

**Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing, Inc. (CVAR)
Minutes of Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting
Saturday, 21 January 2017
Holiday Inn Express and Suites
640 Old Mexia Road
Fairfield, TX 75840
(903) 389-2300**

1. Attendees:

Herb Hilton, President
Jeff Garrett, Vice-President
Tom O'Grady, Treasurer
Don Gwynne, Secretary
Steve Smargiasso, Authenticity Director
Steve Seitz, Director at Large
Russ Rosenberg, Director at Large
Dave Foreman, Director at Large
Danny Piott, Chief Steward
Merl Hansen, Timing & Scoring
Doug Mains, Operations Steward
Jim Yule, Group 4 Rep
Gary McFarlane, Safety
Jean Womble, Swag
Greg Matlack
Larry Reyburn
Angus Lemon
Cragg Eubanks
Mike Rogers
Ted Svejda
Cindi Barron
Elliott Barron
Jim Barron

2. Call to order: The meeting was opened at 12:10 pm by the President, Herb Hilton.

3. Consent Agenda: Published minutes of the previous meeting 01/16/2016. Jeff Garrett moved they be accepted as written; Steve Seitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Approved

4. Election Results: Herb Hilton announced the election results. The listed slate was elected, and the contested race was won by Dave Foreman.

5. Membership and Licensing: Herb Hilton said that our membership (including non-active past members) totaled 663. At this time, paid up membership totals 199, with an assumed peak in 2017 of approximately 360 members, which if realized, will be approximately a 5% increase over 2016.

At present, CVAR has issued 297 licenses, versus 200 in 2016.

6. Treasurer's Report – Larry Reyburn welcomed the new Treasurer Tom O'Grady. Larry said that overall, 2016 was a very successful year, but that MSR-H needs to attract 4 or 5 more entries to be economically viable. At present, there is \$3,800 in the Patrick Phillips Memorial Fund. As a result of a large CVAR turnout at the

SVRA COTA event, SVRA presented CVAR with a check for \$5200. Tom O'Grady discussed the effects of shifting from an accrual basis to a cash basis, and explained the handling of the SVRA rebate. He noted that without the SVRA rebate, CVAR would have finished the year with a small (approximately \$2,000) net loss. Paper copies of a Profit & Loss sheet and a Balance sheet were handed out to attendees.

7. Authenticity – Steve Smargiasso discussed authenticity issues, including weights. Gary McFarlane is constructing a grid which will fit over our scale pads so that all cars can be weighed without adjusting the scale pads for wheelbase and track. A new tech sheet will include weight. Jeff Garrett briefly discussed Championship points tabulations.

8. Chief Steward – Danny Piott handed out a sheet listing “CVAR Track Management Staff for 2017”. It listed the following positions and names: Doug Mains, Operations Steward; Gary Tomlins, Race Control; Isabel Hardy, Logger/Announcer; Chris Judd, Flag Chief; Merl Hansen, Timing/Scoring; Karl Jackson, Tech Chief; Dan Judd, Tech; Greg Matlack, Safety Steward; David Hopkins, Safety Steward; Scott Elieff, Hot Pit; Liz Nuse, Grid; Gary McFarlane, Safety Chairman; Kelly Cupstid, Corner; Greg Block, Corner; Monica Hargrove, Corner; J.D. Barnes, Corner; Bill Schmidt, Corner.

Danny discussed a big oil down at TWS and a new requirement for safety wiring of drain plugs. He announced that Hal is again helping with off-site tech inspections at race shops, etc. Karl Jackson is helping with pre-war tech. Ted Svedja is helping with Central Texas and Austin.

Danny said that we have been averaging about 12 Novice drivers per weekend.

Steve Smargiasso said that he plans to spend some time at each school discussing authenticity with the students.

Tom O'Grady discussed the VMC infraction list. He asked when a registration is received, who checks the list. Answer – Merl and Herb monitor it. If someone on the VMC infraction list tries to enter one of our events, Herb will coordinate with Danny and Merl, then contact the home club for more details.

The Formula Ford feature will be at Hallett in the spring. At the same event, Pre-War cars will have their own run group all weekend, but won't be a feature race. Allen Johnson and Lou Marchant believe that we will see approximately 20 Pre-War cars at Hallett. Feature at Hallett in the fall will be Formula Vees.

Steve Seitz asked how many students continue racing with us. Danny said it was about 50%. He noted that RMVR and SVRA both send their students to CVAR. CVAR is the only VMC club that holds two drivers schools each year. At each school weekend, the (Group 5) students get scheduling priority.

Steve Seitz brought up the idea of permanently running Group 1 and Group 7 together, to promote larger fields and more racing. Herb asked that this discussion be held toward the end of the meeting.

Merl stated that he keeps a list of Novices that have not completed the licensing process (approximately 70 at this time).

Danny Piott recommended we find ways to get more of the old timers to come back out to our events.

Merl said that earlier registrations are needed more. Approximately 50 percent of all registrations happen in the last week of the no penalty period.

Cragg Eubanks noted that late signups will be a problem at the NASA event in Houston. Government security wants 30 days to vet entrants. Not resolved, but not a CVAR issue.

Tom O'Grady and Merl discussed carrying credits. It was stated that our cancellation policies need to be clearly stated, both on DLB and the CVAR website.

Danny Piott discussed with Chris Judd about how much we need to pay in order to attract and keep our corner workers. It was stated that several years ago we offered a \$25 increase or free lunch, and 100 percent selected the lunch. Offering workers free event tee shirts was also discussed.

9. Timing & Scoring - Merl stated that there were 24 students total in 2016. He said that for several reasons, T&S at MSR-H was a total fiasco. One decoder went bad, and it has been replaced under warranty. Merl has added padding to the carrying case to prevent handling damage. Merl said that he now has a spare transponder and a test loop so he can test the system before leaving for the track.

Merl said that historical research has become more difficult now that MyLaps.com no longer has a search engine. Merl suggested that every entry since he began keeping records in 2010 could be uploaded to the CVAR website.

Russ Rosenberg asked Merl about the availability of printed results sheets. Merl said that one copy should be printed for each driver, and one copy posted for everyone to snap a photo of if they want. There was discussion of the applications called Race Monitor and Race Hero. Race Monitor doesn't keep history. Race Hero is used by WRL, and does keep history.

Herb noted that currently Scott Barrett is the only person authorized to make changes to the CVAR website. Merl said it would be helpful if an IT specialist could be available on race weekends to help him with any IT issues that arise in T&S. Scott Barrett and Mike Briggs were said to be the people Merl should call upon when IT help is needed.

10. Safety Report – Gary McFarlane passed out a one page printed CVAR Safety Report dated January 2017. A copy is appended to these minutes. The report was discussed briefly. CVAR experienced 11 individual car-to-car contact incidents during the 2016 racing season. These resulted in 5 drivers being found at fault and placed on probation. One driver was suspended for the season due to repeated contact events and one driver has agreed to retire permanently after several on-track "excursions". There was also one probation appeal presented, and ultimately granted.

11. Cragg Eubanks led a discussion of the Strada Corsa event planned at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, May 5-7, 2017. Thursday, 4 May, is a load-in day; Friday, 5 May, is for Test/Tune/Practice and Qualifying; Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7, are for racing.

Plans include a VIP party from 6-7 pm on Saturday evening, dressy attire, 300 tickets at \$500 per person. A second party follows, with casual attire, for an anticipated 1,500 people, from 7 – 10 pm.

Silverplate trays will be awarded for 1, 2 and 3 places, with awards ceremony on Sunday after the racing. Plans also include a Hard Luck award, a People's Choice award, and a Spirit award.

The event has a Facebook presence now, with a dedicated website to be up in about two weeks. The website will have a DLB link for registrations, not associated with CVAR's DLB links. Tom O'Grady stressed his opinion that CVAR should not be financially, legally, or operationally responsible for this event. Heacock is the insurer for the event, and CVAR is reportedly one of the named insured. Strada Corsa is advertising that the event will

be conducted as per CVAR rules. Space Center Houston will be handling all spectator ticketing. At present, Strada Corsa has secured about \$56,000 in sponsorships.

Eight race groups are planned. The 3.4 mile course is being laid out primarily on existing streets. Strada Corsa is estimating that they will draw approximately 25,000 spectators at \$40 per day. Racers entry fee is expected to be approximately \$750.

BREAK from 2:10 pm to 2:30 pm.

Cragg Eubanks continued. Russ Rosenberg moved that this Strada Corsa event NOT be a CVAR points race in 2017. Steve Seitz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tom O'Grady presented a typewritten "Request for Motion" with more details restricting CVAR involvement. A copy is appended to these minutes. Its key points included (1) a definition as what "Sanctioned by CVAR" means, as advertised by Strada Corsa. (2) Under no circumstances will CVAR as an organization be responsible for any aspect of the Strada Corsa event, nor provide any (a) financial (b) legal (c) operational or (d) guarantees or insurance assistance. (3) No registrations, cash payments, receipts or expenses of the Strada Corsa event will be processed thru CVAR or any of its registration or bank accounts. Don Gwynne seconded Tom's written motion, which was unanimously approved.

12. Old Business

Russ Rosenberg presented copies of "CVAR Policy Guidelines for Illegal/Non-Conforming Cars." A long discussion ensued. Tom O'Grady expressed concern that this not be used as a method to end-around CVAR's published rules change process. Some expressed concerns with various aspects of the proposal. Jeff Garrett moved that the proposal be tabled. Tom O'Grady seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Tabled.

Discussion returned to the Strada Corsa event, and specifically what level of CVAR support or involvement is appropriate. For example, rent our radios to Strada Corsa at market prices, or loan them for little or no compensation. At 4:00pm, Cragg Eubanks walked out of the meeting in protest of Tom O'Grady's strident opposition to any CVAR support of Strada Corsa. Herb voiced the opinion that Strada Corsa should be granted use of our radios, flags, trailer, etc.

13. New Business

Herb discussed the 2017 racing schedule. Strada Corsa and SVRA COTA will not be CVAR points races in 2017. There are six CVAR points races in 2017.

As regards the fate of TWS, Herb said that Andrew Fawcett reported on actions of the College Station Planning Commission, which has passed many variances to developers. TWS has de-commissioned all commodes; Porta-Potties from now on. The garages are still there. The sinkhole between turns 6 and 7 has been repaired. PCA still races at TWS, so the track surface must not be too bad.

Herb noted that track rental fees have gone up at both Hallett and TWS, and discussed the possibility of raising membership, licensing fees and/or race entry fees. All agreed that these are non-starters. On the other hand, serious consideration may be given to increasing Friday TTP fee to \$150. George Kopecky recommended CVAR consider selling Life Memberships. It was stated that our average member age is now 60 years.

Herb recommended making HANS mandatory, with exceptions as required. Jeff moved that HANS or equivalent be required by 2018. Russ seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

14. Member Input

Russ Rosenberg raised a discussion of approved tires, principally for Production Sports Cars and Sedans. Instead of trying to maintain a list of specific tires approved, he recommended consideration of treadwear value above zero, DOT-approved. In discussion, it was stated that in disputes about tire acceptability, it should be decided by the affected Group Representative and the Authenticity Chairman. Russ so moved, Jeff seconded. Steve Seitz abstained; all others voted to approve. Motion passed.

Greg Matlack discussed a new track (LG Motorsports Park) being built near Westminster, TX, approximately 10 miles north of McKinney off State Hwy 121 on FM2862.

Elliott Barron expressed concern regarding wave-through pit visits. He recommended making cars come to a full stop in all instances.

Steve Seitz recommended that we consider (in the future) running Group 1 and Group 7 together on a regular basis, to increase grid sizes and make for more interesting racing for both groups.

Steve Seitz discussed the Dallas Autorama event on February 17-19, 2017. Load in will be the afternoon of February 16. Jean Womble will make up handout cards. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Steve via e-mail at sseitz@swbell.net to volunteer.

Jean Womble asked for details on the Officer and Director voting. Herb provided details, including the following:

Herb Hilton received 172 votes for President

Jeff Gardner received 171 votes for Vice President

Tom O'Grady received 171 votes for Treasurer

Don Gwynne received 176 votes for Secretary

Steve Smargiasso received 174 votes for Authenticity

In the contested At Large election, Dave Foreman won with 101 votes to Jim Yule's 81 votes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gwynne

Secretary