



Blackhawk Valley Region

Board of Directors Minutes



Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

Called to Order: 7:01 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 Joe/Ed

Membership Report: \$390 from member dues – 243 members.

Treasurer's Report:

- Membership was only transaction in June
- Finalized May Majors and received additional money from Toby in T&S
 - Milwaukee received their portion of profit in July
- CNA Bond refund received from April cancellation, new policy paid in July
- Approved motion Ed/Joe

Old Business:

- Double regional Recap: No final recap yet.
- Majors Recap:
 - 9 flags left to distribute
 - Profit finalized and distributed
- Firecracker July 4-5:
 - Good event with light turnout
 - Saturday night dinner issues with Pinnons
 - Holiday hours meant early delivery
 - They forgot one main dish (pork) leaving us with Brats only and a closed restaurant
 - Plenty of sides and didn't run out luckily
 - Pinnons very apologetic and bill reduced to reflect error



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- Trophies well received and didn't use them all
 - FF group very happy
 - Lunches were better with lettuce and tomato added for the sandwich
- Website/Social Media
 - Website:
 - 70 visitors in the last month, up 100% from prior month.
 - Jeff will be putting receipts together and submitting to Pam
 - Social Media
 - Facebook followers up to 1,221
- RE workload and Process Documentation
 - Everyone can access the Google drive Nikki created and shared
 - Reminded everyone that all files are live and editable so to be careful with changes, possible deletions, and sharing
 - Will continue to add additional documents like bylaws, key contacts, soda/snacks amounts, timelines, and list of vendors
- Past SCCA meetings
 - Marketing Shadow Lesson Thurs 6/11 "Practical uses of AI for Regions"
 - Nikki attended and was well done for beginners
 - Volunteer Recruitment call Thurs 6/11 with Syndey
 - Nikki attended and 2 new things shared
 - [Trackside apparel link](#) for volunteer direct orders
 - Lunch sponsor (thank the driver) idea, how to run report out of MSR and additional details shared
 - Circle back on this for 2027 Majors
 - Q2 Quarterly Region Call
 - Abby Scher announced pregnancy
 - SCCA Academy platform migrating over next few months – current platform EOL
 - New SCCA site still in the works
- Approval requests with Milwaukee and Chicago regions to be completed this week and for a 3 year term
- CNA Bonding Status
 - Refund from old bond received and new bond application completed
 - Policy effective June 24, 2026 and guarantees we're covered financially from risk
- Sherri Memorial at BHF
 - Joe had discussion with Gail and Paul from BHF on memorial pole plaque
 - Bronze Memorial Company details provided for ordering an 8x10" plaque
 - BHF handles installation and gave best practices/details for ordering the plaque



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- Joe proposed we take our time coming up with what to have printed for text and time the installation with the 2027 May Majors
 - Board discussed and liked the idea of changing the Majors race to Sherri's name and doing the dedication that weekend

New Business:

- Milwaukee Region trailer updates
- MSR Security update email – recommend changing password
- Runoffs block party
 - Discussions around CENDIV interest for this year
 - Milwaukee region interested
 - Joe to find out if SCCA is contributing to cost

Motion to Adjourn: 7:57 PM by Nikki/Andrew

Next Meeting: August 11, 2026