

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH JERSEY REGION – SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
SEPTEMBER 2018

The September 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors for the South Jersey Region of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. was held at the home of J.D. King on Wednesday evening, September 5, 2018. The meeting was called to order by R.E., Nick DiMeo at 7:45 PM.

Present were: J.D. King, Nick DiMeo, Mike LaMaina, Matt Wojtkowiak, Jim Wakemen, Jr., John Hainsworth, Steve Thomas and Bill Richter. **Guests were:** Bob Price, Terri Zane, Steve Kado and Dan Zane.

Old Business – None.

Membership Report – John Hainsworth reported that we have 449 active members to date. 15 new members for the month of August. 57 total new or renewals for this year. 18 competition license holders, 3 novice permits. John will be sending out John Nesbitt's updates on the 2018 driver advisory report to licensed drivers.

Treasurer's Report – Before Mike LaMaina went over the report he expressed his concerns about the entry fee for the test days at our road race events. He stated that when the draft supplementary regulations are sent out for the Board's approval it appeared that the entry fee for our test days was incorrect and never fixed. Mike further stated that he has a serious problem with the fee being \$225.00 and not \$250.00, that this is a substantial monetary loss to our club. Mike asked Nick to have Terry Hanushek to change the supps to reflect the change to \$250.00 for the Jerk event. Discussion followed. Sue King reminded all that the supps have been published and to make changes would require an RFA from the Chief Steward. Nick will follow up on this request. Mike went over shorts on the grid wherein he felt that this should be allowed. He was reminded that this might not meet with Chapter 62 as far as safety is concerned and that this has always been our requirement at the request of the Chief of grid. Terri Zane voiced her concern that at the end of our race weekends, everyone gets in their cars and leaves with no one, other than the King and Zane families, are there to pack up the van and trailer with our equipment. She would like more members chip in and get this done. Nick recommended that the chiefs of specialties set up guidelines for each individual specialty. Mike went over bills from National for supplies. There was a discussion on ordering of supplies from National. Motion by Nick DiMeo to have the merchandise chairman be the only person who can order supplies from National. Second by Mike LaMaina. Motion carried.

Report – Mike went over the Jersey Devil Majors event wherein we had a positive income of \$27,473.96 and the Summer Thunder event had a positive income of \$4,491.59. Our total positive income for our race events to date is \$44,913.74; PDX events positive income \$8,257.00 and our Solo events positive income \$14,272.00. The balances in our bank accounts: Race \$81,140.00; Operating \$22,875.00 and Scholarship \$2,799.00.

Solo - Bob Price and Steve Kadu put together stats on solo events this year held Philly Region; Susquehanna Region; NNJ Region and our Region. They would like to see our Region have a greater participant turnout for future events. Nick asked them to come back with their ideas at our next Board meeting.

Bill Richter reported that we had timing glitches at our last event caused by a driver hitting the timing light at the finish line. The entrants did get three runs in a two hour timeframe. Chris Houliaras is working on getting costs together to repair the equipment. The driver that hit the equipment has agreed to pay the costs involved. The next event is September 16th. He did receive the balance of the Battle at the Bay event t-shirts and they are available to those who did not receive one at that event. He would like the profits from the solo events be used toward site improvements. Discussion followed on getting more people trained in all aspects of putting on a solo event. Bob Price stated that he would like to see the process of putting on a solo event speeded up to avoid shore traffic. Discussion followed on trying to locate sites for future events. Bill Richter, Bob Price and Steve Kado volunteered to be the committee for this endeavor. J.D. reminded all that any solo participant that works a race event will receive a free entry to a solo event.

Road Race Report - J.D. King reminded all that what Terri Zane had previously stated that we need extra hands to clean up after our race events. As to the Jerk event this is a three race event – qualifying race, race, race. This is a very

intense, very tight schedule with the USTCC being a part of it this year – this is a double dipping affair for this group. It was recommended that we should get a commitment from this group for a specific number of cars (minimum). A discussion followed on the length of the USTCC race. Mike LaMaina mentioned that we should look into bracket racing. J.D. asked if he is to order t-shirts for the Jerk and the answer was ‘yes’. Dan Zane reported that our race radios have been switched over to a repeater system which needs an antenna to be mounted on the trailer. The cost would be \$404.70 for the equipment which would provide better transmission and reception. Mike LaMaina made a motion to approve the monies needed to purchase the antenna. Second by Bill Richter. Motion carried.

Merchandise Report - Steve Thomas reported that he is working on promotion.

Competition Report – No report.

PDX Report - In the absence of Josh Kuehne, Sue King read Josh’s comments for 2019 which are attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Rally Report – Jim Wakemen, Jr. asked if we are planning on an all club day event in March 2019. If so, he would like to plan a rally to begin and end at NJMP.

Activities Report - Steve Thomas had no report.

New Business - Terri Zane reported that registration is open for the Jerk. She reminded all that no charges go on credit cards until Sunday of the event.

Steve Thomas reported that he is working on getting prices for checkered flags for 2019.

Nick DiMeo brought up the 2019 race schedule. J.D. felt that we should keep our traditional dates for Lightning Challenge, Majors, Summer Thunder and the 12 Hour. As to our March date discussion centered on having a test day, PDX, dyno, and annual tech. If we do this event, a rally could start and finish at the track.

Nick asked who would like to be on the Competition Committee. It was felt that the tasks should be split. John Hainsworth, Steve Thomas and Mike Thomas volunteered to do the scheduling portion.

Do we need a second ambulance on site for the Jerk. It was felt that this would not be necessary.

With the resignation of Jim Donahue as editor for At Speed, Nick asked if there was anyone who would be interested in taking on this task. John Hainsworth stated that he will talk to Tom Smith, who was a past editor, to see if he would be interested on resuming this role.

Our Board elections are in process. Terry Hanushek and Val Heun are the committee.

We have been approached by NJMP about their Millville school charity drive. It was felt by the Board that we always have Coats for Kids as our charity at the Jerk race event and that there was no need for us to participate in the school charity drive.

It was questioned by Mike LaMaina why we had reimbursed \$150 to Chris Current for Summer Thunder. Terri Zane replied that it was for a garage rental.

Mike LaMaina questioned why we reimburse the Chairman of the SOM. Discussion followed. Mike LaMaina made a motion that we reimburse the Chairman of the SOM up to \$200.00. Second by J.D. King. Motion carried.

Dan Zane mentioned that the Sam’s membership is due to end. The Board asked Dan to check into getting a membership for the club.

John Hainsworth reported that there is a Go Fund Me for Bill Weaver, a member of the Region, who suffered a spinal cord injury. After a discussion it was felt that we should hold a 50/50 at the Jerk registration for Bill. J.D will speak with Dave Hoffman about making arrangements outside of our 50/50.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM

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Report from Josh Kuehne – Chairman PDX Committee

2019 - After almost two seasons of trying to get this program off the ground I think it's time to change some things. I've talked with PDXers and others and I have a few things going into next year that I'd like to change to get more people out to our events.

There is a lot of competition within the 'track day' market. One of the biggest things, other than weather, seems to be price. Track Night in America fills events almost every event because they are the least expensive. I would suggest lowering our cost to \$200 for the day. I also think a half day option might get some other people out there maybe \$125-150 for two sessions.

There is a lot of downtime between sessions unlike other track day events. If we could try to schedule PDX later in the day, I think it will lessen the load on registration and tech in the morning. We had one event like that last year where PDX started right before lunch and three sessions after lunch.

I know with low turnouts we have been pushing PDX into one run group but we need to make sure there's always an availability for at least two run groups. It will push away advanced drivers knowing they have to be out there with novices.

I plan on recruiting new volunteers this offseason and getting a group together to go to the WDCR instructors clinic next year at Summit Point.

I would like to start promoting the lunch time paced laps as an inexpensive 'feeler' to PDX. Just need to get creative with a catchy name.

I will be consulting with Terri Zane to learn how to set up our events on MSR to take the load off of her and get our event registration up faster.

Lastly, I think we should try to block a day or two next year for a stand-alone PDX event – half day style like Track Night in America. Three 20-minute sessions for novice/intermediate/advanced. Not knowing what the costs are to rent the track for such a time frame and I know we won't have enough volunteers for flaggers so we would have to use the track flaggers. I'd like to know what is involved with having a stand-alone event and how many volunteers I would need. I would plan on it being a loser, but if a Track Night and others fill an event consistently, I don't see why we can't.