

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION SCCA**  
**Scheduling Meeting**  
**Angleton, Texas**  
**July 12, 2008**

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. Additional notes will remain on file with the division records. Also it is not intended to be chronological.

The meeting was held at Motorsports Ranch Houston in Angleton, Texas. 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 motions.

Corporation President Tom Brown called the meeting of the Southwest Division - SCCA to order at 4:05 PM.

Voting delegates were:

James Rogerson (Houston Region)  
Roger Krebs (Lone Star Region)  
Robey Clark (Texas Region)  
Andrew McMillan (South Texas Border Region)  
Mike Rogers (Southwest Louisiana Region)  
John Smith (Central Louisiana Region)  
Tom Brown, SOWDIV President  
Mike Sauce, Area 7 Director

Also present were:

Vice President Rod Dundas  
Treasurer Vince Hummer  
Secretary Mary Hummer

Many other members attended as non-voting participants.

Minutes of the January 2008 Corporate Meeting and the January 2008 Roundtable were presented. Motion made and seconded to accept the Corporate Meeting minutes without amendment (Rogerson/Sauce). Motion passed unanimously. Motion made and seconded to accept the Roundtable minutes without amendment (Rogerson/Sauce). Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Vince Hummer, presented the 2008 Mid-year financial statement. A copy of the report is retained on file. Motion made and seconded to accept the financial statement without amendment (Rogerson/Sauce). Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Schley, representing the GT-Association, presented information regarding the class in order to make a request that SOWDIV recognize the class as "regional only" for the 2009 race season. A copy of their specs is retained on file. Motion made and

seconded to recognize GTA as a “regional only” class for the 2009 race season (Rogerson/Clark). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded to accept the dates of November 1 through October 31 as the official dates for the Regional Race season (Clark/Krebs). Motion passed unanimously.

The divisional Rally Steward was not in attendance. There was no discussion of Rally issues.

#### Solo Report – Todd Farris

- Thanks to the division for the telescoping bridges.
- Solo had its first divisional in Louisiana and had about 101 cars, and the second in Pearsall with about 114 participants. There is a Houston event next week and Texas Motor Speedway in August.
- No safety issues have arisen. Stewards have been very strict.
- Roger Johnson is the advisor to course designer and John Lieberman is the division Safety Steward.
- Solo has one more race this year than last year and participation is up, so the season has been a success.
- Solo is satisfied with the SEB leadership.
- Formula junior program has worked well.

#### SRO Program Discussion – Vince Hummer

- Our liability in the SRO Program unclear at this time. Figures range from \$2000, up
- SRO points have a 3 year expiration
- No extra funds need to be set aside for redemption at this time
- \$5000 in redemptions was recorded for the first 6 months of this year
- Workers should be encouraged at racing events to redeem their SRO Points

Motion made and seconded to provide one \$2,000 award per Region per racing season to be used as incentive to attract/retain workers over and above any other incentives being used, and disbursement must be requested by letter or invoice and disbursed as a separate accounting entry (Clark/Rogerson). Motion passed unanimously.

Dinner break – time not noted

#### National News – Mike Sauce

- We are not losing money on pro racing this year. The challenge is sponsored by Vision, and losses are limited to \$85,000.
- A task force was formed in February to study participation. With increased participation, expenses will improve.
- Level 3 consolidation program for racing classes was discussed. IT could move to national racing and consolidate the classes, or consolidate to 21 classes and leave IT out of national racing or rescind the 21-class consolidation. There were lots of comments about the plan, but no action was taken at this time. Financial impact of consolidating classes must be considered, as we are steadily losing members (approximately 1400/year).
- Runoffs will be at Road America. There is a 3 year limit on tracks for the runoffs. Heartland Park was tough this year – it was the third year of the 3-year contract.

An estimate of 400- 500 cars to participate this year (200 entries estimated so far). The first day of registration moved forward from May to July because racers have a better idea of their points standings. Runoffs were shortened by one day. Monday: test day; Tuesday – Thursday: qualifying; Friday: racing. Same schedule will be used at Road America.

- Runoffs reward program is in the discussion stages. Incentives such as prime locations in the paddock and discounts were proposed for continuous participants
- Participation at the runoffs is down 8-15% nationally, which causes a shortfall in the budget. We will probably be marginally in the red to slightly in the black.
- The division should be thinking of a candidate to replace Mike Sauce next year due to term limits. Mike offered to talk to potential candidates so they would understand the time required to do the job.
- CRB members will be appointed in December. Members are appointed to a 1 year term, with a term limit of 3 years.
- Hal Williams was appointed Tech Inspector.
- Numerous issues with SM Compliance. SM people wanted \$40,000 added to the compliance fund to go to races around the country to check certain tech items. There have been Tech and Director issues with Mazda. SCCA updated the rule book and upheld it. Mazda felt they had more control over SCCA than the actually did.

#### Old Business

- Staff needed
  - Secretary (Mary Hummer has agreed to take another 1-year term)
  - Trophies (Sydney Davis agreed to fill the position)
  - Radio keeper (position remains unfilled)
- Status of Radios
  - Purchased
  - Need Cases (Doug Azzarito might have case to fit)
- Other
  - Website Issues (Doug Azzarito has corrected most issues)
  - If having problems with website, email webmaster

#### New Business

- Update on tracks
  - South Texas Border Region RE, Andrew McMillan, gave an update on Cabaniss Field. Construction has begun on a taxiway at Cabaniss, so there will be no SCCA racing. The STB Region would gladly co-op a race and supply workers
  - Texas Region Assistant RE, Robey Clark, gave an update on Eagle Canyon. Robey met with Eagle Canyon. The track is not ready, nor sanctioned by SCCA, for racing. CVAR raced there in May and tore up the track. Minor repairs were made, but the track is still bad. Hay bails need to be replaced with tire bundles. We are currently double-booked for the September 12-13 race weekend. If Eagle Canyon is legal, we will race there. If not, we will race at TMS.
- Enduro Discussion
  - Look at possibly changing dates to April 11-12

- If interest wanes, look at doing a double national instead of Enduro

Motion made and seconded to accept the 2009 Southwest Division Race Schedule (Krebs/Rogers). A copy of the schedule is kept on file. Motion passed unanimously.  
Note: Confirm by 11/1/08 that all tracks are locked down.

Race Groupings for the 2009 Season will be as follows:

1. AS, ST, T1, T2, T3, GT1, GT2, GT3, BP, ASR, GTA\*
2. FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, FS\*, CSR, DSR, S2, SRSCCA\*
3. SRF
4. FV, F500, FF
5. SM
6. GTL, DP, EP, FP, GP\*, HP, SSB, SSC
7. \* ITA, ITB, ITC, ITE, ITS, ITR, SP, BG, SSA, SRX7

\* Regional only class

Motion made and seconded to purchase additional equipment for Timing and Scoring as follows (Sauce/Clark):

Second decoder	\$3,700
Second Computer	\$ 700
Third Computer	<u>\$ 700</u>
	\$5,100

Motion passed unanimously.

Alternative drivers' school possibilities were discussed. Doug Azzarito, James Rogerson, Mike Rogers and Mike Sauce agreed to talk further and bring something to the January meeting.

Rod Dundas discussed his concerns with the lack of Regional races at the beginning of the season. He feels it's unfair for new drivers to have to wait two to three months between races. He also felt that an Enduro in April was a bad idea.

Nominations for the Tony Predock Award should be e-mailed to Tom Brown. He will then bring the nominations before the board and vote through e-mail.

The permanent number situation was brought up by Kent Carter. Motion made and seconded that permanent number renewal will be opened November 1 of each year and drivers have until January 1 to pay for their numbers before they will be released(Krebs/Rogerson). 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting (Clark/Rogerson). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned (approximately 8:15 PM).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hummer

Secretary