensions are listed below, measuring guide centerline to chamber edge:

**New: 5.** Unshrouding of valves is explicitly limited as follows: The wall of allowed relief cut must be a single cut parallel and concentric with the valve guide for the full depth of the cut. The cut must be cylindrical with no taper. The bottom of the cut must form a 90 degree angle with an allowance for a bevel or curve whose radius is not to exceed .010". There must be a sharp, non-modified and non de-burred edge where the valve relief cut first meets the chamber. No part of this cut (except where it intersects the head gasket surface, which may be de-burred up to .010") is to be blended by hand, machined, or chemically processed to create a smooth transition. See diagram below. The maximum dimensions, measuring guide center line to chamber edge:



Radius in green circle above goes to .010

#### **Touring T4**

#16712 (May Fastrack – Touring Committee) Allow Aftermarket Wheels Pontiac Solstice In T4, change the Notes for the Pontiac Solstice (06-09): The following items must remain stock: shock/struts (including mounts), <del>original wheels,</del> and transmission differential - unless specified below. Detachable hardtop GM part # PCS-0664 shall be installed (latches shall be replaced w/ positive fasteners), convertible top shall be removed. Limited slip differential (G80), factory ABS (JL), and suspension option (ZOK) allowed. Cold Air intake permitted.

The 2015 Runoffs at Daytona presents SCCA with the opportunity to give every Runoffs eligible class its own race. The following motion is to remove the current GCR limitation on no more than 24 Runoffs races.

**MOTION:** Patullo/Butler - To revise the following GCR section to allow for more than 24 Runoffs races. Effective immediately. Approved 12-0.

Delete 3.7.3.C <del>3.7.3.C. Number of Races</del> <del>The number of races included in the Runoffs will not exceed 24 and may be less.</del> - **Change 3.7.3.D as follows (in red):** 3.7.3.C Invited Runoffs Classes All Runoffs eligible classes are invited to the Runoffs.

- 1. A class with a minimum of 10 qualified drivers entered who have participated in at least one on track session at the current year's Runoffs will name a National Champion.
- 2. A class with fewer than 10 qualified drivers entered who have participated in at least one on track session at the current year's Runoffs may race as a supplemental class, but will not name a National Champion.
- 3. Classes may will be combined as needed to limit the number of race groups to 24 with a preference for combining no more than 2 classes for any race.

Hanushek brought up discussion over how the CRB rules are organized and posted. This lead to a larger discussion about constraints to communication with members. BoD liaisons will be asked to poll their respective committees about better ways to organize member communications and rules changes for enhanced clarity.

#### LIAISON REPORTS:

Time Trials - Hill/McCarthy - New organization model being proposed for TTAC, Operational and Marketing/Inspirational split into separate functions. Good progress made to help regions understand how to blend in TT activities to a regional race weekend.

RallyCross - Hill/Pulliam - Discussion of proposed RXB budget that RXB put together to grow the program including how to get better coverage and web presence for RallyCross with existing or planned SCCA systems vs standalone RallyCross focused sites. Liaisons will work with RXB on direction.

Exec Stewards - Christopher/Pulliam - DA's have brought up concept of DA coordinators. This is similar to the previous National Administrator position in function. Staff will come back to BoD with recommendations on coordinator selection and reporting structure.

RoadRally - Hill/Hanushek - Continues to work on national rally as well as a regional rally rule book.

Court of Appeals - Patullo/Zekert - COA working well. Relatively light load lately.

#### **Committee Reports:**

McCarthy - Planning Committee. Working on areas to support region efforts, something like a group of subject matter experts (League of Champions idea) and resources that could assist regions with new and existing programs, reviewed Majors program, discussed potential tiered membership program and implications of that to other areas. Future areas for discussion will include regional activities.

Kephart - B&F reviewed Mize Houser audit, and Q1 financials. Management reporting structure defined, categories being tracked to better determine spending by area and program including better P&L reporting.

Helman - Meeting feedback solicited. BoD discussed meeting formats, staff presence needed, and specific staff for specific

special/important project reporting. General consensus that May format and schedule, works well, President, COO, CFO +- special reports as necessary.

**MOTION:** Butler/Hill - Adjourn meeting. Approved 12 – 0.