

REPORT OF THE COMP. COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2007

The committee met at Miller Nissan at 7: 30 PM on the above date.

Attending Steve Staveley, Club Member John Stott, Committee members, Bruce Allison, Doug Stewart, Jerry, Anderson, Walter Carlos, Dave Gahl, Ross Olney, John Norris, Darren Young, Board member and Club member Joe Moran also attended.

Note:

The committee had but two items on its agenda, one the Enduro and the other organizational changes to recommend to the board. We ran out of time and only addressed the Enduro issues.

QUESTION: WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE ENDURO.

The chair set up the discussion by noting that the Board of Governors had not provided direction as requested about what they want done with the Enduro. Thus the committee is obligated to provide a path for consideration. The chair noted that it was his greatest fear that if something is not done soon, then the club will be faced with emergency action as opposed to a planned action.

An detailed discussion followed. Each member and guest participating fully. We generally have consensus in our recommendations but in a few matters there is a strong minority opinion and where that is the case, this report shall attempt to identify the points.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

LEVEL ONE:

The current Enduro is scheduled for Nov 17 and 18. It is the committee recommendation that a full regional race be scheduled with points for the 17th (Saturday) and run on the normal Enduro course. The Enduro be scheduled for Sunday and include both open and closed wheel categories. The Enduro be shortened to 3 hours. Open wheel racers be required to take a 5 minute pit stop as of course anyone tag teaming. Tag team open wheel cars require but one 5 min pit stop (not one for the entering car and one for the leaving car). All other current rules apply. Points awarded. We have attached the supp regs, with these modifications in place for your consideration should you approve of this direction.

LEVEL ONE: Action One There is considerable interest and discussion about including more racers (from other clubs) into the Enduro. BMW, POC, Touring Car Racing Association (I think that is it –not sure Ed), NASA and VARA racers. The members of the committee recognize that the challenge is the SCCA very antiquated and regressive race license systems prevent easy addition of non SCCA members for a

specific race such as the Enduro. The committee recognizes and greatly appreciates the dedication and understanding of our excellent licensing official, Mr. Bill Gillchrest and he and he alone make the current antiquated SCCA system viable but to grow the Enduro there needs to be additional change from the SCCA level.

Thus the Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that they encourage Mr. Porterfield and the SCCA itself to offer one day, special event license systems which would allow Enduro competitors from other organizations to join us in our race without going through the whole license procedure. The Committee also recommends that Mr. Porterfield also advocate for a one event exemption per you be authorized to encourage others to come and try the Cal Club / SCCA events. The Committee recommends that as this is a regional only event (the Enduro) we can put cars in our Enduro categories based upon our needs and frankly the system currently used by NASA without significant issues – so we can make room for cars from everywhere and we can do that at the local level and thus once SCCA makes a change, then the rest is pretty easy.

LEVEL TWO Action One: Not every member of the Committee has confidence that the SCCA will make these kinds of changes. There was thus considerable and very thoughtful (Ed) discussion about the idea of beginning to break away from the SCCA regional format and operate second series by a second organization for our regional events starting with the Enduro.

It is the chairs opinion that there is consensus in the committee to move in this direction but there is a divided opinion (very closely) as to the issue of applying this thinking to the Nov 17 and 18 2007 event or if it should be begun for the 2008 Enduro and subsequently the season.

It is our recommendation to the Board of Governors that the Board begins to move to a non SCCA racing series for regional events under a separate organizational structure and that the first events that that structure operates under is the Enduro weekend including any regional races otherwise attached to the weekend. The working name for this is Cal Club Motorsports. The current organizational structure of the Cal Club including the Board of Governors would provide supervision. Separate insurance and systems which allow us to employ workers where needed would apply. It may well be that the best way to carry this out would be to simply contract the Buttonwillow Raceway Park organization to conduct this on behalf of the club but the chair believes it would require them to employ additional staff regardless and thus, BRP should reasonably charge for this service.

The Board of Governors should give specific direction to a single individual to either:

- A) Carry out the research and provide a specific recommendation to the Board of Governors as to the viability of such a plan, and prepare a proposed implementation schedule if viable, or

- B) Direct an individual to implement this plan on a specific timeline for example, for the Nov. 17 and 18 race weekends.

LEVEL THREE: Action One

It is clear to the committee even as much as we enjoy BRP that an Enduro at California Speedway should be added to our schedule or replace the current Nov. event.

The Board of Governors should give immediate direction to an appropriate person to identify the best possible date for an Enduro considering the SF Region Enduro, the NASA 25 hour and then with that knowledge in hand, identify with Cal speedway representatives those weekends in the fall that are open and then further develop a reduced price to allow the development of a fall race at Cal Speedway which has its center piece a 3 hour Enduro after a regional Saturday event and followed by a regional Sunday event all three events which are points paying. It is the chairs recommendation that John Norris be the one to select the ideal fall date and coordinate with another board member selected to work thru California Speedway. The committee is told that the cost of going over the 5 PM daily deadline at California is a \$1,000 per hour and if that is indeed the case, any Enduro scheduled in conjunction with a fall race at California is going to be a fiscal success only because of incremental cost of holding the Enduro.

Should the Board of Governors be concerned in this proposal with the additional demands on the volunteer worker group, the Enduro can be conducted by the Cal Club Motorsports group as described in Level Two above and we can simply pay for the required workers selecting first from our own volunteers and then if needed using outside workers.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Immediate action is needed by the Board of Governors. While not part of the work of the Committee, in the chair's mind each of these proposals is sensible and deserving of your careful consideration and immediate action. It is the chairs recommendation that the Board of Governors immediately approve the outline for Nov 17 and 18 which includes those elements in level one, a regional race on Saturday, and an Enduro with points on Sunday. It is the chairs view that prior ideas about asking Cal Club Rally to conduct a Rally to the Sat race and join us in the BBQ is sensible and useful. Secondly, it is the chairs view that immediate direction should be given to move the Enduro weekend to Cal Speedway as described and plan a 2008 double regional and Enduro weekend. It is the chairs view that we will never be successful with our efforts to grow the club and its racing without some innovation and the chair believes that the Board of Governors needs to direct a move to a subsidiary organization which we are calling Cal Club Motorsports to conduct first an Enduro series and then later other regional events. It is the committees view that SCCA needs to hear that we are at a competitive disadvantage vs. VARA, NASA and the rest of the organizations and it is their responsibility in Topeka to make changes such as those suggested above to draw

participants into the SCCA and Club. Absent their willingness to make a quick decision, we MUST move forward with the Motorsports option. To move forward with the Cal Club Motorsports idea, it is possible that the most sensible way to do that would be to contract with Buttonwillow Raceway Park for that work, but there are other options as well.

In any case your immediate action and direction is needed here or we will have another small and frustrating Enduro event leading to additional decline in the future.