



Tell Tale

Fall is upon us. Nominations for Board of Directors will open at this month's General Meeting. Start helping the club plan for 2018 by attending and volunteering.

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TC President's Message

Mark your calendars and save the date, the TC Christmas party is going to be held again at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach on Saturday December 9th. Watch for an announcement in the Tale Tale.

News Flash, welcome Michael Conatore to his new position as assistant Executive Board Representative.

The General Membership has spoken and we are working to hold a ICSCC race in 2018. The Board is working on ideas to try to make this happen. We have challenges to overcome including strategies to be profitable and the lack of volunteers. We need to fill several key specialties including Timing and Scoring, and Flags and Communication among others.

Nominations for Board Members open at this next General Meeting, plan to be there to accept your nomination! Your club needs your help.

Scott Olsen
2017 TC President - president@teamcontinental.com



Team Continental General Meeting Minutes

Mars Meadows, Portland OR
September 20, 2017

President, Scott Olsen called this meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: Those of us that volunteered to help with the Dr. Quinton-Cox Car Tour & Poker Run around Lake Oswego had a good time. It was a fun outing.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report.

Contest Board Rep, Joe Harlan: We got our proposed rule change turned into ICSCC. It should be included in the next ICSCC Memo.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: Absent. Assistant Driving Master, Kevin Smith: Absent. Scott reports that we have asked for March 31st for our Driver Training Event. It is an early season date and history shows us that we make money at these events.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: Our numbers were up by 15 from 2016. We didn't lose as much as we could have. Bill Harris wondered why we lost money when the budget indicated that we would make money. Bob replied by explaining that we had a number of cancellations. Toni Larfield (Registrar for the Race) said most of them were last minute cancellations.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report.



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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday October 18th, 7 PM
 Mar's Meadows
 9620 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Rules Change Voting Meeting

Wednesday October 25th, 7 PM
 Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que
 7121 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday November 1st, 7 PM
 Laurelwood Public House
 5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

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Treasurer, Stacey Smith: Absent

Executive Board Rep, Carl Clinton: I turned in the proposed rule change. I looked into the possibility of sharing a date with IRDC for 2018 but they are already full for the season. We can pursue this at the E-board level to see if we can make it happen for 2019. Good news! Michael Conatore has agreed to become Assistant Executive Board Rep.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Membership Director, Dennis Roberts: We have 111 members at this time.

Membership Drive, Joe sent an email draft to the BOD. Scott followed up and had Pete send the letter to the entire membership which led to the topic of cross training so multiple people can have access to networking. Jon Wilson proposed that the BOD look into assigning alternates for these concerns.

Ben thinks Peggy was one of the first Facebook administrators. Different levels are available.

OLD BUSINESS:

We still need a Webmaster. Bob Smethers says he is interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Event Schedule: Scott announced that the Board of Directors discussed at great length the topic of hosting a race in 2018 and due to a number of factors such as having to borrow more money from the Baggs fund and the serious lack of volunteers to host the event that the Board recommends taking a year off to try to build it's membership and try to make some money, so tonight we will talk about whether we ask for a date in 2018. Scott also said that he made an agreement to pay back the money we borrowed from the Baggs Funds before we hold another event. This was not the first time we have done this. The Baggs fund would probably loan us more but we need more entries. We need volunteers, not more workers. The workers cost us \$6700.00.

Michael Conatore stated that setting aside that he is an owner of ORP and speaking as a TC Member that we are a racing club and it should be a prime directive to race. We may need to deplete our funds to get it right. Jon Wilson says he likes Michael's report and that Baggs left the club money and he would want us to use it. Don Smethers says the Baggs Fund is there if we need it but that is not our only problem. Michael said that some of the people that we originally had trouble with came to him and said that we've done a good job. Jon says we need help. Conference should help us. Jim Larfield overheard some workers say that they would not be back. Jim asked Don Smethers if he planned on coming back and Don stated that he didn't know if he could do it without Holly. Joe says we are fighting the change in our sport. We are strictly participant participation. Why are we struggling to fill the worker base? Bobby says that location is a huge factor. Joe says let's work on membership drive to gain participation near the track. Lucky Dog guys love the track. My problem is price point, lack of lodging and the track tears up the equipment. Michael feels that we are at the bottom of the pile so we feel the pain. All of ICSCC is this way. There is trouble everywhere. Jim brought up the point of partnering with another club and splitting the profits. We did this with ACCO and it was just okay. We would need to think about entry fees. Ours are higher. Tim J. asks why there is not more negotiation with ORP. We should be working together. Bill M. responded by saying that TC at one time had a deal but couldn't be discreet. Toni L. pointed out that we are separate from ORP. We owe them nothing and they owe us nothing. Bill M. says that ORP may have more projects for TC in the future to help towards the track rental. Bill says that we need to do more than one event per year. We need to get members from Bend. It is great market and we have a lot to offer. Bob S. says we were a social club for 25 years before we ever held a race. We did a good job of racing for 30 years. People say they are not having fun. Why? The number of TC Active members is declining and it's become more of a burden. We have lost comrades!

Michael C. made a motion that TC work to hold a race in the 2018 season. Bob S. seconded the motion. Motion passes 8 in favor of, 4 opposed. Bill Murray asked that it be recorded that he chose to abstain.

Bob S. asks if a 1-day event is possible. Bill M. wonders if ICSCC will allow less workers. Jim L. asks if we can even get workers. What is the feeling on workers willing to come to ORP? We had to hire ORP workers. Bill M. says that ORP is having a hard time finding workers. Joe H. asked Bill M. how many workers would be needed

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for the south loop. Bill M. responded with stations #1, #2, #4, #14 and #16.

Christmas: We need a Christmas Chairperson. There was discussion on where and when and even a suggestion that we do not have a Christmas Party this year. Darcy O. made a motion to secure the 9th of December in the event that we have a Christmas Party. Bob S. seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Ben Weaver announced that this would be his last meeting. He is moving to Coure D'Alene.

Motion to adjourn by Darcy O. Seconded by Dee C. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental's ICSCC Rules Change Voting Meeting

Team Continental ICSCC licensed drivers will vote on all the ICSCC Rules Change Proposals for 2018 on Wednesday October 25th at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que in Tualatin. The meeting is chaired by TC's Contest Board Representative Joe Harlan, and is schedule to start at 7 PM. The address is

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que
7121 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin, OR

All TC licensed ICSCC drivers are eligible to vote. The rules change proposals to be voted on can be found on pages 8-11 of the ICSCC Memo, which can be found here: http://icscc.com/2017/memo/memo_8_2017.pdf

Tell-Tale Needs A New Editor

Starting with the February 2018 issue, the Tell-Tale needs a new editor.

The January 2018 issue will be my last issue as Tell-Tale editor. I will have done this service for 3 years, 3 months, 39 issues total. I am happy to train any volunteers for the position. I currently use Microsoft Publisher 2010 to format the document, and previously used Microsoft Word 2007. I will supply any volunteers with all the master files for every edition I have published, so that they can be used as a starting point for future issues, and if the volunteer is planning on using MS Publisher, I will give some training on how to use it, and photo editing tools, to create a new edition each month.

Part of this job also entails printing and mailing the hard copy editions to a few members who do not have electronic access. I will supply the mailing list for that, as well as MS word doc for printing mailing labels.

If you are interested please contact Kevin Smith, editor@teamcontinental.com, or call me at 503-522-2016.

Kevin Smith

Team Continental Board Meeting Minutes

Laurelwood Brewery-Portland, OR
October 4th, 2017



President, Scott Olsen called this meeting to order at 7:00pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: I sent Kevin and Stacey an email outlining what happened at the General Meeting with regards to hosting a race in 2018.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report.

Contest Board, Joe Harlan: Rule change proposal is out in the ICSCC memo. It's time to schedule the next meeting.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: Absent. Assistant Driving Master, Kevin Smith: Absent.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: What I have available is an option that makes fiscal sense if we race. A 1 day event to be held Sunday April 1st. Joe asked Bob to present more than one option and then asked about the option to run just the lower part of the track. It was pointed out that April 1st is Easter Sunday and that we should look at securing a different day for a race. ORP has the weekend of March 24th/25th open so Bob is going to reserve that weekend just in case. Joe brought up the topic of co-sponsoring with another club. Carl asked for direction to discuss this with other clubs.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report.

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: Absent.

Executive Board, Carl Clinton: I need to get ICSCC Sanction Fees paid and an authorization form turned in. Lynn Coupland said that she would be getting those out and to watch for it in his email.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent. Pete sent word to Scott that he has other commitments on Wednesday's that do not allow him to be at the meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Drive: We sent out a letter asking for renewed participation from our members. We will send an email blast announcing that nominations for the 2018 Board of Director's will be open at the next General Meeting.

Christmas Party: Scott announced that we still need a Christmas Chairperson. We are reserving the room we has last year in case we cannot find another location. The Christmas Party will be held December 9, 2017. Darcy reports that she received a call from Bill Craine offering to let us use The Goose on Sunday December 10th for the same price as what the hotel would be charging us. It would be potluck with a No Host Bar.

OLD BUSINESS:

We still need a new Webmaster. The Communications Director appoints this position

2018 Race Schedule: We talked about this at the General Meeting. Joe wants to know if we forget trying to co-sponsor a race event? The topic of staffing the event came up. How many workers would be needed per station? Carl said he can address that topic with ICSCC.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Joe Harlan motioned to adjourn meeting. Darcy Olsen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental Driver Training - Saturday March 24th or 31st, 2018

We have reserved Saturday March 24th and Saturday March 31st, 2018 for Team Continental driver training and HPDE at ORP. Originally, March 31st was chosen, but I hadn't noticed that was the day before Easter Sunday for 2018. So, currently working to decide dates.

In order to be successful with this event, we need to start planning for and promoting it now.

Even with this being an early season lower rate for the track, it still takes at least 35 or so entries just to break even. We really need 40-50 entries to make a reasonable amount of money. Dividing that number of entries evenly among groups means 15 or more per group. So, TC really needs about 15 (more would be better) committed instructors to be there. If you are willing to instruct (sit in the passenger seat, and teach the driver high performance driving), please contact me.

We will also need 4 people to volunteer to present at the ground school, and every volunteer we can get to commit to man a corner station for that day is a direct contribution to TC making a profit on this event. We also will need a pre-grid person or persons, and there may be other positions I have forgotten.

Please support this by volunteering to help put on the event, and to sell the event to prospective entrants.

Kevin Smith - kevinbsmith@frontier.com, or call me at (503) 522-2016.



Beautiful March Track Day



These are pictures from a particularly beautiful Team Continental Track Day, March 7th, 2015.

Let's hope for the same kind of weather for 2018.





2018 TC BANQUET NEWS

JANUARY 19th, 20th

HALLMARK RESORT

744 SW ELIZABETH, NEWPORT

RESERVATIONS: 1-541-265-2600

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On or before December 19th, 2017 for group rate

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