



Clutch Chatter

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This newsletter is a special edition meant only to wrap up the 2024 season's club activities, as very few of the BOD minutes have been made available to members since May of 2024.

Additionally, no time for presentation of the Treasurer's Report to end the 2024 season was given at the Annual Banquet, so that report will be summarized here.

The 2025 BOD has tasked me with compiling and publishing this information in the Club's newsletter.

As the purpose of this document is solely to address the lack of 2024 season newsletters and communications, it will be absent of 2025 Season information, entertainment articles...and have only one 2024 season picture.

-Acting Clutch Chatter Editor, Darren Daubenspeck

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2024 Treasurer's Report, per Treasurer Charles Hanson:

Total Region Revenue	\$179,410.22
Total Region Expenses	\$182,406.26
2024 Reduction of Retained Surplus	\$ 2,996.04

Leaving the Region with a "retained surplus" of \$ 43,106.23 entering 2025.

You may well ask why the Region has, or needs to have, a retained surplus if we are a non-profit?

The answer is to cover an accounting concept called "cash flow." At the beginning of every season the Region has to enter into a number of lease agreements with venues to hold events like Solos and Time Trials. These venues generally require that we pay the rent at the time we sign the lease and they freeze the date on their calendar. Time Trials are particularly expensive in this respect as they are usually five digit numbers per day reserved.

After we make those investments we publish a schedule and come to you with the offer of the opportunity to send us your money to enter the events weeks or months after the Region has written the checks.

Just for the record: 2024 was the third consecutive year that the Region has suffered a reduction of retained surplus.

May 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

Indy board meeting- May 14, 2024

- Present: Vinnie Taibi, Natalie Corder, Lyle Linville, Charles Nienhouse, David Currey, Joe Hirsch, Michael Young, N. Charles Tashiro, Ben Drexler, Chuck Hansen, John & Mandi Clyne, Wendy Harrison
- Called to order by Mike at 6:36pm
- Motion to approve April minutes by Mike, seconded by Charles T. Unanimous, Motion passed.
- RE- During this time we need to review our credit card situation, who should have them and what the procedures should be moving forward. I also think meetings going forward should be conducted like the special meeting. One person talking at a time.
- Membership- 30 expired members, 22 new members, weekend membership currently says 0 which could be waiting for national office to process. Emails sent out to all these people. 594 total members.
- Treasurer- Speedrome payment sent out. Bank is requesting more information for cards. Should each chair have own guarantor for card? Should we use debit or credit cards or checks? Will not having credit cards cause more headache and make it stressful to recruit new chairs down the line? Could we get invoice ahead of time, get to treasurer and then get check? Taxes are being finalized Wednesday May 15. Email/documentation for receipts is the key for filing. Could we use Adobe Scan? National office sent out email about missing funds situation discussed in Special Meeting and is requesting answers. The club decided this matter to be reconciled in Special Meeting. *review of special meeting took place*
questioning brought up over confidence of treasurer and books going forward
- Website- Will be losing hosting soon without card, communication will be had to get taken care of. New board emails seem to be going well.
- Clutch Chatter- Ben initially took over information, Charles offered to assist. Send any information for CC to Ben by end of May. *Discussed hosting costs for website*
- Activities- Street Survival went well, had 24 students. Looking to do this event again next year. Cars and Coffee events discussed. Possible Japan trip for 12 people in works.
- Road Rally- 10 cars at first event, receipts for that were submitted and reviewed budget. July rally working on getting sanctioned. July rally ends at Mikes house for BBQ. To cover costs should we raise entry costs, change budget, or ask for donations? Mike suggested to make it a full club event with party at end included. Motion to allow 500\$ added to admin budget to cover this made by Mike, Charles T seconded. Motion unanimous, passed.
- Solo- Fun event had 61 entries. Driver school had 20 entries, Point event 1 had 93 entries. Talked over Track Rabbit details and timing/scoring chief details. Discussed new logo for awards.
- Time Trials- NCM event is this coming weekend. Discussed Track Rabbit details. Working on sanctions as they were initially denied.
- Old business- Competitor of the Year award handout. Discussed BOD Fowling event- settled on June 20th at 7pm.
- No new business
- Next meeting will be held on June 11 at 1719 English Ave in Indianapolis 6:30pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Wendy, seconded by Lyle. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:31pm.

June 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

Indy SCCA BoD meeting June 11, 2024

- Present: Vinnie Taibi, Dustin Hitze, Lyle Linville, Faythe Rush, Chuck Hansen, Wendy Harrison, Lee & Mickie Miller, Joe Hirsch, Dave Currey, Natalie Corder
- Called to order by Vinnie at 6:30pm
- Motion to approve May minutes made by Wendy, 2nd by Lyle, motion passed
- Membership- 21 new, 19 expired, Track Rabbit weekend membership data live soon, can send out hard copy of data until then, waiting on national office input
- Continue to send Clutch Chatter content
- Road Rally- Fowling for BoD reserved 2 lanes/sending out info to people going. Motion to reimburse Wendy for the reservation payment made by Vinnie, 2nd by Joe, motion unanimous-passed. Next event July 6 live on Track Rabbit. Competitor of the Year info sent out for website, announce at events
- Solo- Cam Challenge had 180 entries. Killdeer Bird nest awareness at Grissom. Timing co-chiefs have been instated. Great Lakes split event this coming weekend at Grissom, went over Track Rabbit/event search details
- Time Trials- Not a ton of early bird entries due to lack of advertising for Putnam. Submitted receipts to Treasurer, waiting for check, need to settle credit card plan as it's hurting program. Would like to bring up plan in next meeting.
- New business- Interested in setting up booth in Cleetus and Cars event next year. Having a designated spot for spectators at Grissom for people that just pop in to watch and sign boards to tell people where everything is.
- Motion to move July meeting to July 16th due to lack of available attendance made by Dave, 2nd by Lyle, unanimous, motion passed
- Motion to adjourn made by Wendy, 2nd by Dave, unanimous, motion passed
- Meeting adjourn at 7:26pm.

Minutes for Indy SCCA BOD Special Meeting 7/1/24, per unknown interim Secretary

Subject: Treasurer Chair

In attendance: Dustin Hitze, Wendy Harrison, Lyle Linville, Mike Young, Ben Drexler, Vincent Taibi, David Currey, Charles Tashiro, Natalie Corder, Joe Hirsch

Meeting via Zoom

- The Treasurer has resigned as of 6/30/24. Chuck Hansen has previously volunteered to take over the Treasurer chair for the remainder of 2024. Mike will work with Chuck to file the Club's taxes for 2023,
- Justin Lawrence may be interested in the position of Treasurer. Wendy suggests letting Chuck finish the year as Treasurer, and the members vote on the 2025 Treasurer. Mike agrees and suggests to invite Justin to attend the Board meetings and shadow Chuck. Vinnie suggests a Co-Treasurer position for Justin to work with Chuck full-time.
- Charles motions to appoint Chuck Hansen as Treasurer, Wendy seconds. The motion passes. Mike will work with John and Chuck to transition Chuck into Treasurer duties. Vinnie agrees to set up an introduction with Chuck and Justin.
- Vinnie inquires about a reimbursement for roughly \$700 for the July 29th-30th Putnam event-related expenses. Mike will issue a reimbursement with Chuck as a witness, and Vinnie will submit receipts to the Board. Grand total is not available at this time.

New Business:

- Charles would like to explore the Club hosting a car show as a fundraiser, for a non profit organization, sometime next year. The board majority agrees.

Motion to adjourn at 7:06PM. Motion Passed.

The next meeting is on July 16th. Information will be available on the website.

July 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

July 16th, 2024

- In attendance: Dustin Hitze, Mike Young, Dave Currey, Joe Hirsch, Chuck Hanson, Sam Crites, Dallas Reed, Charles Tashiro, Lyle Linville. Via Zoom: Natalie Corder, Faythe Rush
- Meeting started at 6:35PM
- Membership: New members: 12 ; Weekend members: 12 Expired Members: 16 ; Total membership: 574. Should now be getting weekend membership data from Track Rabbit for monthly reporting.

- RE Report:
Great Putnam turnout with about 80 cars. Millennium Sound will sponsor food for the next TT event.
- Activities:
Working on a trip to Japan. Still exploring options for an Indy Region SCCA car show, possibly at IU Indianapolis. Reviewing menu for the Banquet and possibly adding more room for participants.
- Treasurer:
John did not cancel the credit cards. The club had a line of credit held by Colin [need last name] as a guarantor. He has canceled the line of credit.
We have a check from Donald Lucky [?] made out to American Tool Time for \$250 for a TT entry.
John Clyne paid July rent on Club storage (\$244), Chuck will reimburse him.
Microsoft Office Suite needs installed on the new Club computer.
Chuck was unable to log in to the Clubs bank account at this time.
Charles will inquire about our payment to Lincoln Tech.
- Solo:
Ray needs paid for Great Lakes divisional sponsor stickers.
Andy-Mohr Nissan has sponsored a pop-up canopy for gate entry.
The bus has a leaking tire, and could use new shocks.
Implementing new worker assignment roles and rules for Solo.
Dave would like to resign as Solo Chair after the Points #9 event.
- Time Trials:
Putnam event was successful with 78 vehicles. No incidents to report.
- Old business:
The Club will write an apology letter to the Boreens. Mike requests permission from the board to sign the letter as from the board as a collective, instead of as individuals. Mike will write the letter and submit to the board for approval.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

August 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

August Board meeting 8/13/24

- Present: Lyle Linville, Joe Hirsch, N. Charles Tashiro, Michael Young, Ben Drexler, Chuck Hanson, Dave Currey, Wendy Harrison, Natalie Corder, Faythe Rush, Lee & Mickie Miller, Vinnie Taibi. Tyler Rush on phone. Dustin Hitze on Zoom.
- Called to order by Michael at 631pm.
- RE- Need to find a replacement for RE and other opening positions.
- Membership- 9 expired, 13 new, 23 weekend, 572 total.
- Treasurer- Still figuring out ins and outs with emails and getting invoices, would like to get potential replacement to a meeting to start learning.
- Website- Minutes need posted on website after approved and sent to John.
- Clutch Chatter- Need someone to take over to be editor, send out email blast to find someone.
- Activities- Contacted by IMS to put a booth in IMSA event, email has been sent out with details, going to get more info and continue email chain, banquet venue deposit has been made however found new venue downtown, owner wants to match deposit to get our business, emailing to get more info on details. Motion to switch venues made by Natalie, seconded by Mike, motion unanimous-passed.
- Road Rally- 20 cars from July event, Halloween event is next, finalizing details, approached by Cars & Cruising for partnership.
- Solo- Hoosier Challenge went well, good attendance, national tour went well, invoice for dumpster taken care of, discussed timing meeting to figure out Tovey Cup, need to find replacement options for solo head.
- Time Trials- June event went well, mid Ohio 2k up, Putnam event coming up (August 17/18) still need volunteers.
- Old Business- Old check needed was received, letter of apology still need sent out at this time.
- New Business- Rewrite bylaws for media position/ entire bylaws need rewritten, need a drafting committee to do so, discussions of members at large needing to volunteer for x amount of events-how to navigate that, executive meetings vs open meetings.
- Motion to adjourn at 814pm made by Charles, seconded by Joe, unanimous, motion passed.

September 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

September 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

- Present: Ben Drexler, Wendy Harrison, Chuck Hanson, N. Charles & Kelley Tashiro, Lee & Mickie Miller, Lyle Linville, Joe Hirsch, David Currey, Chuck Nienhouse, Chris Wheatley, Faythe Rush, Michael Young
- On Phone: Justin Lawrence
- Called to order by Charles at 6:37pm

- Motion to approve August minutes made by Wendy, 2nd by Dave, Chuck Hanson mentioned he made spelling corrections, motion unanimous & passed
- RE: Wrapping things up for the end of season and still looking for replacement for positions
- Treasurer- Still don't have tax forms because they can't open on computer, motion to purchase Microsoft programs for computer made by Wendy, 2nd by Charles, motion passed. Everything so far is paid for.
- Membership- 561 total, 12 expired, 3 new, 37 weekend
- Road Rally- Flyers going out for Halloween rally, limited entries to 20 cars for now, needs reimbursed for fowling event expense-gave receipt to treasurer.
- Activities- Went over IMSA appearance details, banquet venue officially moving to Biltwell Event Center
- Solo- National tour- invoices completed waiting for reimbursement, test and tune event light on attendance, Speedrome event on Friday- new management won't honor previous agreement, brought up idea of Members at Large volunteering for working events (splitting up jobs of chairs), Spirit of Solo award name change brought up, motion to change award name to honor the Millers made by Dave, 2nd by Wendy, motion passed, talks of ordering new comes for next season.
- Time Trials- Reimbursement check coming for food from Putnam, motion made for Charles to take over as TT chair made by Ben, 2nd by Wendy, motion unanimous, motion passed, Putnam event had small loss due to lower Sunday attendance.
- Old Business- looking into bylaws, look into how to write and what we want them to say over next month.
- New Business- getting van for all TT equipment to be in one place and travel long distance and to special events, needs to be able to pull trailer, this entails getting rid of storage unit, motion for fact finding by Charles/Dave/Joe and cost justification made by Charles, 2nd by Dave, motion passed
- Motion to adjourn made by Dave, 2nd by Chuck N.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM

October 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

October 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

- Present: Michael Young, Joe Hirsch, Dustin Hitze, Ben Drexler, David Currey, Chuck Hanson, Lyle Linville, Lee & Mickie Miller, Wendy Harrison, Faythe Rush, N. Charles Tashiro, Ethan Decatur, Mike Herrera
- Called to order at 6:32pm by Mike Young
- Motion to approve September minutes made by Wendy, 2nd by Charles. Motion unanimous-passed.
- RE- Still no candidates for replacement as season is ending.
- Membership- 11 expired, 6 new, 30 weekend, 559 total
- Treasurer- 20k +/- in account , all bills paid for currently, handling Gingerman expenses as they come in, in contact with Track Rabbit about checks and expenses, taxes still not filed- Ben and Mike offered to help
- Activities- IMSA event was great- had a lot of inquiries and interested for next year with a bigger corral, new banquet venue is a go, old venue has been cancelled
- Road Rally- Halloween rally only has 1 entry so far, need social push, shopping shuffle event in December
- Solo- Season is officially done, need to set date to winterize bus, talks of what to make of year end trophies, talks of using both Track Rabbit and MSR but would it make complaints worse or are Track Rabbit problems dwindling , talks about attendance of past and how to budget marketing
- Time Trials- 40 person attendance for Gingerman event, looking to do 7 events next season, dropping dual Putnam dates, need to get together about gathering bus info and clean out storage
- Old Business- Watch language when talking about meeting issues outside meeting, invite members to meetings and to other events
- New Business-Talks about new discord, Competitor of the Year (need results from Chairs), Badlands ORP (comment: need to clarify that the Badlands referenced here is a business in Indiana, and not the SCCA Region of the same name) reached out for RallyX event split with Indy/INR/Milwaukee regions for 2025, would put RallyX program under activities budget as experimental program, talks about board member voting committee and who can run it, motion to nominate Lee Miller as committee chair made by David, 2nd by Ben, motion passed, Ben offered to take RE position if needed for a year
- Motion to adjourn made by Joe, 2nd by Charles
- Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

November 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

November 2024 Indy Region Board Meeting Minutes

- Present: Michael Young, Mike Herrera, Chuck Hanson, Wendy Harrison, Chuck Nienhouse, David Currey, Ben Drexler, N. Charles Tashiro, Joe Hirsch, Bruce Faucett, Lee & Mickie Miller, John Clyne, Jim Dapuzzo, Lyle Linville, Ethan Decatur
- Called to order at 6:30pm by Michael
- Motion to approve October minutes made by Charles, 2nd by Chuck, motion unanimous-passed
- RE- Went to SEMA and got some news from national office about things we were involved in this year (Track Rabbit)
- Treasurer- Savings was low but just received cash deposit from Michael, need to check on sponsors, be thinking of budgets for future since account is low, keep in mind of the ebb and flow, talks about which programs are spending vs making money and how to have a surplus of money at end of year, working on program reports
- Membership- 558 total 10 new
- Solo- Winter storage of bus will be at David's house, been working on schedule for next season (8 points events potentially) 1 Lap of America is May 3 usually we do fun event day after- should we host?
- Activities- Storage unit mostly empty- should be done next week and will let know so can get payment concluded, banquet registration is open and posted, sending out emails about banquet and elections, first Karting event was successful- had 26 participants
- Rally X- Had meetings with Badlands to look at site, January 25 hosting test event with low entry, working on potential budget, checking on sanction process
- Road Rally- October event had 21 registered cars with 19 running- 14 weekend members, December 7 holiday event, printing costs down from previous, still looking through Competitor of the Year numbers
- Time Trials – Working on next season details (7 events instead of 9) have meeting with national office to discuss
- Old Business – Ethan taking over election- working on finding 2 assistants, will send out emails on what positions are still open, election email address made
- New Business- Bruce would like to draft up suggestions for bi-law rewrite (executive sessions, social media appointed position, etc), Norm Currey interested in taking over Clutch Chatter editor position
- Motion to nominate Norm Currey (pending acceptance) for Clutch Chatter position by David 2nd by Charles- motion unanimous-passed
- Talks about year end trophies
- Motion to adjourn by Charles, 2nd by Ben- motion unanimous-passed
- Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

December 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes, per Secretary Faythe Rush:

December 2024 Indy SCCA minutes

- Present: Faythe & Tyler Rush, Ben Drexler, Wendy Harrison, Chuck Nienhouse, Mike Herrera, Joe Hirsch, Chuck Hanson, Michael Young, Dustin Hitze, Lee & Mickie Miller, Lyle Linville
- Called to order at 6:42pm by Michael
- Motion to approve November minutes made by Ben 2nd by Michael, unanimous-passed
- RE- Last month as standing RE, recommend putting banquet on website
- Road Rally- Last event was last Saturday, had only 3 cars, will push with Halloween event next year. Working on competitor of the year, needs info from solo and need to get trophy. Putting together Road Rally committee for next year. Leaving entry fee the same but going to tier it. Would potentially like \$40 ad budget for the 4 events next year
- Membership – 550 total, 11 expired, 3 new, 9 weekend
- Treasurer- Got access to accounts and find Michael and Chuck are using the same login. Bank told the checks we are using are unsecure, need new ones or get direct deposit or cash app. Put together spreadsheet for each chair with each event and information
- Solo- Finalizing schedule and sending it out
- Time Trials- Finalizing schedule to announce at banquet, working on schedule with national office
- Old Business- Election going on, finalizing details for banquet
- No new business at this time
- Motion to adjourn made by Chuck Hanson 2nd by Wendy. Motion unanimous-passed. Adjourned at 7:22pm