

Top End

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Region's Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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September 1, 2020

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November 4, 2020

Finger Lakes Region Schedule:

Minutes Board meeting 9/1/2020

Minutes Board meeting 11/4/2020

REport 9/2020

REport 11/2020

Membership Report 11/2020

The budget will be available for reviews at November Board meeting.

Agenda item: Road Race

Presenter: Charlie

Discussion:

NEOhio region is doing a Halloween Race at Nelson Ledges that weekend.

The NeDiv Series will be doing a race at Nelson as a divisional race. Hook up with Mahoning Valley for more information. FLR will be a sponsor.

There is a race at Palmer next weekend.

Agenda item: Roundtable

Presenter: various

Discussion:

RunOffs Criteria?

Track Day?

WGI negotiating with NYS.

Jason: Did our first RallyCross using MSR-So much easier!

Jamie: Nothing

Mike: No meeting October? Will cancel that (where ever it is still posted).Auto Show is up in the air.

Barb: (attended a race) Masking went well. Maintained Social Distance. Cleaning was done. No one had any issues

Charlie: BMW guy is willing to help with T&S

Liz: Nothing

Miles: Nothing except due date is 11/21 for the new member.

Other Information

Special notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Meridith L. Croucher Secretary

Motorsports Registration is contacting Liz. There will not be "onsite" registration in the future. There has not been any grumbling from registration. This is actually better for following the money. Road Rally is using MSR.

Should we close the Square account? No because it is not costing us anything.

Agenda item: Membership

Presenter: Mike

Discussion:

We are down 8 members in the month of August. Probably due to Covid.

We need more New Member Welcome literature.

Conclusions:

Enter conclusions here.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Order from National New Member Welcome stuff

Mike

ASAP

Agenda item: Awards

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

There will not be an award banquet this year due to Covid.

Solo will do their own awards.

Per the Road Race Competition Committee, there will not be any awards. Some are competing illegally and some are not competing.

RallyCross is doing its own thing. There is the possibility of a new site in Victor. The landowner is excited. The owner and 3 friends participated in an event August 23. There was a cap of 30. The event was well received. Financials have been sent in. There is an event scheduled for 9/13. Maintenance would include smoothing the start line and to do a ditch for \$100. Jason stated there were 4 total events at the site thru 11/20.

Jason also asked about it being an off year at Bruce's. They could have access to the field in Winter in Victor

Conclusions:

Enter conclusions here.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Ideas for awards that can be done

Barb

Closer to time

Agenda item: FLR and SCCA events for 2021

Presenter: various

Discussion:

The National Convention for 2021 is on. Not sure if virtual or live.

The NeDiv Mini Con will be held. Again, not sure if virtual or live.

Barb has not heard from the Auto show. She should hear in a few weeks. Liz suggested that we should walk away as there is no return on our time or money. It is difficult to get cars for the display as they are still in the winter tear down process.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Keep the Bod of Directors informed

Barb

ASAP

Agenda item: Rally

Presenter: Jamie

Discussion:

Rally has made some adjustments to its operations. The biggest adjustment is that they will use Motorsports Registration.

Registration will be aware to look for out of town entries from banned (NYS Mandates) areas.

Rally Masters have volunteered. There will be 7 total events including the Novice rally. The first event is a social Rally devised as a scavenger hunt.

Finger Lakes SCCA Board of Directors meeting

9/1/2020

7:00 PM

Virtual

Meeting called by: Charlie Tanck

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Facilitator: Charlie

Note taker: Meridith Croucher

Timekeeper: Charlie

Attendees: Charlie Tanck, Meridith Croucher, Shawn Hallam, Jamie Hayslip, Elizabeth Theil, Miles Krieg, Nick Pasternak, Mike Brunner, Andrew Edgecombe, Jason Smith, Barb Lissow

Minutes

Agenda item: Solo/Autocross, whatever we are supposed to call it! **Presenter:** Nick and Andrew

Discussion:

Solo had to go first because of scheduled Solo meeting.

Attendance is up 27-28%. Competitors are coming in from other regions. Novice numbers are increasing. The competitors like it. "You're looking like you are having fun no matter how much stress!"

Solo Bus has a Fuel pump failure. Fuel pump is in the tank. Also, it has a Hydro boost failure

Tour canceled d/t Covid 19. The date was maintained and did a local event.

Region Shirts were done for Solo? Given to 2-day event. Sold the rest on the honor system.

"Race America" is showing its age. Needed repair 3x this year. WNY uses Farm tech system. It's simpler and cheaper. Charlie asked them not to delay purchase too long.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Looks good for using Seneca in 2021	Nick/Andrew	Done
✓ Run more out of region events at Seneca with caps on the entry while we are still in a Covid situation.	Nick/Andrew	2021
✓ Replace/Repair "Race America" timing and scoring	Nick/Andrew	2021

Agenda item: Election **Presenter:** Charlie

Discussion:

Mark Green resigned. Jim Hoelscher would run.

Rules change is a lot for in person meeting. Will address after the first of the year.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Email Jen Guerdat and ask about running again	Enter person responsible here	Enter deadline here

Agenda item: Treasury report **Presenter:** Liz

Discussion:

FLR is doing fine! Bills are paid and we have money

Charlie has not heard anything from WGI about 2021. (Because the Super Tour for 2020 was canceled, FLR gave the date to the Glen Region in the hopes that they can make some money for the region to help with losses this year.)

Charlie did speak to WGI. They have "notes" but are not working on the schedule at this point.

Agenda item: Road Racing

Presenter: Charlie

Discussion:

We are waiting for information from WGI. So far on their published Schedule 9/17-18/2021 is a Porsche Race. 9/10-11/21 is TransAm.

Update 11/8/20: Fun One date 9/25 and 26, Track day 7/14 and 15

There were 3 Finger Lakes members at the RunOffs this year.

Agenda item: Road Rally

Presenter: Jamie

Discussion:

Season is shaping up fine. We have RallyMasters!

Agenda item: Time Trials

Presenter: Charlie

Discussion:

Time Trials are taking off across SCCA. There are rules on the SCCA website. Time trials by itself is not feasible at WGI d/t the cost.

We need to monitor Time Trials for a year and re evaluate as a program for FLR.

Jamie explained how NASA does Time Trials.

Mark Kruger is interested in the program, possibly be chair of the program. Miles will contact Mark.

Agenda item: Top End

Presenter: Charlie

Discussion:

We need to think about what to do with Top End. Region news is place on Facebook and the website. There is no one stepping up to the plate to take this on since Carl retired.

Social Media and Advertising is a good fit for Nick and Joe LaValle. There will be no classified ads. A recap of what is going on will be put on the website.

The lack of volunteers is not new. Regions across the country are having issues with getting enough people to get the work done that allows us to have fun with our cars. As people become frustrated with working so hard without relief they are just going away.

Agenda item: Meetings and other things

Presenter: Enter presenter here

Discussion:

There will not be an in-person meeting in December. The Annual meeting is canceled d/t the ongoing problem with Covid. There may possibly be a Picnic meeting in 2021. Time will tell.

Barb still has not heard anything about the Auto Show.

Mike Brunner has had a major meltdown of his computer and 2 hard drives losing all the membership data. He is trying to resurrect, but may be starting over from scratch.

Zoom meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Meridith L Croucher
Secretary

Agenda item: Timing and Scoring

Presenter: Mike.

Discussion:

For 2021 there will be changes to how the outpost is run. There will not be copies of results. Competitors will be directed to My Laps or Race Monitor.

Like Pitt Race we could post results on a monitor for the teams. Could also use the WHOVA app to notify all interested parties about results. Because the "Fun One" didn't happen in 2020, our account was extended for 2021. Conclusions:

Charlie has talked to Tim Brien who does timing and Scoring for BMW. He found Tim through Adrienne Hughes. Charlie will contact Tim to see if he is still interested.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Elizabeth

Discussion:

"We have money. All the bills are paid"

Solo emptied the storage unit. Everything fit in the bus. FLR only have \$93 storage unit.

Asking about the bus, Miles says it still is not running d/t the fuel pump being bad. The fuel pump is in the fuel tank.

Conclusions:

Enter conclusions here.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Contact Nick about the Bus and repairs

Miles

ASAP

✓ Add Towing to the insurance Policy

Elizabeth

ASAP

✓ Enter action items here

Enter person responsible here

Enter deadline here

Agenda item: Rally Budget

Presenter: Jamie

Discussion:

Purchased Timing Technology to update Timing and Scoring.

There is not depreciation of equipment in the budget.

Elizabeth states she has not spent a lot of Money for Rally.

September to August is the Budget year. Jamie gave an overview of the budget and sent the budget to the individual Board members before the meeting.

Conclusions:

The Rally Budget was approved unanimously.

Agenda item: Solo Report

Presenter: Andrew

Discussion:

FLR is all set at the Seneca site. They still have a good relationship with the owner/manager.

FLCC parking lot is still an option to try again. Andrew will reach out to Xerox again, but his contact is not answering or returning calls. Contact may have moved on. Drawback is that the lot is not well maintained.

Agenda item: RallyCross Report

Presenter: Shawn

Discussion:

The Committee is working on the issue with the East Bloomfield site. They are using Bruce's field still for winter.

FLR-SCCA Board of Directors meeting

11/4/2020

7:00 PM

Virtual

Meeting called by: Charlie Tanck – RE

Type of meeting: Board

Facilitator: Charlie

Note taker: Meridith Croucher

Attendees: Elizabeth Thiel, Jamie Hayslip, Charlie Tanck, Mike Brunner, Meridith Croucher, Miles Krieg, Barb Lissow, Shawn Hallam, Mike Brunner, Andrew Edgecombe, Nick Pasternak

Minutes

Agenda item: Elections

Presenter: Charlie

Discussion:

There has been action on nominations for the 2021 Board of Directors.

Anna Thiel, Jason LA Manna and James Hoelscher have agreed to run as Directors at large.

Scott Banner, a Formula Vee driver has also agreed to run for Director at large. As he has not been a member for the required 2 years (1.5 years) the current Board agreed to grant him a waiver to allow him to run.

There were no volunteers to run for the offices of RE and Secretary. Charlie was granted a waiver to allow him run for RE again. Meridith will stay on as Secretary until family issues put too much on her plate again.

Jamie Hayslip is completing the Director Term left vacant by Mark Green's resignation.

By-Laws has 2 terms term limits. This was to allow other members to take their term on the Board. This has not helped the problem finding people to serve.

We have been fortunate with program chairs being involved and running the programs. The RallyCross Committee is working well.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

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| ✓ Update membership emails from National Office | Meridith | ASAP |
| ✓ Create an online voting site for the election | Meridith | ASAP |
| ✓ Notify membership about election through Top End | Meridith | ASAP |
| ✓ Add changes to the Bylaws r/t elections on the agenda for 2021. Remove term limits. | Charlie | January 2021 Board Meeting |

Agenda item: Nelson Race Report

Presenter: Charlie, Barb

Discussion:

Saturday was Sunny and cold. Sunday bad weather was due so only raced Sunday AM.

There are amazing changes to the facility! There is now a 4-bay enclosed tech shed. There is siding on the tech shed and a new furnace.

Dave and Chris Cuifo put on a show down the front straight for the other participants.

Region Executive Report September 2020

Writing articles has been rough this year. It has been a very different season. Fortunately the Autocross people have persevered and salvaged their season. Comments on Facebook have all been positive. FLR had to cancel the proposed SOLO National Tour event do to State, County and site restrictions. Our Race program also had to make a tough decision on the Fun One that could not be avoided. Our deposits to WGI for the 2020 Fun One and our Track Events were refunded.

We had a negative comment on Facebook from one racer but due to the restrictions we faced, max 70 participants, 2 crew members, no food available and no camping it was a no brainer. Our loss on the event would have been staggering. Since then NYS has required a 14-day quarantine for many of the participants that would come from out of state.

WGI had significant management changes we have not received their proposals for dates for our 2021 events at this time. We have contacted them about both the Fun One and the track event hoping to get back to the weekend after the Vintage races for the Fun One and have a one-day track event.

The Rally Cross program has found a new site and participation is up. The rally program is preparing for the Winter Series and have plans to cope with restrictions. Our problem is the unknowns. Requirements are constantly changing.

Our BoD meeting had to deal with more tough choices. The Annual Awards Banquet will not happen. The biggest problems were finding a venue big enough with restrictions and managing participation. Walk-ins could not be accommodated. Our past experience was that people did not RSVP and we had many walk-ins. Relative to awards we will look at the BoD awards at our next meeting. The competition groups will make their own decisions.

The Race group has had little participation with WGI being cancelled for FLR and the Glen Region. Travel to other venues has been limited by travel restrictions (14 day quarantine returning many states) so we will forego awards.

BoD elections are coming up and the response has been underwhelming. Not only do we need new blood but many of the people who have participated in the past are not willing to run again or are term limited. This is not a new problem for FLR but is discouraging. We have 450 members so you would think having 4 people coming forward would not be a problem. We cannot survive if we become a pay your money and compete Region. There are various tasks that must be completed to keep us certified as a Region. Someone has to be in charge.

As I stated at the start of the article it is hard to get going without the usual good news. We have always had many good things to report and much fewer problems. Thanks to the various people who have worked to keep programs going. Some of you have kids and grandkids in school. You can see the turmoil school districts are going through educating our children and keeping them safe. As a Region we will get through this but we must do what is necessary for the financial health of our region and the health of participants and workers. We can only hope that 2021 will be an easier year and more normal.

Charlie, Regional Executive

Membership information for the period 1-30 Sep 2020

Please note that although we were -4 on the report from SCCA

We did pick up 8 new members. So actually 12 OLD members did not renew.

Michael Brunner
Membership Chair
Finger Lakes Region S.C.C.A.

REport for November 2020

Our November BoD meeting was held virtually. NYS restrictions preclude the Board and group chairs from meeting in person. Since the meeting restrictions for in person events have gotten tighter. Our last in person membership meeting was in February. Hopefully 2021 will allow us to get back into our regular routine. You will all be getting an email cancelling our December meeting and telling you that you will be contacted with an electronic ballot for our Bod elections. We have candidates for all four available positions. No one came forward to run for RE and Secretary so waivers were granted to the current people in these positions. We struggle every year to find candidates. This situation is not a sign of a healthy organization.

2021 is shaping up. The Rally program is about to begin the winter series. Autocross will be able to compete at the Seneca Army Depot and has other sites possible. RallyCross is back to Perry Park for the winter and is working on a summer site. We finally got dates for the Fun One and for our track days. Now all we need is for the pandemic to become history.

The Bod has already has identified some issues that will be discussed and acted on in 2021.

By Laws: The Board had instituted term limits for the four officers. The intent of the term limits was to give more members an opportunity to run for the positions. This has not worked, members are not coming forward and fortunately current people have stayed on. The result of this situation will be the removal of term limits.

Succession plan: We currently have not formalized hat would be done if any of the officers are not able, unwilling or a personal disaster strikes. We hope this never happens but must formalize a plan. Currently if a Director at Large resigns the Re appoints a replacement. We must put something in place for the other officers.

Top End: No one has come forward to be the editor of Top End since Carl Dresie retired from the position. Communication with our members is important. Do members value a Top End type communication? Has Facebook and the website replaced it as the means to communicate? If we go that route what should we require of the BoD and group chairs to produce f to communicate what is happening in the Region.

2021 will be here before we know it. Lets' all help make it a successful year.

November 2020



Members as of last report:	01-Oct-2020	403
Members as of this report:	01-Nov-2020	399
Members as of this report, gain or loss:		-4