

Central Division 2017 Spring Training Meeting on 3/19/17

Called to order at 8 am. Present were: Mark Utecht, Mary Utecht, Tracey Gauper, Kevin Coulter, Sue Green, Ray Wise, Chuck Duncan, Bruce Lindstrand, Rick Bentson, Jeff Kulawinski, Karen Abrahamson, Paul Gilbert, Dean Plumadore, Brian Chabot, Kirk Bendix, Joe Helser, Wanda Helser, Velma Boreen, Rolly Boreen, Mike Beaumia, Rob Woolston, Mike Smith & Jeff Luckritz.

Tracey Gauper-discussion of web hosting. CenDiv web site is now on Word Press. Passed unanimously to pay \$12.95/yr for privacy protection for the names listed as contacts (Tracey & Mike).

-needs content for Solo, Rally & Rallycross. Hopes for more than pointing to Region web sites. The old web site format was owned by the prior hosting company so new content was created for the new CenDiv web site.

Kevin Coulter-asked for hotspot to be shared by registration and stewards at the track. We've experienced problems with the track provided Wi-Fi and have been using personal cell phones and hot spots. Will also be useful for cloud based videos (stewards) with protests. Purchase at a cost not to exceed \$500/yr. Passed unanimously.

Sue Green led a discussion on permanent numbers. CenDiv list will be used for Divisional races. National list has precedence for Majors and Super Tour events. Will realign CenDiv numbers from 9 groups to match National list of 7 race groups (plus IT classes). The conflicts for numbers in the new groupings will be settled by 2017 participation. (If 2 people had the same number, formerly in separate race groups, now in the same race group, the driver who competes in the most CenDiv races in 2017 will be awarded the number.) CenDiv drivers may want to rent their number from National if they are running Majors and Super Tour events and really want that number.

Sue would like to only allow the National list to be used for the first 7 days of online registration but that's not an option. GCR reserves numbers until 14 days before race.

There's also a problem with prep shops registering car numbers. The number should be assigned to the driver. It creates a problem in registration which requires time from the registrar to fix. There is a lot of time currently being spent by the registration crew getting numbers for the drivers.

Discussion of the CenDiv Championship Series. There was a presentation at the National Convention where NE and SE presented their strong championship series and participation. We need to build car counts to keep the divisional series alive. There will be a 5 person committee. Scott Sandra and Chris Petersen (long time sponsors of the CenDiv Championship) will be offered 2 of the positions. Kevin Coulter and Bruce Lindstrand are on the committee. CenDiv board will appoint committee members to achieve the 5 members. Passed with 1 no vote.

The board would support a similar committee for Rallycross and Solo if they wish to proceed.

CenDiv points-starting with the 2018 season (Sept 2017 and later races), 25 bonus points will be awarded for the first Divisional race at each CenDiv track. Road America only has 1 CenDiv Divisional race, Blackhawk Farms has 3 races and Brainerd has 2 or 3 depending on schedule. If points from this race are dropped at year end, the bonus points will remain. Passed unanimously.

Mark Utecht wants racers to travel to Brainerd. Rolly Boreen suggested contacting local hotels to try for racer discounts on race weekends. Kirk Bendix is trying to line up sponsors and is looking at

various options in an attempt to encourage participation at Brainerd. Mark stated that he will include travel directions in the supplemental rules to avoid the Twin-Cities and traffic tie-ups.

Request by LOL to add a 3rd Brainerd race to the 2017 schedule. This will be a single race in conjunction with the Trans-Am race 7/1-2. The racing region RE's (BVR/Chicago/LOL/Milwaukee) will take this to their respective boards and report back to Mark Utecht.

Tracey Gauper reminded attendees that CenDiv approved up to \$500 reimbursement for certain positions attending National Convention. At this time, she's only received invoice from Milwaukee Region.

Bruce Lindstrand has some road racing trophies which have not been delivered and asked that he be reimbursed for shipping these. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Paul Gilbert, Secretary