

## **CALIFORNIA SPORTS CAR CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 09 AUGUST 2005**

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the California Sports Car Club Region of the Sports Car Club of America was held on August 9, 2005 at 18501 S. Figueroa Blvd., Gardena, CA. All 2005 Board of Governors members were duly notified. Board members present were Marge Binks, Penelope Coy, Johnnie Crean, Mark Edwards, Tom Miserendino and Mark Smith. Joe Moran, John Reitman and Robert Thirlaway were absent. The meeting was called to order by the RE, Tom Miserendino at 7:34 pm.

Format of these minutes: The Secretary acknowledges that these minutes may not be in chronological order. For ease of reading and organizational purposes, discussion summaries, action items and unfinished and new business items are included as attachments, but are a part of these minutes.

#### **Motions:**

1. Motion by Mark Edwards/Mark Smith to approve the July minutes. **PASSED: Unanimously.**
2. Motion by Marge Binks/Mark Edwards to give \$200 to sponsor a worker party at the RunOffs. **PASSED: Unanimously.**
3. Motion by Marge Binks/Penelope Coy to cancel the September Board meeting as the majority of Board members will be at the RunOffs. This meeting could not be rescheduled in September. **PASSED: For—Marge Binks, Penelope Coy, Mark Edwards, and Tom Miserendino. Against—Johnnie Crean. Mark Smith was not able to be present for the entire meeting and did not vote on this motion.**
4. Motion by Marge Binks/Penelope Coy to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. **PASSED: Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted:

Penelope R. Coy  
2005 Secretary, Board of Governors, California Sports Car Club Region of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.

Attachments: Discussion Summary  
Letter to the Board from Les Phillips regarding New Track Curbing-  
East Loop

## **DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

### **Reports:**

Buttonwillow Report- Les Phillips: Mr. Phillips was not in attendance but presented a letter to the Board regarding new track curbing on the East Loop. (See attached) The Board will put a procedure in the Supplemental Regulations penalizing those drivers who consistently drive with 2 wheels off the track. Possible actions: extended stop & goes, etc.

New tow truck: Mr. Phillips is waiting for 2006 pricing due in October to finalize purchase of the truck.

Equipment- Don Erickson: The moving of the trailers to and from Buttonwillow to Fontana went very smoothly. Johnnie Crean's people will move the Tech trailer to our next event at Willow Springs. The Board is very appreciative of Johnnie Crean's efforts in moving the Tech trailer. The equipment trailer will be moved by one of our tow trucks. Mr. Erickson stated that we will be able to move our equipment into Willow Springs at noon on the Friday before the event. Tammy Bowen volunteered to tow the golf carts for Race Chairman and Steward usage. Robert Thirlaway will be the Race Chairman.

Mike Marshall- Emergency: It was reported that there was some body damage to our tow trucks at Fontana.

Allan Coy-Ombudsman: Shav Glick (LA Times) has expressed interest in writing an article about Mark Hotchkis's progress in Mr. Kirby's black 914-4 Porsche throughout the year including their adventure at the RunOffs. Mr. Coy will provide Shav Glick with the background information to write this article.

Tom Miserendino-Fontana race weekend: Mr. Miserendino related that the driver's were genuinely pleased with the new Featured Race concept. There were many comments made on the great trophies.

Jeanne English-Road Rally: After much discussion over the past few Board meetings regarding Rally Cross events taking place in Southern California, Ms. English was able to confirm such events were taking place and offered some clarification. She determined that two organizations are responsible; CRS and a group called the Gravel Crew have been putting on these events, not the SCCA

or Cal Club. Tom Miserendino will contact these organizations to get a better understanding of their program.

Financial Status: Tammy Bowen has reconciled the bank account and will continue to do the financials. Tom Miserendino led a discussion regarding the need to have an outside accountant check our books. An outside accountant will allow the Board to have more timely financial information. Ms. Bowen will contact Jeff Stewart to see if he is available to help.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

SOPAC Newspaper: The Board decided to postpone the meeting with Craig Young so that each of the Regions in SOPAC could be contacted regarding their use of the SOPAC News. Since the September Board meeting was cancelled the discussion with Craig Young is planned to take place at the October meeting. Marge Binks took the action to gather information.

2006 Race Schedule: Tom Miserendino reported that the Willow Springs date for February 18-20, 2006 has been confirmed.

Return of CCP Documents: Tom Miserendino thanked Johnnie Crean for returning these documents to the Board.

By-Law Review: As John Reitman was absent from this meeting, the by-law review will take place at the October Board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Enduro Proposal: Nick Talbot submitted a proposal for a 10-12 hour endurance race to be held at Buttonwillow. Mr. Talbot's concept covers extensive promotion, prize money, open entry and an innovative format. The Board will consider this well prepared proposal and has asked Mr. Talbot to come up with some suggested race dates and an implementation plan.

Sponsorship for RunOffs: Marge Binks made a request that Cal Club donate \$200 to host a worker party at the RunOffs. (See Motion #2)

Chief's Reports: Marge Binks brought up the subject that if the Specialty Chiefs can not attend the Board meetings, they should submit a report to the Board. Tom Miserendino will send a note to the Chiefs asking them to take this action.

Reschedule September Board Meeting: As most Board members will be attending the RunOffs and there was no convenient time to reschedule the September meeting, this meeting was cancelled. (See Motion #3)

August 9, 2005

To: Cal Club Board of Governors  
From: Les Phillips  
Re: New Track Curbing – East Loop

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We have closed our big track four days this week for maintenance and improvements. I am asking for some help in making the changes work for all of our customers.

We are replacing the curbing over the Grapevine area and the design is more consistent with what has worked so well at the Star Mazda turn. One of the most important reasons for the curbing is to protect the track edges from breaking. We must also be considerate of all our varied track users and the fact that we regularly race in both directions.

The only time we have issues with our curbing is when Cal Club visits and some of the more aggressive drivers determine it is faster to use only two wheels on the pavement. When we build more kind and gentle curbing that is more considerate of motorcycles and stiffly sprung cars with little ground clearance we leave an open door for the higher ground clearance cars to straddle the curbs or shorten the track. The high and steep curbs in the Esses are a result of the IT style cars straddling the Esses and shortening the track and creating a significant maintenance cost after each event. The fix was the huge curbing in the Esses.

A better solution is for our race officials to penalize those that continue to drive with two wheels off. I request that a policy be established that penalizes those that are so abusive to the facility by repeatedly driving in the dirt for a competitive advantage. We do call it "road racing" and that implies pavement. Such a policy can reduce our maintenance costs leaving those wasted dollars for improvements to the track. Thanks for your help.

