



CVAR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Best Western Inn & Suites
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January 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the outgoing 2013 President, George Curl, at 12:03 pm. George handed out paper copies of the meeting agenda.

Present were: George Curl, Jeff Garrett, Herb Hilton, Bill Gardner, Bill Johnson, Scott Barrett, Bob Green, Jim Yule, Tony Parella, Merl Hansen and Don Gwynne.

1. Membership, License and Election Reports – Herb Hilton

Herb handed out paper copies that reported the following:

Election Report:

2014 President – Herb Hilton, 111 votes + 1 write in
2014 Vice President – George Curl, 105 votes + 7 write ins
2014 Treasurer – Larry Reyburn, 110 votes + 2 write ins
2014 Secretary – Don Gwynne, 111 votes + 1 write in
2014 Authenticity – Bill Gardner, 111 votes + 1 write in
At Large Board Member thru 2016 – Jeff Garrett, 107 votes + 5 write ins
At Large Board Member thru 2015 – Scott Barrett, 107 votes + 5 write ins
(+ At Large Board Member thru 2014 - Bill Johnson, was not up for reelection)

Membership Report:

151 current members (206 not renewed from 2013)
18 new members
22 corporate sponsors
7 honorary members

License Report:

203 current licenses
25 expired licenses
63 in Novice program

Following Herb's report, Tony Parella asked whether the Victory Lane booth at the SVRA event at COTA succeeded in steering new members to CVAR. Herb said we didn't know the answer. Tony offered that CVAR is welcome to have its own booth at the next SVRA event at COTA.

3. Treasurer's Report –

George Curl handed out paper copies of reports prepared by the 2013 Treasurer, Bruce Revenaugh, who was unable to attend. His cover letter, "Final 2013 Financial Results", dated

January 7, 2014, summarized the year, and concluded that despite a small 2013 loss, the club is still financially healthy. His letter noted that the main problem is participation: entries in 2010 totaled 704, entries in 2011 totaled 727, entries in 2012 totaled 681 and entries in 2013 totaled only 602. His report sheets included a Revenue and Expense Comparison for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, which showed small gains in 2010, 2011 and 2012, and a small loss in 2013. Another sheet showed Profit & Loss by Job from January 2013 thru December 2013. It showed positive balances for TWS Spring School & Races, Hallett Spring Races, Hallett Fall Races, and Non-Event (garage rentals, etc.). It showed negative balances for Eagles Canyon Races, TWS Fall School & Races and TWS Fall Races. A third sheet listed CVAR's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013.

Herb Hilton then led a discussion of ideas for increasing income from corporate sponsorships, sponsored dinners, advertising banners at the top of the CVAR Facebook page, etc.

4. Authenticity Report – Bill Gardner

Bill discussed recent proposals for changes to the CVAR rules change process itself. He said that while some had merit, the proposals would follow the currently published rules change process.

There was discussion of Group 4 as a safe place for real vintage, expensive cars. The concept of “voting off the island” for an overly-aggressive Group 4 driver by his peers was discussed. Exclusion from Group 4 would still leave the competitor a regular Group to go to, unlike all other classes. No formal recommendations resulted from these general discussions.

There was a discussion of allowing non-CVAR compliant cars in driver schools only, for example, a student wanting to take school with a 1984 Porsche 911. It was clear that it would not be allowed to compete in CVAR races, just a school. It was pointed out that this is already an unwritten policy, considering that at least one of the Bigger Hammer rental Formula Vees is a 1989 model, and it has not caused any problems.

The authenticity method being adopted by SVRA includes specification sheets for each type of car. Bill Gardner and Gregg Rodgers plan to explore this concept further, and Tony Parella said he and his tech guy Roger Linton would support any such effort fully. Tony noted that SVRA is tending towards CVAR's more conservative approach to allowable modifications, and was checking brakes (e.g., no Wilwood calipers), displacement, and weighing the top five finishers at major events. Don Gwynne voiced concern that on the other hand, CVAR enforcement may be getting more lax, e.g., illegal whale tail spoilers starting to appear on some CP Porsche 911s.

5. Registration/Car Numbers Report – Merl Hansen

Merl discussed the need for eliminating duplicate car numbers, which has become more of a concern when groups are temporarily merged, e.g. Group 1 and Group 7. It was noted that the method used by SVRA at COTA of easily removable “letter suffixes” appeared to work really well. Don Gwynne moved that CVAR begin using “A”, “B” etc. suffixes as a method of dealing with duplicate numbers. Bill Gardner seconded. In discussion, it was said that it would be

administered at Tech, with Merl notifying Tech that the duplicate is coming. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the process Merl uses to purge the permanent number list from people who no longer participate. Merl is to draft a description of the process and coordinate it with the Board.

Merl reported that the “event credit” method in lieu of refunds was working very well, and that 13 from the December TWS event elected to receive the future credit. Merl also discussed the \$50 event registration discount for bringing a new toy to the December 2013 TWS event. A total of 35 drivers earned the credit, which is only good for registration at the February 2014 TWS event, as was clearly emphasized at the time.

George Curl reported that the contract with Eagles Canyon is signed, so Merl said he would now make ECR registration visible on DLB.

Bob Green briefed the Board on the initiative to accept licensed SCCA racers without making them go through the full CVAR driver’s school. They would still be required to receive indoctrination in vintage attitudes and driving etiquette, etc., from the Chief Steward or his designee, and the Group Rep. There was discussion of getting the word of this out to the area SCCA websites, etc. The new “SCCA EZ” licenses would not be eligible, only SCCA Regional or National license holders. The Group Reps must be involved, and monitor the SCCA driver’s attitude and behavior. After clean three weekends with an “X” and working a corner, the SCCA driver would then be eligible for a VMC license submittal by CVAR. George Curl moved this plan go forward, and Bill Johnson seconded. In discussion, it was noted that Bob Green would coordinate with Allen Johnson regarding the list of drivers requiring an X, including Novices and those on safety probation, so that Tech and Grid personnel could check the list vs. cars requiring an X. The motion passed unanimously. Bob Green is to coordinate the plan with Group Reps and then implement it.

6. President’s Report – Herb Hilton

The newly elected CVAR President asked Scott Barrett to speak to the Board regarding the potential for online meetings using GoToMeeting.com in lieu of traveling to Temple, etc. Scott gave a demonstration of the capability. It can be done using a PC, a Mac, a smartphone, a tablet, etc. The entire session, including audio and video, can easily be recorded. Don Gwynne asked about costs. Scott said that for 5 to 25 users, the published cost is \$49/month, but noted that significantly better deals may be available, including only paying for months when needed. Bob Green noted that he already has a user license in place. Bill Gardner moved that this approach be tried for the next non-trackside Board Meeting. Jeff Garrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Herb noted that the Board still needed to approve the minutes from the Board Meetings, including telephone conference calls and meetings at the track, from March, October and December. It was moved and seconded to approve these minutes, and they were approved unanimously.

7. Member Inputs:

Tony Parella spoke at length about SVRA's goals, which include close cooperation with CVAR as regards future COTA events. He also recounted many lessons learned from the COTA event. SVRA has four years remaining on their current COTA contract. The recent change to the Formula 1 schedule caused lots of scheduling problems involving F1 at COTA and SVRA at COTA, none of which was caused or desired by SVRA. Since the F1 schedule change has resulted in SVRA conflict with the date for CVAR at Hallett, Tony made several proposals aimed at reducing the monetary impacts of schedule conflicts on CVAR, including rebating CVAR \$50.00 for every CVAR member who attends SVRA's COTA races in 2014. He received applause from all present when he announced that SVRA is donating a check for \$1,925.49 to offset CVAR's financial loss for 2013. There followed discussion whether any scheduling change to the CVAR's October 2014 event at Hallett should be made, and the result was to leave it as is, i.e., same weekend as SVRA at COTA.

Herb Hilton's birthday coincided with the Board Meeting. Everyone enjoyed some of Herb's surprise birthday cake.

Bill Johnson received a special trophy and the Board's thanks for his service, most especially for the tremendous effort of updating CVAR's Bylaws.

8. Open Discussion:

Herb Hilton noted that a Race Chairman is still needed for the February 2014 race at TWS.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gwynne
CVAR Secretary