

Central Division 2016 scheduling meeting on 08252105

George presiding as moderator at 7pm

Present: Tracey Gauper, Paul Gilbert, Rick Bentson, Kevin Coulter, & Bruce Lindstrand , joined at 7:20 by Jason Frank, 7:25 by Scott Meland, & Mike Baloga.

Tracey Gauper: the 4 racing regions have co-hosted the driver's school in the past and she believes this will continue. Date set as 4/22-24 (Friday-Sunday) including the double regional race on Sat/Sun. Chicago is the operating region this year. Discussion of LOL providing more assistance with this to prepare for operating in the future.

Wish dates have not been cleared with the respective tracks yet.

Majors events:

4/30-5/1 BVR/Milwaukee Major at BHF (wish date)

6/17-19 June Sprints at Road America (Chicago Region)

7/30-31 Cat National at Road America (Chicago Region) (wish date)

Bruce answered a question about Topeka's stance on 2 Majors at the same track. Topeka has been silent about this, will pursue with Lisa Noble and Eric Prill before the Run-Offs.

Divisional schedule:

4/22-24 Blackhawk Farms (wish date)

5/28-29 Brainerd (LOL) (wish date)

the traditional date for June race at BHF is 6/25-26 which conflicts with Indy cars at Road America that weekend. Milwaukee would like to pursue a different date for this race but does not want 4th of July weekend as they have trouble staffing the event on a holiday weekend. (BVR/Milwaukee) (wish date)

8/? Kettle at Road America from this year's October date (Milwaukee) (wish date)

9/3-4 Brainerd (LOL) (wish date)

10/? Fall Sprints at BHF (Chicago) (wish date)

There is little information being released on dates for Pro events next year. Once those can be discerned, will be able to fill in dates. Also trying not to schedule over Great Lake events.

Milwaukee Region is interested in pursuing the bracket enduro racing (BRE). Blackhawk Farms would be most attractive site, Milwaukee Mile might be of interest if the track is recertified for SCCA racing. Could the enduro racing be a joint venture like the driver's school is currently? (not held at the same time—same concept of all 4 regions working together)

Paul brought up the alternative driver's school path being forwarded by St Louis Region and Mid-Div. 2 drivers were able to get novice permits at the BRE event at Iowa Speedway in July.

Also interest in a 3 race or 3+1 race schedule for BRE. Not sure of event length, could be 4-10 hours. IA Speedway event was 3 hours plus 2 qualifying sessions. Scheduling these events may be difficult. Come up with the concept and propose dates to move forward.

Possibly held with full day PDX or on the Monday following a race weekend. PDX currently held on Monday or Wed when track rent is cheaper and they just break even. Friday before a race weekend is not a good time as the track uses the testing day as a profit center.

George would like to have another meeting to work on scheduling on Wed 9/9 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Gilbert

Secretary

