



Scheduling Meeting – Saturday, October 7, 2017  
Houston, Texas

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. This document also may not be in chronological order

The meeting was held at Alara Garage, 3233 W 11<sup>th</sup> St, Houston, TX 77008. The Houston Region hosted the meeting. The format was to conduct the Scheduling Meeting and convene a special business meeting as needed to entertain and vote on any needed motions.

Corporation President Cathy Barnard called the meeting to order at 10am, and was assisted throughout the meeting by Larry Svaton (Deputy Executive Steward) as Cathy was recovering from eye surgery.

Voting Delegates present were:

Area Director: Dan Helman

President: Cathy Barnard

Delta Region: RE Derek Wedgeworth

Houston Region: RE Sydney Yagel

Lone Star Region: RE Jerry Wannarka

Southwest Louisiana Reg: Rep Mike Rogers

Texas Region: RE Bob Neff

7 out of 12 voting members were present at the meeting, therefore a quorum was established. (Representatives from Alamo, Central Louisiana, Red River, South Texas Border, & West Texas Regions were not present)

Also present were: Treasurer, Vince Hummer & Secretary, LisaKay Foyle  
22 other members attended as non-voting participants

### **Directors comments**

Solo nationals good participation in 2017 with more than 1350 participants

Have business in place to hold event 10 more years at Lincoln Air Park

Rally Cross figure is 110+ and coming up

Heartland Park is where it is holding this event – DirtFish is sponsoring partner

Mike Cobb (President of SCCA) is getting good reviews – 120 days on the job

Venture side: working on a F3 Series (car will be at the 2017 F1 race on display) & update on Formula Enterprises

**Tony Predock Award** – 2017 – Robey Clark

**Worker of the Year Awards** – 2017 – Bill Skibbe (awarded at the Runoffs), Rosa Lee Smart (awarded at this meeting)

**Minutes of the February 2017 Annual Meeting** - were approved via email following that meeting and are available to view on website. Dan Helman made a motion to accept the minutes as is and Sydney Yagel seconded. There was no opposition.

**Treasurers report** – presented by Vince Hummer & dated June 30, 2017 – Dan Helman made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and Sydney Yagel seconded. There was no opposition.

**Committee Reports** – none

**Old Business** - From Bryan Gregory (thru Larry Svaton) there was a fire school at COTA that went well. Will do it again next year.

### **New Business**

**Proposed 2018 Schedule** – Robey Clark discussed

Winter Festival – weekend after National Convention in Vegas (just pointing out)

A little concern that the National Convention, Winter Festival in Cresson and the Polar Prix at COTA are so close together.

COTA: hopefully, there might be a reduction in track fees. Some changes to parking, tech area, registration times open, etc. Will try to open load in earlier. Have more radios for the load-in team so better communication will happen.

NOLA: will be same weekend as the big karting event. Derek (RE from Delta) suggested to Sydney (RE from Houston) that she double-check all of the gates opening and closing times and things like that so people won't be disappointed about getting around.

MSR: April will probably be a "no-go" at MSR (no dates available) so Sydney (RE for Houston) will look for alternative dates (possibly in September)

Sitara Wilson – Texas Region Race Chair and Race Chair for January 2018 Cresson Drivers School discussed moving the school in 2018 (or 2019) later in the year to better align it to get more people in/interested. Robey Clark also echoed Sitra's sentiments regarding moving the school to later in the year to allow people to get their club license and then have places to race quickly that are not Majors or Super Tours.

Robey Clark doesn't feel the Eagles Canyon race will happen in November as no changes have been made to the track so far (and without those changes we cannot race there).

**Radio needs for 2018:** Bill Vandervoort

Budget side – request for adding radios for COTA on Thursday will increase by \$400. Robey will ask for more radios THRU COTA (20 radios cost \$449 last year) Make sure they are CHARGED ahead of time.

VHF coverage is a problem at COTA – UHF is better but costs more as we have to rent them

NOLA – antennas still are not installed (although we paid for them to be last year) but should be by the time we get there this year. If not, we will need to spend \$900 more to rent radios & headsets. Cathy suggested that the Race Chair travel to NOLA (or a representative) and make sure it is in place BEFORE the race.

Edgar Martinez (Austin) – new Radio person for SowDiv will be replacing Bill immediately.

## **Jeff Luckritz – National Office – Member Recruitment & Retention**

Primary reason for not renewing membership after one year – “personal reasons”, costs, rules, officials, poor experience

Ways to improve: create an “experience”: ask groups to sponsor socials for their race folks (spec miatas, srf’s, etc....), do a national anthem, something different. Make everyone feel included and special. Make sure you smile and greet people enthusiastically. Don’t be a “downer” at the beginning of the day. Make every event a “great vision” so people WANT to get involved. You want “winners” not “whiners”. Check on people if you are in charge or are a Steward. Make sure you always have a vision of where you are going; don’t dwell on where you’ve been.

Questions to Jeff: Mike Rogers – cost of convention is too high for regular people. Jeff’s response: Members who don’t attend for more than 3 years don’t have to pay an entry fee.

Mike Rogers - Why can’t presentations be made available online? Jeff’s response: We’ve been trying that and, so far, it hasn’t worked. LisaKay Foyle – What about the people who are loyal to the Convention; what is their “monetary break”? Jeff’s response: Your region/division doesn’t help you? There is no break, we lose lots of money on the convention every year so there can be no discounts.

**Proposed changes to 2018 race groups?** – none

**Proposed changes to “regional only” classes?** – none

### **Other equipment needs?**

- 1) Edgar Martinez will bring us 3 proposals regarding new radios to the board. Baofung’s are not as durable as Motorola (just stated as an FYI) before December 1, 2017.
- 2) T&S – Diane Carter will be buying a new computer for T&S (already in the budget)

Nominations for Tony Predock – any member in the SowDiv can turn in a nomination to Cathy Barnard by email ([fvlady@aol.com](mailto:fvlady@aol.com)). Nominations are due December 1, 2017

### **Other –**

Permanent numbers renewal – Will be done thru Motorsportsreg and will be up in a few weeks (Sitara Wilson confirmed this) Note was made that the permanent numbers cost members \$5 but motorsportsreg keeps \$1, so the division only receives \$4 per number

### **January meeting**

Host Division is in Texas region (Bob Neff)

Proposed date is 1/13/18 and location will be in the Dallas area (actual place TBD)

**Meeting adjourned** at 11:45pm – Sydney Yagel made the motion and Mike Rogers seconded; all approved

LisaKay Foyle, SCCA Southwest Division Secretary

(**Bolded** items were agenda items)

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