

MEETING MINUTES – September 12, 2006

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at Damon's. Present were Dave Mohar (RE), Gary Gurchik (Asst RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec.), Josh Duvall, Barry Duvall, Mike Cunningham, Jim Wegielewski, Doug Kellander, Charlie Faris, Ryan Lower, Steve Lower, Lee Watson, Rob Beck, Steve Shuss, Jon Claypool, Steve Eastman, Jason Klingler, Aaron Eberhard, Deb Weaver, Dave Kraige, Matt Fisher, Bryan Smith, Frank Varano, Philip Maynard.

Competition: Ron Dotts competed at Luzerne Community College (Northeast Region) and took 1st and 3rd in PAX. Park Wiker competed in Washington DC and took 3rd in FS which is a major accomplishment in DC Region.

Secretary: Copies of August Meeting Minutes distributed. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$13,015.16. A short-term certificate of deposit for \$5,000 is included in the fund balance.

Solo II: The first Fall event went very well. The last Fall event will be a cash contribution to the local Food Bank with the proceeds from the 50/50 drawing. Have not yet purchased timing wire. Also have not yet purchased two stopwatches. Gary will purchase. We need a new trigger for the start equipment. Aaron offered to try to fix it. There was some discussion of our enforcement of rules at Solo events, with some members hearing comments that we are too lax in some cases and too stringent in others. After some discussion, the consensus was that rules are enforced reasonably and fairly. In this regard, Aaron suggested we have a page on our website describing our tech inspection process, policies and expectations. Also some discussion of comments heard that our events start too early. Almost universal agreement that such is not the case. Bryan Smith discussed the possibility of doing night autocross events in the Altoona area. Some interest was expressed.

Discussed the possibility of event format change similar to Washington DC Region or Northeast Region. Agreed to consider it further during the winter months.

PSU Auto Club has at least 6 drivers who wish to do an event either Oct 1 or 8 and would like special grouping for as many as 12 positions. Lauren agreed.

Newsletter: Ron Dotts indicated that the newsletter was just completed. As the release was very late, he therefore combined August and September issues. He continued to solicit articles, photos, commentary, etc.

Membership: Current membership remains at 105. .

Merchandising: . Lowers' brought the new inventory of t-shirts etc to the last event. Lee Watson brought a sample of a CPR toy truck that we could offer for sale. Could sell for \$15 to \$20. Discussed the possibility of doing lapel buttons. Charlie brought CPR umbrellas to the last event.

Old Business:

Witches Rally: Will be on October 28. Will be about 86 miles total. We will need 4 to 6 volunteers to man worker stations. Entrance fee will be \$25. Costumes count toward score. One spotlight will be allowed per car. There will be a party after the Rally "someplace in Centre County". Jim will provide Ron and Karl an event billboard.

Work Days: Dave Mohar expressed a need for workday volunteers on a regular basis because airport is shorthanded.

New Business:

Rally Cross: We will consider a Winter Rally Cross if an appropriate location can be found. Rob Beck expressed a willingness to begin a search for a location and/or chair the event.

2006 Driver Challenge: Will be the 3rd Fall event. The car is yet undecided but may be provided by Dix Honda.

2006 Police Challenge: The Challenge may not happen unless more drivers step forward, but will be September 17 regardless.

2006 Awards Banquet: Gary Gurchik will once again chair the event. Some discussion of trying to get Toftrees again because everyone was pleased last year. Gary will look into it and report back.

Officers' Annual Dues: Mike Cunningham made a motion that CPR should pay the annual dues of all standing Officers and Solo Chair every year. The motion was seconded by Jim Wegielewski. Motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:35 pm by Mike Cunningham, and seconded by Jim Wegielewski. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Dotts, Secretary