

Tennessee Region Sports Car Club of America Board Meeting

March 27, 2003 Minutes

Board Members in attendance:

Paul Becker
Jerry Onks
Dan Chadwick
Don Smith
John Bartlebaugh
Alan Sanders (arrived late)

Board Members absent:

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 by John Bartlebaugh.

First order of business:

Elect Chairman and Secretary.
Chairman: Jerry Onks
Secretary: Paul Becker

Second Order of business:

Hearing for the events of March 9th, 2003 pertaining to reckless driving in the grid area by Gerald Wadleigh.

Paul Becker and the board of directors called this hearing to address unsportsman like conduct, reckless driving, and conduct detrimental to the good of the region on the part of Gerald Wadleigh. Gerald Wadleigh was given written notice of the hearing.

Mr. Wadleigh spoke in his own defense.

Mr. Becker read the incident report, and added commentary.

Mr. Wadleigh was allowed a rebuttal.

Chairman Onks asked Mr. Wadleigh if he felt comfortable staying for the board's discussion.

Mr. Wadleigh opted to leave and turned in a letter of resignation for his position as Regional Executive.

Chairman Onks read the resignation letter aloud.

Chairman Onks opened the floor to general membership comments.

Richard Darnell addressed Mr. Wadleigh's good character, long standing membership status, and concerns about the way the grid was laid out that day at the track so that there was no clear entrance or exit from the facility.

Bob Armentrout added his commentary as a witness to the event and recommended suspension to the board.

Wendell Van Sickle addressed safety concerns and also recommended suspension to the board.

Dimitri Mariutto addressed safety concerns and recommended suspension and probation.

Candice Darnell addressed the issue of the standing of our relationship with the Nashville Super Speedway. She said that while some track officials did mention the event it did not seem detrimental to the club's relationship with the Nashville Super Speedway.

Chairman Onks asked each board member for comment.

Don Smith recommended suspension for four events and probation for the rest of the season.

Paul Becker reiterated points from his commentary, added that he was disappointed that he never received an apology from Mr. Wadleigh, and recommended suspension.

Allen Sanders addressed the issue of intent. Mr. Sanders claimed that Mr. Wadleigh was not trying to hurt anyone he just had a lapse in judgment that endangered life and property. Mr. Sanders recommended accepting the letter of resignation on the grounds that the Regional executive should act in the best

interest of the club and be a role model for other members. Mr. Sanders also recommended that Mr. Wadleigh be suspended, given a written reprimand, and probation.

John Bartlebaugh commented on how Mr. Wadleigh was more defensive than apologetic. Mr. Bartlebaugh recommended accepting the resignation and a four-event suspension.

Dan Chadwick commented on how Mr. Wadleigh was not apologetic, and recommended suspension and probation.

Jerry Onks commented on his personal relationship with Mr. Wadleigh. Mr. Onks also commented on the events leading up to Mr. Wadleigh's leaving the event that day; trouble in the bus and not feeling well. Mr. Onks stated that while Mr. Wadleigh was embarrassed he was defensive rather than apologetic, and he cited work conflict rather than the incident for resigning the Regional Executive post. Mr. Onks requested an apology to the club from Mr. Wadleigh.

Paul Becker made his closing comments and requested a suspension and probation.

Chairman Onks opened the floor for a motion.

Alan Sanders made a motion that the board accepts the resignation, issue a written reprimand with a zero tolerance clause, and requested either a public or written apology.

Dan Chadwick seconded the motion.

Paul Becker wished to amend the motion to add suspension as most board members recommended.

Chairman Onks called a 5-minute break.

Don Smith suggested a three-event suspension. Mr. Smith also wanted the results of this meeting to be advertised within the club to show that the board will not tolerate incidents such as this.

Richard Darnell commended the board for positive action, and said that an announcement would be made at the next driver's meeting.

Alan Sanders withdrew his motion.

Alan Sanders resubmitted his motion as amended:

- Accept resignation from Regional Executive
- Issue a written reprimand with a zero tolerance clause
- Request a written or public apology
- Three-event suspension

Dan Chadwick seconded the motion.

John Bartlebaugh questioned the privacy of the reprimand.

Alan Sanders stated that the reprimand is for the clubs digestion.

Jerry Onks stated that the contents of the reprimand would not be made public.

Dan Chadwick stated that mention of the reprimand would be public in the board's minutes but the verbatim content would not be publicized.

Chairman Onks called a vote on the motion on the table.

Motion carried by quorum (One board member absent, Chairman Onks abstain).

Chairman Onks requested that a notice of the Regional Executive vote be placed on the Web Site, on the Hotline, and sent out to the TRSCCA Group email.

Alan Sanders requested phone numbers be given to the board members so they can call the general membership and tell them about the vote.

Alan Sanders made a motion to adjourn.

Dan Chadwick seconded the motion.

Chairman Onks called a vote on the motion on the table.

Motion carried by quorum (one board member absent).