



ATLANTA REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
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NORCROSS, GA 30092



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

VIA GOOGLE HANG-OUT:

Bob Hudson, Region Executive

Clark McInnis, Assistant Region Executive

Andy Rodriguez, Secretary & Solo Co-Chairman

Carol Cone, Treasurer

John Fine, Director

Dean Richardson, Director & Solo Co-Chairman

Dave Rollow, Director

Shanna Richardson, Director

Mark Johnson, Director & Rally Chairman

Christian Retterer, Rallycross Chairman

Joe Scavotto, Guest

Meeting Called to Order at approximately 7:31 PM, September 9, 2020.

[Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting\(s\)](#)

Secretary Andy Rodriguez reported that the minutes from the August 12 meeting were not yet completed.

[Regional Executive's Report](#)

Regional Executive Bob Hudson reported on the completion of the six-hour IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, and described it as a well-run, pleasantly uncrowded event. Hudson thanked guest Joe Scavotto for his assistance. While the event was a success, there were some opportunities for improvement – specifically on developing a deeper bench with regard to workers (so that substitutions were easier to manage), as well as radios (See item under New Business).

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Treasurer Carol Cone provided an overview of the Region's Finances. Discussion of the race radio program continued, with an emphasis on the challenges of getting in touch with key Road Atlanta staff and potential conflicts of interest between Road Atlanta staff and our own interests.

Department Reports

Autocross (includes Teen Driving and Starting Line)

Cochairs Andy Rodriguez and Dean Richardson provided an update on participation numbers and reviewed a number of events cancelled due to either policy decisions (Starting Line, Street Survival) or attendance issues (Test and Tune scheduled prior to Solo Nationals before their cancellation). Emphasis was placed on the relationship with AMS and their willingness to work with us on managing these issues.

Rodriguez and Richardson also reported that National office had reached out to gauge our interest in hosting a Pro Solo 1 event November 6 and 7. Given that this would help use our committed rentals at AMS, and risk would be minimal if the event was cancelled, the Autocross team agreed to host the event.

Rallycross

Chair Christian Retterer reported on one event since last meeting, and also reported on the Rallycross National Championship. Retterer reported that there was one more event scheduled for Durhamtown this year, and that he was working to schedule another event at AMS. He also reported trying to schedule events with AMS in 2021, including a potential National Tour event. Durhamtown pricing is continuing to be a challenge. Iron Mountain Resort, as well as another potential site in Dahlonega, were discussed.

Time Trials

RE Hudson reported on the Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb event and noted the success of member Andrew Maffesanti with his second place finish.

Road Racing (includes Track Events)

RE Bob Hudson reported status on the Petit LeMans and the ARRC and his work on the supplemental rules. He advised that the ARRC will include a TT National Tour event as well.

Road Rally

Director and Road Rally Chair Mark Johnson reported on his work to schedule an event for November 13. This would be a "Game, Tour and Adventure" road rally, without timing, starting in Winder, GA, with a maximum of 25 cars.

Membership

Director Shanna Richardson reported on her activities regarding membership recruiting and activities. Guest Joe Scavotto proposed a program for more active recruiting of people to work in Flagging and Communications.

Website/Social Media

Director Dean Richardson reported on current social media activities and trends.

Old Business

Update on Member Scholarship Proposal

No update.

Update on October Nominations Meeting Logistics

The existing processes was reviewed and discussed, along with the proposed new process using electronic forms and email. A need to alert the membership of these and related changes was emphasized.

Booth at Petit Lemans

Logistics, benefits, and COVID risk associated with Petit Lemans were reviewed. National office remains willing to sponsor a booth if we are willing to staff it. Based on the uncertainty regarding COVID risk, the uncertainty regarding attendance of both vendors and spectators, the amount of staff required to man the booth, and the limits that COID restrictions would place on personal interaction with booth visitors, it was agreed that the value of participation would not justify the risk and/or investment of resources at this time. However, we should revisit this item again in 2021.

New Business

Radio Upgrades for Road Racing

Guest Joe Scavotto provided an overview of the challenges experienced at the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. These included communication gaps between landline users and radio users, lack of radio tech support, and lack of equipment sturdiness. The idea of having a company take over this service and managing it on our behalf was discussed. There was also concern expressed with the temperature and humidity of the environment in which the radio equipment is stored.

Reapproval of a Board Member

MOTION was made by Mark Johnson and seconded as follows:

To reapprove Shanna Richardson to continue her role as a member of the Board.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposal to Reschedule Next Meeting to October 21

RE Hudson advised of several conflict between the default October meeting date and other regional events.

MOTION was made by Bob Hudson and seconded as follows:

To reschedule the October Executive Committee meeting to October 21.

DISCUSSION: Secretary Rodriquez advised he would be unable to meet at this time.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Awards Party Schedule and Feasibility

The Executive Committee discussed the schedule and feasibility of hosting the annual Awards Party. RE Hudson provided details on event logistics for a January event. Rallycross Chair Retterer suggested we reconsider and proposed identifying specific triggers that would indicate it was safe to hold the event. Director Johnson shared his concern, and proposed considering a delay to March or April, at an outdoor venue. No specific decisions were made.

Effective Date of ByLaws Changes

Proposed changes in our byways that have been approved by the Board need to be approved by the membership. As such, they will need to be approved in January, with a potential effective date of Jan 1, 2022.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Director Fine and seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 9:03 PM.