

## Central Division Board of Directors Meeting – 07/17/2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Mark Utecht with board members Jeff Kulawinski and Mike Smith.

Dave Kettler, Kevin Coulter and Peter Jankovskis participated on the call.

It was determined that the participants constituted a quorum.

The initial portion of the minutes were taken by Peter Jankovskis.

Mark asked if anyone had any prospective rule changes for the 2020 season. Dave indicated the only one that he was aware of was the addition of Spec Mustang to the A-sedan class. This change was made within the GCR at the National level so Dave did not believe any changes in the rules for the CenDiv series would be necessary. The current SMG class was distinct and could continue as a regional class.

Mark made a motion to carryover the current rules package with appropriate date changes for next year. Dave suggested that we align final approval of the rules package with National's deadline of October 1. This would allow for incorporating any rule changes adopted at the National level between now and then. Mike seconded the modified motion. The motion carried with no one opposed.

Mark then began a discussion of plans for the 2020 CenDiv drivers school. Mark asked if there had been discussion of possibly shifting the school to Mother's day weekend on the CenDiv scheduling call. Kevin indicated that it had been discussed. The feeling was that any gain in participants due to better weather would likely be more than offset by losses due to conflicts with Mother's Day activities. Mark indicated that the early April 12 date of the 2019 school and associated snow had dampened attendance by LOL drivers. It was confirmed that the goal was to hold the 2020 school later in the month of April, with April 24th the preferred weekend and April 17th as the fall back.

Mark suggested that if attendance at the 2020 school was as low as 2019, CenDiv would need to have a discussion of canceling the school going forward. Mark mentioned that Brainerd operates two SCCA approved schools per year.

Paul Gilbert, CenDiv Secretary joined the meeting at 7:25. Chris Cwiklinski (representing Milwaukee Region) and Chuck Duncan joined the meeting.

Central Division is looking for sponsorship and sponsorship ideas for the Driver's School and Spring Training events. Start with a request for sponsors submitted to Central Division Regions and members. In the middle of 2020, gauge the sponsorship response and possibly consider a professional fund raiser (if one can be found to work on a straight commission basis).

The Region/member request should be transmitted to Regions/members shortly after the Run-Offs. Kevin Coulter will create a letter to request sponsorship and submit to Mark Utecht.

Request for a Central Division policy regarding free over crew for significant Central Division sponsors entered in Cen Div races. (We currently have 2 significant sponsors, C&P Installations and TRO Manufacturing.) This proposal should be taken to the 4 racing regions (BVR, Chicago, LOL and Milwaukee regions) for consideration by their respective boards.

Spring Training event site discussion. Paula Spencer has submitted her resignation as the venue coordinator following the 2020 Spring Training. Central Division needs to find volunteers to take over this important task. Central Division has a contract for the next 3 years (2020, 2021 & 2022) with the Airport Best Western in Milwaukee. The hotel management team that Paula Spencer has worked with in past years has left the hotel and sweeping changes are forecast when new hotel management is hired.

Central Division will make the \$500 down payment for each of the next 3 years to secure dates for Spring Training at the Airport Best Western in Milwaukee. Our current contract states that this down payment is refundable if the upcoming year is canceled within 60 days of the previous Spring Training. (The \$500 down payment for 2021 can be refunded if the date is canceled within 60 days of the 2020 Spring Training.)

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There was discussion of whether it is appropriate to have annual Spring Training or if this should be done every other year. The Stewards have need for an annual meeting. As a background note, Spring Training grew out of the annual Steward's conference. Dave Kettler remarked that it is helpful for Tech Inspection to have an annual refresher as there are numerous changes each year.

Paul Gilbert, Secretary