



Blackhawk Valley Region

Board of Directors Minutes



Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

Called to Order: 7:46 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	
Nikki Prevenas	Secretary, F&C RA	X	

Previous Minutes: Approved by Ed/Pam

Membership Report: \$120 from member dues in August

Treasurer's Report:

- Profit recorded from the DSDR along with loss from Firecracker in August.
- Check issued to IL Secretary of State to change the official name on our annual NFP report.
- Approved by Joe/Andrew

Old Business:

- 2026 Races:
 - DSDR profit check received and deposited
 - Firecracker loss recorded
 - 5 flags left to distribute from May Majors
 - Very successful season for BVR
- Website/Social Media
 - Website:
 - 55 visitors in the last month, flat month over month
 - Discussed updating more of the website photos to reflect BHF instead of RA – use Chicago region smug mug and Laurie Ziegler's photos
 - Social Media
 - Facebook followers up to 1,443 and Instagram up to 72



Blackhawk Valley Region

Board of Directors Minutes



- Discussed doing more posts on Instagram due to having a younger demographic
- TikTok followers at 27
 - Andrew to talk to Megan at Runoffs about taking over TikTok
- Nikki, Wanda and Andrew to have brainstorming meeting during off-season to discuss ideas to keep growing followers
- Received approval request from Iowa region for Rallycross – will complete for 3 year window
- Milwaukee region trailer to be stored at BHF over winter
- Nikki attended SCCA Scheduling Roundtable and gave brief summary
- Updated IL SOS Address to Jeff – this year's completed and mailed
- Kathy (Elwyn) Wenzel's services well attended and Joe/Wanda brought flowers on behalf of region
- CENDIV will not have a presence at Runoffs Block Party
- 2026 BVR Banquet November 7th
 - Jeff to check with Kat on the MSR save the date and when to open registration
 - Dinner discussed
 - Jeff to share menu options when he receives them
 - Discussed increasing dessert count due to small size
 - Nikki to send Pastor Mark prayer to Ed (completed)
 - Jeff to inform raffle hosts of board decision
 - Award nominations were discussed
 - Member of the year
 - Worker of the year
 - Driver of the year
 - Rookie of the year (driver)
 - Kasik (someone who goes out of their way to help others and promote the sport outside the track through civic duties in community)
 - O'Henry (hard luck)
 - RE Award
 - Nikki to add spreadsheet with prior winners to BVR Drive when updated and corrected version received from Jeff
 - Board to look through member list in drive for nomination ideas

New Business:

- CENDIV registrars having discussion about where to store race supps
 - Nikki elaborated with her role as CENDIV webmaster
 - Multiple cons with storing proprietary data on MSR vs. local website
 - Meeting to be held after Runoffs



Blackhawk Valley Region

Board of Directors Minutes



- 2027 schedule being finalized
 - No LOL Majors in 2027 due to Runoffs moving out of division
 - Various ideas discussed around DSDR and Firecracker
- CENDIV Convention
 - Charles brought up need for volunteers to help with scheduling, prep, and management of our convention
 - Tracey working on budget as needs to be finalized soon to receive grant from National

Motion to Adjourn: 9:00 PM by Nikki/Joe

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026