

## MEETING MINUTES – November 13, 2007

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm at Damon's. Present were, David Mohar (RE), Gary Gurchik (Ass't RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts, Mike Cunningham, Steve Lower, Ryan Lower, Steve Eastman, Aaron Eberhard, Charles Faris, Dave Kraige, Mike Sember, Vance Hensler, Rob Beck, Chuck Carroll, Tom Tremper, Bernie Betzema (sorry if I got that wrong).

**RE Report:** .No report.

**Competition:** Mike and Rob gave a detailed report on a trip to Nelson's Ledges that included Mike, Rob Beck, Bryan Smith, Chuck Carroll, and Andy Bower of the Northeast Region. It sounded like a great trip and lots of fun. Much discussion of the event and how it worked and lots of questions about car prep, requirements, etc. Photos can be found on Chuck Carroll's website [chuckcarrollphotography.com](http://chuckcarrollphotography.com). Ron Dotts, Keith Hoover and Karl Bender attending the two-day Hershey event in October. A great course and venue, Ron said it was his best day ever autocrossing.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the October meeting were presented to the members present. After review and short discussion, a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ryan to approve the minutes as presented.

**Treasurer:** Current fund balance is \$21025.80. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. It was agreed that, because the final event was cancelled, those holding a free coupon intended for that event would be allowed to use it in a 2008 event.

**Solo:**

Because the final event was cancelled, it was decided that the number of Fall events required for trophy position is two instead of three. And that all those completing three Fall events will get a free t-shirt.

**Newsletter:** David indicated that the newsletter is completed, subject to some minor changes and will be out shortly.

**Membership:** Based on October numbers, there are 117 members with three new members.

**Merchandising:** Gary indicated that he has possession of all the merchandise and it's being stored at his home. The website is to be updated to indicate that Gary is the person to be contacted if anyone wishes to purchase any merchandise during the off-season.

**Sponsorship:** Aaron indicated that he would update the Sponsorship Brochure. Gary will get a copy or computer file of the latest version of the brochure to Aaron.

**Website:** Website is to be updated to indicate that anyone wishing to purchase merchandise during the off-season should contact Gary, listing his contact information. It was noted that there is now a link on the home page to Chuck Carroll's photography website.

**Old Business:**

**Assistants to Chairpersons:** Charlie working on producing a Word document to be updated progressively as additional job descriptions become available.

**Witches Rallye:** Charlie indicated that the event went off smoothly, was a nice, interesting course, and a good time was had by all and that Nate did a good job in chairing the event. There were 19 competitors. Lauren said there was a huge contribution of goods to the State College Food Bank during the event, which is greatly appreciated by the club and the food bank. Lauren stated that Nate indicated that he would definitely not be interested in chairing the event next year. Lauren also indicated that Paul Stinson may be interested and David will contact him. A \$36 profit was made. This does not include a \$100 donation to be made to United Way. A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Mike that we proceed to make the donation regardless of profits. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Cone Killer Classic Trademark:** Steve indicated that we could simply put the tm indicator on the logo but if someone else were to register it, then we would have to stop using it. Also said that the fee for the trademark registration is \$375, which could be done separately for the words, logo, and artwork, or just as one. Separately would be \$375 each but could be done as one for a total of \$375. Ron indicated that the registration is very worthwhile and money well spent. Some discussion of using Bryan Smith's attorney to pursue it, as we should not try to do it without legal counsel. Chuck made a motion to authorize the Board to spend up to \$1,500 to pursue the registration, Mike seconded and motion passed.

**Nominations:** Charlie distributed a report of members desiring nomination which includes: Steve Lower for RE; Dan Warner for Assistant RE; Ron Dotts and Ryan Lower for Secretary. Incumbent officers David Mohar (RE), Gary

Gurchik (Ass't RE), and Lauren Mohar (Treasurer) have all indicated they are running for re-election. Steve Lower, Ron Dotts, Ryan Lower, and Lauren Mohar each gave a brief presentation regarding their desire to hold office. Ron Dotts has indicated his desire to serve as Solo Chair for 2008. No one else has offered to serve as chairperson(s) in any capacity. Charlie encouraged people to step forward. Each member desiring to hold office will be given five minutes to state his or her case at the December meeting.

Mike brought up the issue of tie votes at the Board level, regarding a member being both an officer and committee chair. Current policy is that the Solo Chair votes as a tiebreaker in the event the four member Board has a tie. If Ron becomes the Solo Chair then it's not right that he votes twice. Steve suggested that a board member simply not be permitted to vote twice and that alternate Chairpersons be selected. David suggested that the Nominations Committee Chair be the tiebreaker or alternatively an odd number of chairpersons as tiebreakers. The issue was not resolved. Some consideration will be made to pairing down the number of chairpersons for next year.

Cone Killer Classic 2008: Ron indicated that he would like to set up the committee by January or February at the latest. He'll be asking for participants in the upcoming meetings.

Road Cruises: Steve indicated that he is not actively pursuing it because of lack of interest. If anyone has any ideas, the subject can be revisited.

Video for Rally Training: Aaron indicated that he is late in getting the video completed because of work assignments but he will do so as quickly as possible.

2008 Year End Awards Points System: A committee made up of Dave, Charlie, Ron and Lauren to review and suggest changes to the points system for 2008. The committee will meet sometime prior to January 1.

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: Aaron, Vance, and Mike Sember discussed plans to write new software for the timing equipment to directly interface with the computer. They have asked that they be given the operations manual for the current system to determine their ability to update it. Ron confirmed that this is all being coordinated with Nate. Ron also asked for assurance that we were not creating something that may be too complex for someone else to pickup and maintain and use; and also to confirm we have a timetable to implement by the first 2008 event. The group confirmed this. They also indicated that it would easily interface with the planned finish line printout equipment.

Awards Banquet: The banquet will be held February 9, 2008 at Toftrees. Children may attend free of charge. Banquet registration form is available online and should be submitted to Gary no later than January 20.

2008 Membership Requirement: Some discussion of a new National rule that all competitors be SCCA members beginning in 2008. There is no new information on this but some believe that it is not yet official.

Water Donations: Steve Eastman said he would look into getting water donations as his wife works for a water bottling company.

2008 Season Scheduling: Ron suggested that we try to hold off on setting the 2008 schedule so as to try to coordinate with NEPA and Susquehanna. Gary indicated that he did so last year and will do so again this year.

Adjournment: There being no further business, at 8:55 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Ryan, and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Dotts  
On behalf of Karen Hoover, Secretary