

NE Division Council
Mini Con
November 8, 2009
Pittsburgh, PA

Chairman Dave Panas called the council meeting to order

Members of the council were introduced
Phil Henderson – member at large
George Bloeser – Chair NESCCA Steering Committee
Tom Campbell – Member at large
Peter Roberts – Treasurer
Sandy Sanders – Interim Secretary
Dave Panas – Council Chair

Kathy McLeod thank you for 24 years of faithful service to the council. Presentation of award for 24 years of service and a vase (crystal) for the McLeod new home.
Zebrowski -Did they tell you the job was going to be interim as well,
McLeod -yes they did and I guess set a precedent, so live long and prosper Sandy.

Dave Panas is stepping down at the end of the meeting is suggesting Tom Campbell as Chair.

Roll Call
Regions missing Central NY, Central Pennsylvania, Southern New York, and Susquehanna Region

Approval of the minutes from March 2009, with the corrections of site location from Rocky Hill, NY to Rocky Hill, CT.
Moved Judy Bloeser/Matt Green – Approved unanimous

Treasurers Report – Peter Roberts
Conductors Hat in place, position is always up for grabs
Financial Statements were distributed to regions in the region mail boxes
Any questions ?
Good financial shape
As of 11/5/09 - \$51,000 in assets.
Region assessments are out and all but 2 have been paid, the 2 unpaid are because of adjustments the treasurer had to make.
Division Admin program on balance sheet under equity
Rest of the programs are on P & L statement

Move to approve treasurer's report –Chuck Dobbs/ Marc Gerstein – approved

Old Business

NESCCA report – George Bloeser

Interim report

Worker /Driver program

1082 entries in 2009

1064 anticipated in 2010 down 10%

We will have a small loss in 2010 but we will still be able to take care of the regalia etc for 2010 so we won't have to raise the assessment on cars in 2010 remains \$5.00 / car.

Regalia- Phil Henderson

Same program, worker patches this year white background, hats will be black, white worker jackets 48 given out to date.

35 red jackets have been given out (11 are black).

Executive Stewards Report - Tom Hoffman

Thank Earl Hurlburt was missed for recognition on Saturday he was deputy training steward, missed during the dinner. Ed Zebrowski is the quiet NA for drivers' schools. NESCCA expense report for training, etc. for DA's was in the region mailboxes. We utilized it well this year. DA's traveled well this year under the guidelines including but not limited to fire school training, visiting tracks, training at Round Tables, Mini Cons including equipment used at all of them.

\$3565.63 spent in 09. Executive Steward (Earl Hurlburt 2010) decides how funds are used.

Enduro Series – Roy Bergman

Participation was up, still a major profit center for the division we added ITR & ITE.

Lap records will no longer be set at enduros. Schedule is not complete at this time.

Solo – Tina Reeves

Excused from reporting gave her report Saturday evening.

Time Trials – Matt Green

Very successful in hill climb and PHA, 20% increase compared to last year. Promoting within regions, regions working together helps to move things forward. Time trials moved forward during Tom Hoffman's tenure much support from the Division. Stepping down as well this year.

Ted Goddard – Road Rally (via email)

At covered bridge rally, no other reps at the Mini Con. Jim Wakeman Sr. and Mark Haas were repeat NESCCA Road Rally Champions for the 4th year even with the championship not ending until after the covered bridge rally.

Jack Hanifan - Committee report regarding council meetings round tables / mini cons

Consensus that we need to have both the Spring & Fall meetings.

Roundtables are for training new regional officers, specialty chiefs; it is to bring everyone up to speed after the national convention re: GCR changes, new personnel etc.

Could be a place for Drivers to get some of their preliminary training, classroom, tech crew training (Ed Zebrowski ?).

Value to rotating this meeting every year brings local region members but also limits participation of other regions that aren't close. SE has one central meeting subsidized by the division. It was subsidized by a national now subsidized by their racing.

Reason for the mini con – scheduling and season wrap up. Look at changing the schedule change day of, we need to think about changing the timing of the council meeting to Friday night or Saturday morning so that if there are issues we have the rest of the weekend to take care of the problems instead of last minute Sunday morning. Drivers don't come to the meeting to get their awards. We need to get them to the meeting. Central location for the Mini Con's and Round Tables based on pin points of the regions. (Terry Roberts clarifying) the committee will keep addressing the issue and will present again in the

Spring. Car Tech in Spring, ways to get Drivers to the meetings. (Kathy Barnes) trying to have the council meeting on Friday evening may be a hardship to those who are not retired and would have to commit vacation days to get there in time for the meeting.

Saturday morning is more workable. Barry Kaplan – central location needs to become a council responsibility not region responsibility because of logistics, council needs maybe a new position of convention coordinator.

Consider the SW division model (Peter Roberts) – Las Vegas one committee handles the logistics, and one committee handles the program. Not one person per responsibility a group of people.

George Bloeser-still important to have 2 meetings, rotate Spring, maybe centralize Fall sponsored by the division.

New Business:

Brian Holtz – Revisit assessment distribution to other racing categories in the division ex. Rally or Solo etc. (Peter Roberts) we should revisit at the Roundtable since these are only interim numbers and we will have a better picture in the spring.

Donna McDonough – scheduling.

Schedule should not be published until after the meeting. Changes were reported after the meeting on Friday evening.

See final on NESCCA website.

Double Nationals: not more than ¼ of the regions object to the motion, otherwise the motion will be voted down. With the number of regions present it would be 5 regions dissenting.

Gayle Lorenz motion to disapprove all double nationals in the division for 2010. second Barry Kaplan

Discussion ¼ disapprove parliamentary

Motion Chuck Dobbs/second Barry Kaplan

Any vote taken at an open council meeting can only be overturned at another open council meeting not by phone or email.

George Bloeser

Reminder that the Pocono event is one of the last of the season, traditional event that helps all the regions drivers to get their requirements for the year.

Call the question on the nationals

Chuck call the question on the votes,

Ed Zeb

We asked for a double national because we had drivers begging for a double national and the only reason we haven't been able to do one is the track not the drivers. We finally convinced the track to work with us to put something on like the June sprints of before and possibly bring the run offs to the Glen.

Judy Bloeser,

Gayle's vote is a simple majority on voting away the double nationals, Brian yes that is correct, but drivers haven't wanted a double at the Glen, it has changed.

Marc Gerstein – history Oscar Kovalski is the one that promoted the double at Pocono and it has changed. It was because of the exorbitant prices for track rental that promoted the event when it started. Not so now, all tracks are charging the high rates. Two regions fighting so vehemently against the doubles at the Glen are now voting for one. We need to make this an even playing field.

Chris Mosley – Need to reduce the schedule for NARRC from 14 weeks, looking at the NESCCA and there are 6 nationals and we need to look at the schedule because you won't get the drivers since they only need 4 starts and will complete their qualifications in two weekends and won't have to do the late date events. You are basically writing off the end of the season.

Is this motion one time or unilaterally it is only for 2010.

As the motion is stated it is a majority vote, needs to be 7 individual votes for each double national race.

The motion in place is a policy statement otherwise it needs to be an individual vote.

GCR – no more than ¼ of the regions object, should be held on a 3 day holiday weekend event.

Gayle withdraws the motion on the 6 double nationals. 6 regions will make their statement as to why they want a double national.

Withdrawn only because of the discontent on the floor and the lack of consensus on how the voting should take place

George Bloeser – it is a traditional event , this is Tri-Region’s 40th Anniversary of National racing at Pocono. Remember Tri-Region is 3 regions that put on only 2 National Races.

Question is called. for Dobbs motion

Zebrowski – asked for a double national because competitors have been asking for it for years and it was because of the track not the competitors we have finally gotten the track to comply with our request. It is for the drivers not the division that we are working for.

Judy Bloeser – parliamentary procedure it is a blanket motion not a individual motion,

Drivers do want a double at the Glen contrary to history and old RE’s

Doubles came about because of Oscar and Pocono because of the price of Pocono rental not so now. Most tracks have the same issue with the rental prices. We all pay the same prices now for tracks. We need to shore up the national program so that we are playing on the same playing field with the same focus. The track rental prices are all on the same plane. Let’s play on the same field (Marc Gerstein).

Overall it is a mistake to do all double nationals. (Chris ??)

Single time refusal for the doubles (yes Panas)

Only for 2010 yes (2010)

Only power that the council has is to disapprove the double nationals as they have been requested. It is only procedural.

Only thing the GCR gives us the power to do is disapprove the double national.

Gayle Lorenz – withdraw the original motion and submit 7 motions for each double national.

GCR definition of a double national.

Judy Bloeser- negative to negative is a positive we need to make it a 7 motion. Motion to approve.

Regions are making their arguments for their double nationals.

Only reason motion was withdrawn was because there was no progress. (Gayle Lorenz)

Drivers are forced to go to double nationals to get points because of economics.

Need to shore up the national program (Marc Gerstein)

Drivers will show up at the first two events if they are doubles and not do any others because they get their requirements.

If we dropped the average number of entries we are under the number needed for the double nationals on our schedule.

Roll Call for the Nationals

Chucks motion on the floor -call the question unanimous

Roll call for double nationals

NE region – 5 no

Mohud-5 no

SJR-5 no

Glen-5 no

Ste-5 no

Tri-5 no

All Double Nationals disapproved will revisit in March.

Upcoming Division Meetings

NNJR Roundtable in March in the region mail boxes

November 2010 FLR 11-12 at Woodcliff in Rochester

No bids 2011 for March or November

Election of Officers

Chair & Secretary

The rest stay

Tom Campbell chair (no neckties at meetings)

Sandy Sanders Secretary

Peter Roberts Treasurer

Matt Green as Member in training.

Barry, Rocky unanimous

Thank you to the chairs of the Mini Con, presentation of flags to Barry and Paula.

Barry and Rocky adjourn.