

MEETING MINUTES – August 12, 2008

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at Damon's. Present were Dave Mohar (RE), Gary Gurchik (Ass't RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec), Dave Kraige, Steve Lower, Chuck Carroll, Howard Henning, Lee Watson, Jim Pahel, Bernie Betzema.

Competition: Dave Kraige competed in the Old School Audi competition in Cumberland. Gary Gurchik, Dave Mohar and Don Wilson attended and assisted with the hill climb at Cumberland.

RE Report: Dave Mohar indicated he would probably not be attending any more Solo events. However, he will continue to serve as RE this year.

Assistant RE Report: Gary indicated he would not run for any office or committee in 2009. He will finish out his responsibilities for 2008, including the Awards Banquet to be held in early 2009. After that, he may assist certain committees as he sees fit.

Secretary: Minutes of the July meeting were presented to the members present. Ron motioned to accept the July minutes as presented; Steve L. seconded.

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$23,742.31. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. Lauren reported that we spent about \$381 for replacement loaner helmets from Kissel Motor Sports. She also reported that certain bank charges assessed by First National Bank (which took over Omega Bank) were reversed.

Solo: Nate was not present but Ron talked to Nate and he indicated that he felt the last event went very well, no problems. And there was plenty of help for set up and clean up at the end of the day. Others agreed.

Newsletter: Dave Kraige said the July edition is out and August is being worked on. He will include a promotion of the Witches Rally in the August issue. He continues to ask for input and articles for the newsletter.

Membership: Ron indicated that as of August 10, we have 136 members.

Sponsorship: No report.

Website: No report

Old Business:

Video for Rally Training: No progress.

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: No report. Will probably use the old software until the Fall Series.

Event Food Vendors: Much discussion of what we can do to get food vendors there. Steve Lower and Chuck Carroll said there are a number of vendors who would be interested but we'll need to get a tentative schedule out in January so they can schedule their summer. We agreed to put a tentative schedule together early for this purpose. We will need to put out a post that no food is available at upcoming events this year.

New Business:

Cone Killer Classic 2008: Ron indicated that, all things considered, the event went smoothly. Everyone had a good time and the weather was great. The awards engravings are late because of some confusion on the finish positions but Ron will try to have them available for the August 24 event. The event made about \$2,800 profit. From those profits, a contribution of approximately \$100 was made to United Way.

2008 Witches Rallye: Will try to distribute flyers to all the sponsors.

Sheetz Fundraiser: Three members have not yet returned their coupons or the money. When all is settled we should have about \$300 profit.

2008 T-Shirts: No updates. Will try to do a minimal order just for sponsors.

Police Challenge: Gary talked with Warren. Warren anticipates 6 Clearfield drivers and 2 Bedford drivers for the event. Steve Lower has also discussed it with local police forces. We will need volunteers for Challenge cars. Ron will get trophies from Champion Trophies.

Drivers Challenge: No updates.

Search for New Event Site: Since there had been significant concern about our status with the airport, Ron suggested we make an organized effort to seek alternative locations for our events. Dave Mohar indicated that certain members of the Airport Authority are giving mixed signals with one making negative gestures while the other giving us reassurance. Dave believes we are good with the airport for this year and next. Ron feels we should still have an organized effort to find alternative sites. Dave indicated that the Bedford airport is a good possibility. We also discussed entering into a long-term contract with Mid-State Airport.

Solo Safety Steward Position (SSS): As part of Dave's discussion of his future plans, he reminded us that he has served as SSS for all the events and there will need to be a replacement. Dave indicated that he had a discussion with Barry Duvall who said that, although he will assist SSS as needed when he is there, he does not want the responsibility of SSS for the day. Some discussion followed and Ron Dotts said he would be willing to perform that duty. Steve Lower also is willing. Ron and Steve agreed they would work out the balance of 2008 schedule between them.

Other New Business:

An airport workday is scheduled for Saturday August 23, beginning at 11:00 am. The purpose is for painting and fixing runway lighting.

Discussed purchasing a permanent antenna on the van for FM reception. Dave Kraige will look into this.

A representative of the Airport Authority has made a courtesy reminder to us that alcohol is not permitted on the premises.

Steve Lower will donate a freezer to the club, to be used at the airport.

Adjournment: There being no further business, at approximately 9:00 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Steve, and seconded by Jim. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary