

Cen-Div board meeting on 3/17/19

Board members present: Mark Utecht, Paul Gilbert, Chuck Duncan, Mike Smith, Tracey Gauper, Joseph Fister. Called to order at 7:30 am.

Area 5 Director Peter Jankovskis and Kevin Coulter were also present.

The Hall of Fame Committee has requested a trophy case to display Cen-Div Hall of Fame awards at Blackhawk Farms Raceway. Discussion concluded that the case should be locked and bolted to the wall as deterrents to vandalism. Mark Utecht will research suitable cases and return findings to the Cen-Div board of directors.

Discussion of gratuity at hotel for the breakfast staff. No gratuity is included in the contract for members who stay at the hotel. The Saturday breakfast buffet in the ballroom was separate and required separate staff from regular hotel breakfast buffet. Gratuity will not be added to the contracted amount (3 for/3 against).

Upcoming contract with the hotel will be for 3 years with Spring Training continuing to be held at the Best Western Airport Inn in Milwaukee, WI.

Tracey Gauper renewed the (web site) domain. Approved payment to renew the 3 year server contract for our (Cen-Div) web site which will renew in early 2020. Previous cost was about \$250, it's not expected to increase substantially.

Tracey Gauper needs input from all of the Cen-Div Regions regarding your events. She posts this information on the Cen-Div web site and Facebook pages.

Discussion of email blasts in relation to driver retention and Cen-Div communications. MSR is free but difficult to control distribution list. Constant Contact is free for 0-500 email addresses, 505-1000 is about \$35/mo (expected population size). Mail Chimp was offered as a free alternative. Discussion of email communications regarding Cen-Div Spring Training.

The Spring Training registrar, Sue Green, needs help from the Regions to publicize the event. Please register if attending but do so early so we have a better idea of the number attending.

A suggestion was put forward that the Spring Training schedule and content should be available/distributed sooner. Response was that would be great but it's difficult to secure program content from the presenters. Part of the problem may be proximity to the National Convention and presenters want to include items from the recent National Convention.

There was a discussion of requesting approval from each Region to pay for their members to attend Spring Training. We will not request approval at this time as don't have a contract/know the exact cost.

Any rule changes for the 2020 Cen-Div Road Racing Championship should be submitted to the Cen-Div President (Mark Utecht) by 6/1/19. this should allow the rules to be finalized before the first race of the 2020 season.

Sue Green discussed the need for Cen-Div presence at the National Convention. Cen-Div will reimburse up to \$500 of National Convention expenses for Divisional Administrator. See the 3/20/16

Cen-Div board minutes. DA must submit to Region and the Region must request the up to \$500 reimbursement from Cen-Div. Paula Spencer (Cen-Div spring training coordinator) appointed as a Cen-Div race official. (note: this was done to allow Cen-Div to cover up to \$500 of her costs to attend the National Convention. However, the 3/20/16 minutes state the Cen-Div will reimburse Divisional Administrators, not Race Officials. It was presented at the 3/17/19 meeting that Cen-Div would reimburse (up to \$500) for all Cen-Div Race Officials attending the National Convention.) This will need to be authorized in a different manner.

Discussion with National Office staff regarding National Convention content and length of meetings.

Small Regions should request scholarship/reimbursement from Cen-Div to attend National Convention. Rick Meyers (National Office-Membership) has a scholarship budget available each year-apply directly to Rick Meyers. See the National Convention registration for Pioneer and Ascender programs which may help to pay the cost of the National Convention registration.

Raleigh Boreen requested that Regions send the SCCA Foundation any historical items related to SCCA. This would include race results and newsletters. These are now maintained by IMRRC at Watkins Glen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Paul Gilbert, Secretary