



# Blackhawk Valley Region

## Board of Directors Minutes



**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2026

**Called to Order:** 7:00 PM

**Meeting Format:** Virtual

Board Member	Title	Present	Absent
Jeff Kulawinski	RE	X	
Scott Meland	Assistant RE	X	
Andrew Almquist	Member	X	
Ed Cheek	Member	X	
Charles Duncan	CENDIV Rep	X	
Lon Hake	Member	X	
Joe Helser	Member, Area 5 Director	X	
Wanda Helser	PR/Media	X	
Pam Kewley	Treasurer	X	
Tim Marx	Road Rally		X
Nikki Prevenas	Secretary, F&C RA	X	

**Membership Report:** \$220 in dues, 228 total members at this time

**Previous Minutes:** No questions/concerns. Approved Joe/Lon

**Treasurer's Report:** No questions/concerns. Approved Nikki/Joe

### Old Business:

- 2026 race dates
  - DSDR April 17-19: Mike Smith is working on the supps and budget to be voted on soon.
  - Firecracker July 4-5: Time trials asked to join the event and were denied as of now. FF group will bring more revenue.
- May Majors
  - General discussion:
    - Majors events so far in 2026 are tracking down
    - Might have high school auto shop group come out on Friday test day
    - Lack of details around lunches and concession stand, may order outside lunches
    - FC separate race group
    - Budget reviewed and discussed
  - **Early Registration Friday inside track – Motion approved Ed/Joe**
    - Board agreed that it's needed but we need to ensure alignment between tech and reg



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- Skeleton tech crew for at least helmets and suits
- **Entry Fee to be raised from \$590 to \$600 – Motion approved Joe/Nikki**
- **Deposit for track rental to be made – Motion approved Nikki/Pam**
- Road Rally
  - Nothing new as Tim not in attendance
- Website/Social Media
  - BVR website updates underway and domain has been purchased
    - Budget for 2X cost next year
  - BVR logo discussed and need for higher quality/resolution image
  - Social media progress and updates provided
- Conventions
  - National Convention January 15-23 Virtual
  - CENDIV Convention March 14-15 @ MATC Mequon
- Deposit made for 2026 Banquet at Hoffman House on November 7<sup>th</sup>
- SCCA Charter is complete with updated positions and permissions

### **New Business:**

- May Majors
  - Rock River Bridge on Prairie Hill Road will be closed from February until November – need to spread the word!
  - Giveaways – discussed replacing giveaways with gas cards so the volunteers feel heard based on the feedback survey Nikki/Tiffany conducted in spring 2025
    - Change wording on MSR from “worker fund” to “volunteer fund” to encourage more donations towards gas cards
  - Requested that soda be swapped out for more lemonade and iced tea in a continued effort to implement that feedback
    - Survey results shared with BOD
- Chicago Region Fall Sprints – Long race with Chicagoland
  - Discussed challenges and Chicago Regions hopes of saving the “loong race” event
- Autobahn cancellation – lost date to motorcycle group, will have date back for 2027

### **Open Business:**

- Pam/Jeff to check on storage shed payment
- BOD meeting locations – Jeff/Nikki to discuss other platforms for future meetings that have less feedback and quality issues

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:21 PM – Nikki/Pam

**Next Meeting:** February 10, 2026