

SOUTHWEST DIVISION - SCCA
Round Table Meeting
Fort Worth, Texas
January 21, 2012

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 hosted by the Texas Region and held at the Soldier's Creek Ranch, 9720 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76126. The format was to simultaneously conduct the Annual (Corporate) Meeting and the Round Table Meeting. Discussions without motions, and in some cases, discussions prior to motions are documented here as Roundtable discussions.

Tom Brown, corporation president, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Area 7 Director R. David Jones discussed the following topics:

- **Majors Progress**
National realizes that membership is dwindling, and is taking an active role in helping to change that with the introduction of the MAJORS Program. The program will be tested in the Rocky Mountain and Southwest Divisions and will be sponsored by the National Board of Directors.
- **Membership Retention**
Membership has decreased nationally from 60,00 down to 40,000. SCCA used to be the only game in town, but now there are several groups who put on classes, programs, etc. We are not serving the needs of members and are failing to grow. SCCA has not seized opportunities. We have too many rules, and people do not feel welcome. We must get members involved and make the "first steps" easier for new members in order to retain them.
- **Growth**
A suggested idea for growth is to start chapter clubs associated with Regions. Regions could ask college clubs to come out to work. Military groups and Car Clubs are other sources for new members. Regions would collect their own dues. When individuals want to join SCCA, they would have to pay the full membership dues. With loose organization, those interested can become involved in the sport.
- **Drivers Club**
A less expensive way to bring in more competitors is to institute individual instruction. An instructor could teach an individual at a track (such as a country club track). Drivers' schools are too expensive and most people go elsewhere. Often times, other drivers' schools provide cars for the students to drive, bringing down costs. SCCA wants to make a format for this type of instruction.

Committee Reports

Solo

No Report

Club Racing

No Report

Rally

Sasha Lanz asked that any Region that might be considering putting on a rally to contact him. He is available for information and help. He reported that it is easy to start with a Social Rally and go from there. A Road Rally Steward must check the route, however Sasha can train the Steward. The Texas Region currently has a successful rally series.

SRO

Charles Orean reported that the grace period to redeem all old SRO cards expired at the end of the year. We are closer to determining our total liability of the outstanding cards. The most popular redemption item continues to be gas cards.

Break for lunch 11:55 PM

Reconvene 12:35 PM

Other topics discussed during the meeting are noted below

- Rod Dundas is looking for instructors for the individual driver's schools. Venues that will be used are Eagles Canyon, Texas Motor Speedway and Texas World Speedway. The schools will use a basic curriculum.
- Changes could be in the works for the run-offs in coming years. The number of days might be condensed to make it easier for competitors to participate.
- The MAJORS Program was discussed extensively during the meeting. Robey Clark explained what the Texas Region is doing to accommodate the pilot. Questions were raised as to how stewards would be paid and how SCCA National would subsidize the events
- The Southwest Division needs to find a way to increase car counts. The possibility of adding a PDX class was discussed. SCCA entry fees are more than those charged by NASA, so we need to increase car counts to get the fees down.
- A committee was formed to develop a Divisional Event for 2013. Members of the committee are Sydney Davis, Mike Sauce, Dan Helman, R. David Jones, and Lee Carrico.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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