

MEETING MINUTES – February 19, 2008

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at Damon's. Present were, Gary Gurchik (Ass't RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec), Steve Eastman, Mike Sember, Lee Watson, Aaron Eberhard, Dave Kraige, Rob Beck, Steve Shuss, Alex Quirk, Mike Cunningham, Dan Warner, Bryan Smith, Howard Henning, Amanda McCrahey.

Competition: Dan Warner attended an event at Daytona Speedway. Ron Dotts did an autocross event in Ft Myers, Florida.

RE Report: .No report.

Assistant RE Report: No report.

Secretary: Minutes of the January meeting were presented to the members present. Lee Watson motioned to accept the January minutes as presented; Dan Warner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$18,207.70. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit.

Solo: Ron said the Solo Committee has been formed and he distributed a list of Committee members and their respective areas of responsibility. Ron also distributed a sign-up sheet for course design, asking that anyone interested should just put their name and contact information beside the desired date.

Newsletter: Nate indicated in an e-mail prior to the meeting that a January/February newsletter would be out shortly.

Membership: Current membership stands at 117 with two new members in January.

Merchandising: Brief discussion of how to get merchandise, as CPR will no longer carry and maintain a merchandise inventory other than t-shirts. CPR will continue to offer older inventory for sale until everything has been sold.

Sponsorship: No report.

Website: Nate is working on various upgrades/updates. Lauren indicated there is now a link on the site for 2008 season pre-registration.

Old Business:

Assistants to Chairpersons: No report.

Video for Rally Training: Aaron has made no progress and could not commit to a completion date. Ron suggested he put a post on Yahoo soliciting help or ask someone to take over the project.

Banquet: Gary reported that everything went well and everyone seemed pleased and enjoyed themselves. Gary e-mailed the manager and thanked her for a fine job at Toftrees.

2008 Weekend Membership Requirement: Some discussion of recent information posted on Yahoo. It is official but details are sketchy. Some believe it is a 90-day application. Lauren will be getting her first look at the document in about a week. Dan indicated that regions in the western US are already using the weekend membership format and more information could be had by searching their websites.

New Business:

Social Events: Gary suggested setting up a bowling night for Sunday, March 16 at Northland Center in State College. Gary will post on Yahoo to get an indication of interest. No updates on a kart trip.

Cone Killer Classic 2008: Ron said he would like to hold the first meeting of the committee in March at Prospectors. He will get a notice out to the members to choose a date.

2008 Year End Awards Points System: Lee Watson presented a compilation of CPR standings using the year end points system used by the Steel Cities Region. Some discussion of how our present Driver of the Year is awarded. Ron and Lauren indicated that some progress has been made to change the system but no decisions have been made.

New Competition Class: Mike Cunningham laid out a plan to introduce a new competition class called Street Tire Index class (STI). The intent of the class would be to offer drivers who are beyond STN status, an opportunity to be competitive even though they do not use full competition tires. This would benefit people who would like to autocross and be competitive but just want to use their street car on street tires or, people who have prepared cars but don't want to spend the money on R-Compound tires. Lee Watson indicated that Steel Cities Region uses this class and it's deeply populated. Ron felt the Solo program could benefit by having more regular street car competitors show up for events. Lauren indicated that it would require some modifications to software and on-line registration but would not be a problem. Mike also said a criteria would be that STI would require at least 140 tread wear rating. Dan motioned that we try the new class for 2008, Steve Shuss seconded, motion passed.

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: Mike Sember and Aaron discussed the current status of progress on developing new timing software and said they could not meet the deadline set at the last meeting. Ron suggested we proceed with AXWare software and indicated he felt strongly that it was best for our future development. Much discussion followed regarding the merits of continued work on our own software or purchasing AXWare. Lee motioned that we proceed with developing our own software, Mike Cunningham seconded, motion passed.

New Computers: Lauren suggested we consider purchasing one or two new computers. Some discussion of details. Aaron and Dan offered to check into pricing.

Water Donations: Steve Eastman said the water company is limiting their commitment to 20 cases for 2008. Steve will get a thank-you letter out to them.

Event Awards: Still looking for ideas. Gary/Lauren indicated we can't make a final decision until we know who the sponsors are.

2008 Witches Rallye: Bryan Smith will chair the committee with help from Mike Cunningham and Rob Beck. Bryan indicated that progress has already been made. He is seeking event workers.

Evolution School: Gary indicated that he has 8 confirmed students. If he does not have enough students for two days, there will still be a school on Saturday only. Days are limited to twelve students. If a number between 12 and 24 sign up, a decision will be made whether to split evenly between the two days or wait-list the ones over 12 for Saturday. Sign-up will close on April 1.

YMCA Donation: Lauren suggested we donate 3 autocross events for a fund raising auction for YMCA. Agreed.

Solo Safety Steward School: Lauren suggested we consider having another SSS School prior to the opening of the season. This would not be just for those wanting to become Safety Stewards, but would also be a refresher for those who are already Safety Stewards. Lauren will follow up to determine level of interest.

Adjournment: There being no further business, at approximately 9:10 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan, and seconded by Steve Shuss. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary