

Central Division 2017 meeting on 1/31/17

Meeting was held by conference call, called to order at 7 pm. Present were: Mark Utecht, Tracey Gauper, Paul Gilbert, Chuck Duncan, Kevin Coulter, Jeff Kulawinski, Rick Bentson, Ray Wise, Jon Fabor, Jason Frank.

A request has been made to pay fuel and 2 nights' lodging for the Rallycross Steward to attend Spring Training and conduct a seminar at Spring Training. Last year, CenDiv paid 2 nights' lodging for 6 people including our Area Director and 1 night for the CenDiv board members. There was discussion that we don't want to set precedent for paying lodging and expenses for presenters. Further discussion that several Regions had expressed interest in attending a Rallycross presentation and hope for growth in this area.

Motion to pay 2 nights lodging and fuel for the Rallycross Steward to attend the 2017 Spring Training and present seminar was passed unanimously.

Discussion of paying past CenDiv Hall of Fame inductees' lunch cost at the 2017 presentation. We pay for current inductees and their family members' lunch.

Motion to invite prior year CenDiv Hall of Fame inductees to the 2017 Hall of Fame luncheon at Spring Training and pay for the Hall of Fame members' lunch passed unanimously.

Discussion of employee dishonesty bond. Mark Utecht, Mike Smith and Tracey Gauper are the current responsible members with access to the CenDiv checking account. Current policy is \$20,000. The highest balance in the last year was \$72,000. High balance is in conjunction with Driver's School/Regional.

Motion to purchase \$100,000 policy (approximate cost \$278/yr) when the current policy expires in March passed unanimously.

Discussion of making the CenDiv Championship prize more meaningful. Discussion of the NE and SE Division prizes. Plaque/jacket/6 t-shirts for crew/6 hats and a gear bag for helmet and driver's suit.

Also a sticker for each race winner.

Current plaque and race winner sticker cost is \$2/entrant and is covered by sponsorship from C&P Installations and TRO Manufacturing. Give thought to this and research your ideas (including how to pay for them) and there will be a phone conference in February before Spring Training. The 2017 season started last fall, so it may be hard to institute any different requirements for 2017. Should there be a specific number of cars eligible in the class to receive award beyond plaque? With the Run-Offs on the west coast in 2018, we need to encourage racers to participate in CenDiv events in 2018. Tabled for further discussion in February.

Discussion regarding a podium in impound following each race. No motion.

Mark Utecht is looking for help from CenDiv to grow the LOL racing program. Suggested that a person must race at each of the 3 CenDiv tracks (Blackhawk Farms, Brainerd and Road America) to be the Central Division class champion. (This could be a problem with only 1 CenDiv Divisional race at Road America.) Also suggested that driver must compete in 5 of the 6 CenDiv Divisional races to be class champion. Discussion of race starting bonus (maybe 10 points) for each race started to encourage participation in more of the season's races. Discussion of double points for Brainerd. Mark is trying to build the LOL race participation which will be good for all of the CenDiv Regions.

Jon Fabor-Badlands-looking for help to get additional Solo Safety Stewards. The Region's instructor has left the sport and they're down to 3 Solo Safety Stewards. National Office is working on an online training session to address this problem. CenDiv Solo Safety Steward is listed on the CenDiv website. John can contact Mark Utecht if unable to make contacts on his own.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Paul Gilbert, Secretary