

MEETING MINUTES – October 14, 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, Lee Watson, Charlie Faris, Steve Eastman, Jeremy McCauley, Mike Cunningham, Don Wilson.

Competition: Steve Lower talked extensively about the Solo Nationals in September, relating the overall experience of both he and Ryan competing at the National level and encouraged all serious competitors to give it a try. Ryan finished with an impressive 8th place and Steve finished in the middle of the pack. Steve promised a newsletter article on their trip. Meanwhile, Ron Dotts competed in Cumberland and Paul Stinson will be competing in Road Atlanta this weekend for a possible National Championship.

RE Report: No report

Assistant RE Report: Gary reported that the season went well and lets make the last event of the year a great one.

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

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$24,133.86. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. Mr. Smeal agreed to reduce the rent for Fall events 1 and 2 by \$100.00 each.

Solo: Nate was not present. Lauren suggested we donate the proceeds of the 50/50 from the final event to a charity. Charlie suggested the State Park at Black Moshannon. Discussed what to do with two old laptop computers and decided to bring to final event and try to sell. Decided to take any leftover food to the Witches Ralley and whatever is left over from that will go to the Food Bank.

Newsletter: Dave Kraige said the October issue is being worked on. He continues to ask for input and articles for the newsletter.

Membership: Ron indicated that as of October 13, we have 140 members. No change from last month as we had one new member and lost one.

Sponsorship: No report.

Website: No report but everything looks fine and all are pleased.

Old Business:

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: Discussed finish line printouts and the possible use of AxWare next year. Mike said he would try to contact Aaron about using the system at the final event.

Food Vendors for 2009: No update

New Business:

2008 Witches Rallye: Everything pretty much ready to go. Could always use more workers and also seeking participants.

2008 T-Shirts: T-shirts are done and are for sale.

Police Challenge: Was fun and went well. Congrats to Gary, Dan, and Ron and their police teammates for their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes respectively.

Drivers Challenge: Was fun and went well. Congratulations to Jon Claypool, Jeremy McCauley, and Dave Kraige for finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively.

Search for New Event Site: Don Wilson reported on his communications with the Altoona Blair County Airport. He indicated that the manager was very supportive but that the fact that it's a commercial facility makes it almost impossible to organize an event due to security issues. Dave Mohar wants to pursue the auto auction lot just off the Lock Haven exit of route 80. He thinks it's a great site and does not want to wait for coordination with the National Office and will pursue that site himself. Ron was not able to do any work on site locations but promised to contact the National Office to try to get some direction from them and discuss at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee and Nominations for 2009: Charlie opened the discussion by explaining how the process works. He reiterated how important it was for the incumbents to announce early so that others know what seats are open. Dave Mohar related a discussion he had with Ron on the subject. Ron indicated to Dave that he wanted Dave to announce because Ron may want to run for RE but doesn't want to run against Dave. Dave then said that he planned on running once more for RE but couldn't give 100 percent. Upon announcing that, Ron indicated his interest in running for re-election as Secretary. Lauren was not willing to commit. Other entrants are Steve Lower for RE, Dan Warner for Assistant RE.

Annual Banquet: A tentative date was established for the annual banquet of February 7, 2009, at 6:00 pm. There will be a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate from Tire Rack for all drivers who autocrossed with us.

Other New Business:

Van winterization day will be Saturday, November 1, at noon and help would be appreciated. Dave Mohar will try to reconvene the Points System Committee over the winter months. We will try to organize a Safety Steward School in late March or early April.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary