

REPORT AND MINUTES
COMPETITION COMMITTEE
11/23/04
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1. Call to Order 7: 35
2. Introductions / Guests the following persons signed in for the meeting. Steve Staveley, Walter Carlos, Richard Gray, Ross Olney, Chris Olney, Jeff McCullough, Tom Dragoun, Doug Stewart, Joe Alaniz, Derek Stevens, Garey Guzman, Mike Marshall, John Norris, Darren Young, Jeff Owen.
3. Additions / deletions to agenda None
4. Approval of agenda. Approved
5. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEM. Member Ross Olney reviewed the nominations for the additional awards we are asked to consider. The committee had a spirited discussion and approved award nominations. A confidential memo has been sent by Sub Committee Chair Olney to the GM and to the Chair of the Comp Committee. Staveley has subsequently sent the confidential memo to the RE and Vice RE and GM for their action. Receipt has been acknowledged.
6. ACTION ITEM. Report from the Sub Committee – John N., Tom D. and Steve S. regarding the review of the Honda Cup rules. The sub committee, specifically Norris and Dragoun discussed their review of the rules. Both agreed that there were no issues except the requirement for a fuel cell in these vehicles. John Norris noted that these are the same rules in regard the fuel cell that the SCCA World Challenge Cars meet. Extensive discussion followed regarding Tom Dragoun's point that the fuel cell should be required. M and S to approve the rules as written and meeting World Challenge fuel cell specs. Approved on a split vote 5 to 3 with the chair voting. Agenda Item for the Board of Governors and a copy of the approved rules to be forwarded to the RE and GM for action at the earliest possible moment to allow HC to begin racing at our first event.
 - a. ACTION ITEM. As a result of the approval of 6 above the selection of a run group was required. M and S to put the HC cars into the GT – HP run group. Approved
7. INFORMATION ITEM: Safety sub committee report. Their recommendations are due in 60 days. Tom discussed the current effort to review with Les and other experts the potential for improvement. He indicated that he and Les had discussed the potential to replace some soil in some areas of the BRP to reduce the dust. More to follow. Editorial Comment by Chair – it is time to change the name of this

sub committee and the chair has selected the RACING INNOVATION sub committee as a more appropriate title for this work which will no doubt be long term.

8. INFORMATION ITEM: Future of enduro racing in the So. Pac. Div. and Cal Club. Direction from board. The chair reviewed the board's direction regarding enduros and indicated he had contacted the RE's of each of the So Pac Div. clubs requesting contact regarding a more developed and widespread Enduro Series. In the subsequent discussion, several members indicated how much they enjoyed the enduro again noting it's the "best bang for the racing buck in the club".
9. INFORMATION AND ACTION: Review and approve survey document if appropriate. Approval will cause it to be formally sent to the board with a request to order it sent out as has been described in documents and e-mails. Steve S. M and S and the survey was approved by a voice vote – unanimous. Chair will send an AGENDA ITEM to the RE and GM with a copy of the survey requesting they approve and fund the item for distribution in FEB, MARCH with results to be compiled in MAY and published in the So Pac News and on the web site following data collection.
 - a. The chair distributed Allen Coy's survey report – letter as an information item for the committee.
10. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Run groups. Garey Guzman wants to review a change in run groups to consider putting some of the smaller full body cars in with SRF's i.e. GT 4, GT 5 FP, GP and HP. An extensive discussion followed including review of an e-mail from Joanne Jensen of the AZ region on this subject. Concerns were expressed about moving these cars from the current group because they run together so often now, they are well aware of the speed differential between say a FAST GT -1 and an HP car and as one committee member noted "they watch out for each other". It was noted that there is a threshold for cars having their "own" groups, such as SFR and it is 15 cars or above. There seemed to be a desire by the committee to try to find a way that when we need to combine groups we do so in a very consistent manner. Finally it was agreed that the committee should ask the Board and Stewards for their input on how we might best accomplish this effort. Chair will forward an e-mail request on behalf of the Committee so that the Stewards insight might be shared.
11. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Scheduling – Garey G. wants to review the potential in open wheel of having all open wheel cars practice together and possibly even qualification but race in separate run groups. Interesting discussion followed with the general point being made it was car counts that would make this idea possible. GM noted that as he works with the schedule even if we did this, we would not save much time during a day, nor conversely would we spend much more time doing this when the car counts are big enough. Discussion followed regarding the potential for having a Formula Ford Festival

(possibly in Sept – ED) in 2005 and then looking at it as a restricted regional wherein we might be able to advance the FF class and thus the “normal” regional car counts as well. No action taken beyond the request to the Stewards for input.

12. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Garey G. Single race weekends vs. double race weekends to allow more time for 7 or 8 run group schedules removing some of the current conflict between really fast cars and slow cars within a single run group on a double event weekend. The idea is to “highlight” classes such as FF once or twice a year so that we might attract more folks to race with us on a regular basis once they become reacquainted with or acquainted with the quality produce Cal Club offers. Discussion followed that the racers want double weekends because they get “more bang for their buck”. (Our survey might well prove this point? ED). It Tom noted that the Pro 7 group is now about 23 and Spec. Miata is growing fast and will soon is the biggest group of all. He also noted that one of the things our club seems to have gotten away from is the consistency in scheduling of races on the 3rd weekend of the month and that may well be reducing our draw given other organizations NASA/VARA are consistent in this regard.
13. INFORMATION ITEM: The e-mail report from Les Phillips regarding the FF spec. tire now being produced again was distributed to the committee. A short discussion followed, which basically noted that the spec. tire is new and its price is upgraded consequently. It was noted that the committee will do whatever the FF community wants regarding spec. tires, but as of this moment, we do not have a spec. tire rule for FF. After being advised the Spec. tire was no long available, the committee simply dropped that requirement from the Supp. Regs some weeks ago. Should the FF community wish to review costs etc. and reestablish the Spec. Tire then the committee stands ready to approve it, following its traditional practices.
14. Closing and adjournment at 10:07 PM. No meeting will be scheduled in December unless there is some emergency needing to be addressed. Next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of January, and Tom D. will set up the location at a restaurant so the members might enjoy productive work and a good meal.

Minutes and report by Steve Staveley, Chair of the Committee