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May 12, 2020

Finger Lakes Region Schedule:

07.22-23.20

FLR Track Days

Watkins Glen International

2790 County Route 16

Watkins Glen, NY 14891

This is the only one I know for sure at this point in time.

RE-port! From Charlie Tanck

The BoD had a zoom meeting to keep things moving. The driver for us having it was the Autocross group who are trying to open their season. They have put a lot of work into safety plans to present to the counties where they have events. They had a successful trial run at FLCC and are preparing to compete at Seneca Army Depot. We also decided to cancel the June membership meeting as restaurants are still not able to open except for takeout. We also decided to cancel the Membership Recognition picnic as the facility was not suited for social distancing for our usual attendance. We are hoping to do something at the yearend banquet. If we do that we would need a larger site than we had last year. If anyone knows of a facility please let Barb Lissow know. We are all hoping to get back to more normal operations as we get to summer.

We have had mixed signals from Watkins Glen for our events. They notified workers that they would be closed for June. Then the Governor said they could open June 1. Unfortunately the Glen Region had cancelled the Super Tour based on what they were told earlier. We still don't know about the July Sprints but our track days are a go. We will have to have a safety plan and modify our operations a bit but it does not seem to be anything major. We are expecting a smaller turn out than we get for races and people do not have crews. The Fun One is still on our schedule. We will be opening registration soon. The SCCA and the track have discouraged any social gatherings so we have to rethink the after race party and awards. Our members are chomping on the bit to compete. We have not given up. Things are progressing. We are not the only ones that are struggling to get going. Some of the car groups had to cancel their May and June events. There has been a lot of confusion but things seem to be getting better. We just have to take it one day at a time and do the best we can. On a side note, members of the BoD and some group members received an email supposedly from me requesting they purchase and send gift cards to whomever sent the email. Finger Lakes Region does not conduct business via gift cards. We have also received request to pay invoices that were phony. All requests for payment must be submitted on the proper forms with receipts. There will be no exceptions. We are vulnerable to such scams as our officials' names and emails are listed on our website. Check who the email was from before taking action and don't be afraid to call the supposed person making the request.

Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 3/3/2020

Board members present are Charlie Tanck, Shawn Hallam, Elizabeth Thiel, Meridith Croucher, Andrew Edgcombe, and Mark Green, Barb Lissow, Jen Guerdatt-Arena, Jamie Hayslip, Myles Krieg and Mike Brunner.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tanck at 7:04 PM. The meeting was at Bill Gray's in Penfield.

1. Track Day Budget – Charlie
 - a. Entry is \$325 per day. Would like to have 100 cars
 - b. Charlie is working with the track for a single-track day 2021
 - c. Approved!
2. Autocross Budget – Nick and Andrew
 - a. Rough Guess
 - b. Decreased the entrants to 75.
 - c. All events are at Seneca, we have not heard from Xerox. We are looking at FLCC or Seneca for a novice school. Marketplace has been sold, so not using them this year.
 - d. Expenses are similar to 2019.
 - i. \$1000 for van repair
 - ii. Insurance
 - iii. Wrap?
 - iv. Buying the van is not in the budget.
 - e. FLR is the single contact for Seneca
 - i. CNY & WNY – All events OOR for 1 of these
 - ii. Series; FLR x1, CNY x1, WNY x1
 - iii. 2 EVO Schools
 - iv. 1 Starting Line School
 - f. There are 3 sponsors right now
 - g. Jason is to get a quote for the bus
 - h. Budget approved!
3. Fun One Budget – Jason
 - a. We have increased the Enduro price to not take person's away from competition.
 - b. \$500 – no fee for camping
 - c. \$500 for the Jack Daniels Room
 - d. \$4000 for damages
 - e. There is 3 hours overtime in the schedule. The charges are 30 minutes increments. 2019, insurance covered damages minus OT.
 - f. Whova App will be used for Communications and Marketing.
 - i. Custom Social Media. Communications, share photos, contact other drivers, contact workers, Results.
 - ii. Administrators will be Liz, Michelle and Jason.
 - g. Budget Approved!
4. Auto Show - Barb
 - a. Barb had 2 cars withdraw. She can slide a car in anytime.
 - i. Setup is ¾ after 5
 - ii. Opens Thursday at noon and we need to be out by 6pM Friday.
 - iii. Dan T. is bringing a Mini, Shawn is bringing a RallyCross Car and Kurt is bringing a Rally Car.
 - b. Will print flyers for track day.
 - c. e 15th of the month to be included in the digital Top End.
5. Finance - Liz

- a. We have money
 - b. The bills are paid
 - c. Credit Cards and Motorsports Reg.
 - i. Credit card usage and what we are paying
 - ii. Changing the credit card machine
 - 1. Do we need 3 machines? Logistically have in the track.
 - 2. Will pay 2-3% plus \$0.10
 - 3. Annual fee is \$9.95
 - iii. We are paying a fortune for the online system
 - iv. Liz met with Brent from MSR and Hargitay at the convention
 - 1. Liz ran the numbers
 - 2. Sent an email asking why we are paying so much.
 - a. We are paying a platform fee for all the bells and whistles
 - b. We have 2 accounts, Autocross and Rally, then Road Race
 - c. We were one of the first to sign up
 - d. We are paying MSR (per Wendy) 3.2% plus \$0.30 and 1.75% Platform fee
 - 3. We can deny accepting credit cards through MSR as we are grandfathered in.
 - 4. Each region has its own identity. Terms are going to change
 - 5. "Premium" regions can defer payments to accept at the track.
 - a. Autocross is set up as non-credit card.
 - 6. Liz has a concern about MSN w/ merger and new terms.
 - a. Will they cut us off?
 - b. All files were blank when Liz went in online.
 - 7. Charlie's Track Day is going online at the end of the month
 - a. What are the terms?
 - 8. Track Rabbit presented to the National office.
 - 9. Mark stated we are stuck with them for this year
 - 10. We get the Calendar and email stuff.
6. Race Complaints - Charlie
 - a. Complaints from Registration about constantly running to the gate.
 - i. Could we have registration stations in the Media Center?
 - ii. Tech could be in front.
 - iii. Registration could be at staging with waivers.
7. MiniCon – Charlie
 - a. Is run by the Division
 - b. Each region is assessed \$250
 - c. 1-day affair.
 - d. Program was good.
 - e. Autocross meeting in Western PA (?)
 - i. Divisional leader talked about all regions
 - ii. RallyCross, no-one came
 - iii. Time Trials

- iv. National Office was there
- 8. Charlie – Roundtable
 - a. Mike – added 10 members.
 - b. Barb – Wishes to resign as Flag Marshall as she is the only flagger the region has.
 - c. Jamie – (My notes were a little cryptic) Region account for (MSR?) for a significant discount? Can you negotiate, push back, do online (See what I mean?)
 - d. Charlie – MSR is TNIA and Time Trials driven

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Meridith L. Croucher, Secretary.

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Board members present are Charlie Tanck, Meridith Croucher, Mark Green, Shawn Hallam, Miles Krieg, Jamie Hayslip, Mike Brunner, Jen Guerdat-Arena, Elizabeth Thiel, Nick Pasternak, John Roberts (Ontario County), Barb Lissow

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tanck at 7:02 PM. The meeting was a virtual meeting using STPR's Zoom account.

1. Charlie Tanck - It is 6 weeks until the Majors at Pitt Race. Steel Cities contacted a couple of regions about how they are functioning with Covid-19.
 - a. SCCA Guidelines were then published.
2. Nick Pasternack – Autocross. We need to develop a Covid Safety Plan for all events.
 - a. Amateur motorsports can be low risk outdoor Recreation.
 - i. We need to work with the Counties to develop our covid Plans based upon the activity
 - ii. Working on Autocross at CCFL in Ontario County.
 - iii. John Roberts – from Ontario County invited to participate FLCC lot is controlled by Ontario County
 - iv. We would like to use that lot for a Street Survival
 - b. Seneca County – Earl is amazing!
 - i. He released us for dates
 - ii. We have maintained communication with Earl.
 - iii. He is more risk adverse
 - c. We have developed a plan for Autocross

- i. We want to do a Test and Tune with 20 entries to test the plan.
 - ii. Afraid the manager would say no.
 - iii. The site will reopen on June 15. We would like to use the site to test the plan on the 16th.
 - iv. Discussion on the process of writing a plan.
 - 1. Nick has written a plan and is finalizing another draft.
 - 2. Paddock will be a big challenge
 - 3. We need to be very transparent about not socializing.
 - v. We need compliance
 - vi. FLR Safety Steward to monitor and implement the plan
 - vii. There is a concern about other regions that use the state under our contract.
 - viii. County officials may show up.
 - ix. More discussion about processes.
 - d. Nick will negotiate a per day price for Seneca.
 - e. Nick is not allowing pick and choose dates.
 - f. FLR has lost the use of XEROX. Every contact there is gone. We are now a 1 site region.
 - g. Discussion on Dates and points.
 - i. Starting Line School is canceled.
 - ii. Schedule is very fluid.
 - iii. Trial and 1st event need to be done this weekend at CCFL to set the stage for October.
 - iv. We would need to monitor WNY
 - 1. WNY and CNY each have their own event for Out of Region
3. Shawn Hallam – RallyCross Budget
 - a. Is WGI available? Expensive!
 - i. There is a possible site between Buffalo and Hamburg
 - b. 3 choices of fields
 - c. Solar field is not being built
 - d. Will continue to look for other sites.
 - e. RallyCross budget approved!
 4. Finance – Elizabeth Thiel
 - a. We have money
 - b. The bills are paid
 - c. Have moved some money around until we need it.
 5. Membership Picnic – Charlie
 - a. No information available, Parks and Recreation is closed.
 - b. Cancel picnic vs. postpone to the end of year Banquet.
 - c. Charlie will notify the membership.
 6. The June general Membership Meeting is canceled
 7. Track Day – Charlie
 - a. We need 110 persons, 23 are signed up
 - b. No information from WGI.

- c. May event is canceled. Super Tour too? Super Tour is Glen Region this year.
 - d. Decision to be made in June.
 - i. We may lose a lot of money
 - ii. No cancel if WGI is not open. Lots of risk
 - iii. We will wait and see what WGI is going to do. The track is waiting for the state.
 - iv. Nick – Social Distance track. Need a plan!
 - e. Contact list from K. Barnes notified Registration is open. Charlie will talk with Social Media about marketing
 - f. 6 weeks down the road we will revisit the issue. (Mid-June)
 - g. If canceled, we are committed to refunds.
 - h. We should be advertising. Nothing to lose by advertising.
 - i. Track deposit is nonrefundable if we cancel.
8. Fun One
- a. In same boat as Track Day. Everything is up to the state.
 - b. We are Full Steam on the Fun One
 - c. Track is going to have the Grand Prix.
 - d. Nick stated reopening. Should have the 2nd wave in NYC by the last week in June.
9. SCCA guidelines as well as state mandates are to be followed
10. STPR is basically in a holding pattern although we still are meeting monthly to discuss ideas.
11. Ed Zebrowski is a good contact for info on WGI.
12. Barb needs a hall for end of year festivities, especially if combined with Membership awards.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Meridith L. Croucher, Secretary.

Creativity Wins!



FINGERLAKE WATKINS GLEN TRACK DAYS JULY 22 and 23 ARE A GO !!

Registration is open on Motorsportsreg.com:
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-wgi-track-day-watkins-glen-international-finger-lakes-878639>

DETAILS AND SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FINGER
LAKES WEBSITE: <https://www.flr-scca.com/track-day>
ENTER FOR ONE DAY (\$325) or TWO (\$625)

DAY ONE IS ON THE LONG COURSE

DAY TWO IS ON THE SHORT (NASCAR) COURSE

CAMPING IS AVAILABLE JULY 22

THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS DETERMINED BY EXPERIENCE
Preregistration only, Full refunds if the event is cancelled



REVISED

2020 SCCA Runoffs “Quarantification” Criteria

>>New for 2020 – Race starts were replaced with race finishes.<<

DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION – The current defending National Champion may enter the Runoffs in the class(es) being defended, without meeting any of the below criteria. This provision may not be invoked two consecutive years in the same class, even if he/she repeats as a National Champion.

U.S. Majors Tour Path

*Requires the equivalent of 3 weekends – combinations may vary.
Qualification criteria must be met for each class.*

FINISH

You must finish 1 Hoosier Super Tour or Conference Majors individual race in each class you wish to qualify in.

A FINISH is defined as completing at least half of the laps of the overall race winner.

PLUS (complete one of the following options)

OPTION 1

Participate in **(2) additional Hoosier Super Tours or Conference Majors or Regional** event weekends in the same class. May be any combination of event types.

(Events may be in any Division or Conference. Must be 3 total unique weekends)

Example Combinations:

2 HST
2 Majors
1 Major/1 HST
1 Major/1 Regional
2 Regionals

OR

OPTION 2

Participate in **(1) additional Hoosier Super Tour or Conference Majors or Regional** event weekend in the same class

AND

Purchase **(1) SUBSTITUTE** event entry for an event you did not attend.

(Events may be in any Division or Conference. Must be 2 unique weekends plus purchase 1 substitute event entry.)

OR

OPTION 3

Buy **(2) SUBSTITUTE** event entries in the same class for Hoosier Super Tour or Conference Majors events you did not attend to satisfy 3 weekend requirement.

(Drivers who wish to qualify in multiple classes must pay a substitute entry/entries for each class)

Divisional Path

You must complete each step of the path: Participate and Point Standings

PARTICIPATE

Participate in 4 Runoffs qualifying event weekends

Must be in the same class, in a single division. Divisions may count U.S. Majors Tour events occurring in their Division. Check your local division championship program for details.

POINT STANDINGS

Finish in the TOP 3 in class (Top 5 for SM/SRF3) of your Divisional Point Standings. **Top 50% for Great Lakes and Central Division for 2020, space permitting.*

FINE PRINT:

- **SCCA Regional Event Weekends:** If a Region holds a Majors event with a Regional-sanctioned run group and a driver participates in both the Majors and Regional run group in the same Runoffs-eligible class, only Majors credit will be earned toward qualification. Regional events must occur between January 1, 2020 and a date not less than 2 weeks prior to the start of the Runoffs (September 21, 2020) and may be in any division. Excludes Enduros.
- The criteria in this document are minimum requirements.
- “Participate” is defined as turning a wheel on track in an official session (practice, qualifying, warm-up, race) and appearing in the Official Race Results.
- Qualification Examples (not an all-inclusive list):
 - Participate in 3 Hoosier Super Tour weekends with at least 1 HST race finish
 - Participate in 3 Conference Majors weekends with at least 1 Conference Majors race finish
 - Participate in 1 Hoosier Super Tour, 1 Conference Majors, 1 Regional weekend with at least 1 HST or Conference Majors race finish
 - Participate in 1 Hoosier Super Tour, 2 Regional weekends with at least 1 HST race finish
 - Participate in 1 Conference Majors weekend, 1 Regional weekend with at least 1 Majors race finish AND buy 1 SUBSTITUTE event entry
 - Participate in 1 Hoosier Super Tour with at least 1 HST race finish AND buy 2 SUBSTITUTE event entries.
- Substitute entries must be purchased through SCCA no later than September 21, 2020 to receive credit toward Runoffs invitation qualification.