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During our last conference call, the Board was informed that Heartland Park is seriously considering the possibility of changes to the track. This is primarily due to the results of the participant survey, which were published in the May SportsCar. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. In addition, the Board has reduced the late entry fee for the Run-Offs from \$500 to \$200.

While on the subject of the Run-Offs, the stewards handled 145 actions. These broke down to 90 chief stewards actions, 11 requests for action, sixty-three protests with ten appeals, and 78 and tech actions. These actions resulted in two drivers being put on probation. Reprimands and loss of time or position were the most frequently applied penalties.

Membership is currently holding steady at just over fifty-one thousand (down twelve-hundred from a year ago), but licensed drivers have increased by four hundred during the same period.

Financial reserves have increased by \$800,000 over the last year, in line with the goal of building adequate reserves for an organization of our size.

Membership is still on target to have licenses and membership renewal available on line by the end of the year.

Technical services used fifteen GPS/accelerometer-based data recorders during the Run-Offs. They are now in the process of reviewing the data with an eye to building a data base. The database will include the information that the Club racing Board and its advisory committees use in their decision making process for classifications and competition adjustments. I would not be surprised if this was expanded to the Solo Nationals this year.

Bob Barnard held a great track review program at the national convention for the executive stewards. This should get the track inspection program back up to speed.

Dan Halloran and Todd Butler were very excited after seeing San Francisco Region's revamped and soon-to-be launched web site. They came to me with a great idea. Their suggestion is to use the SFR website as a template and have National make the template available to all Regions. This program could have an a la carte type menu, potentially with many levels of service all the way to hosting the sites for the regions. Something to think about until the May sit down meeting.

Next month, when everybody's season has started (club racing, solo, rally & rallycross), I will return with more news.

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