

Minutes July 7, 2015

Board members present were Neil Cox, Asst. RE, Virginia Apker – Treasurer, Betty Martin – Secretary, Steve Herrod, James Stowers, and George Walker. The minutes of the June meeting and the treasurer's report were approved as presented.

Solo Report – Jason Baney: There were 49 drivers at the Stroud event. The next event is on August 16 at the Fair Grounds.

Race Report: The remaining races in the division and the Mid States Conference were discussed. Virginia asked about the track night events being held at different tracks. Neil presented an explanation of the program.

Rally Report: The Miata Club event had 8 entries.

Mitch Russell discussed the Street Survival School idea. We are still looking for a suitable site.

New Business:

Betty Martin presented proposed changes to the Club By Laws. The main purpose of the changes is to bring the By Laws up-to-date with current practices and to facilitate voting procedures. Following are the items presented. The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow following the current wording.

Article III, Section 3

NOTICE OF MEETINGS: The monthly meeting dates shall be established by the board of Directors for each calendar year. Printed notices, stating the place, date, time, and purpose of any meeting of the members, including special meetings, shall be given in the monthly publication or in a flyer. Notice of a special meeting should be mailed not less than seven (7) days before such a meeting.

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Article V, Section 4

VOTING: By October 15, ballots shall be mailed to each member in good standing as of October 1. Ballots must be returned to the nominating committee chairman by 5:00 P.M., November 5. There shall be no write-in votes accepted. Voting shall be by secret ballot. In the event that there is only one (1) candidate per office, no ballot will be required.

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Article V, Section 7

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ARTICLE IX

CLUB PUBLICATION

Eliminate Article IX. The numbers of the succeeding articles will be changed after Article IX is eliminated.

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Steve Herrod voted to approve the changes. George Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Neil Cox reported on a conference call held two weeks ago for the REs and the Area Director, Peter Zekert. St. Louis and Southern Illinois Regions are planning to petition the SCCA Board of Directors to allow the regions to move to Central Division. This action will have an effect on the whole division, particularly in regard to racing. Peter seems to feel that MIDIV has no choice but disband, with the regions moving to other divisions. While he was urging the regions to make immediate decisions, no action is planned at the current time by the other regions until further information is available. Following the conference call, it was learned that none of this had been presented to the Board of Directors yet, and when it is, there will be discussion and input from many sources. Peter also wants Club Racing in MIDIV to be divisional events, not events put on by the individual regions.

The consensus of opinion from the members present is that NEOkIa sees no reason to make any drastic decisions at this time.

Betty Martin