

MEETING MINUTES – October 10, 2006

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:18 pm at Damon's. Present were Dave Mohar (RE), Gary Gurchik (Asst RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec.), Mike Cunningham, Doug Kellander, Charlie Faris, Ryan Lower, Lee Watson, Rob Beck, Steve Shuss, Chris Barnard, Jon Claypool, Robert Klingler, Jason Klingler, Steve Eastman, Nate Coraor, Karen Hoover, Deb Weaver, Philip Maynard.

Competition: Ron Dotts commented that Park Wiker competed in Washington DC and took 2nd place in F Stock.

Secretary: Copies of September Meeting Minutes distributed. Mike motioned to accept the Minutes as distributed and Steve Shuss seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$14,704.29. A short-term certificate of deposit for \$5,000 is included in the fund balance. Dave Mohar authorized Lauren to reinvest the CD as appropriate. In addition to canned goods donated from our most recent event, \$19 in cash was collected for the local Food Bank. A decision was made to donate an additional \$100 of CPR funds to the Food Bank as well. Additionally, proceeds from the 50/50 drawing from our final event went to the Food Bank.

Solo II: Have not yet purchased timing wire. As the Solo season has ended, a decision was made to wait until spring to purchase timing wire. There was a concern that flag people were not being properly instructed on when to use the flag. After further discussion we agreed that reasonable time was given to the matter at the drivers meeting but that, perhaps, there should be a separate, short meeting with flag persons before they go onto the course. Looking at possibly Target Store in Altoona for night autocross. Steve Shuss will make presentation to landlord for possible events next summer.

Newsletter: Ron Dotts indicated that the newsletter would be published the week of October 16.

Membership: Current membership remains at 105. .

Merchandising: . Discussed winter marketing of merchandise. Decided to place an ad in NewSprint in the October and December issues and offer merchandise for Christmas. Discussed possible discounting to get merchandise sold. T-shirts sold poorly and we discussed possibly discontinuing them. No decisions were made. Josh Duvall or Steve Lower can be contacted if anyone wishes to buy merchandise over the winter months.

Old Business:

Witches Rallye: A Rally safety officer has reviewed the planned course and the review went well. As an aside, this officer offered to train members of CPR for Rallye Safety Stewardship so that we will be able to do this in the future. Nate pointed out that workers are needed for at least three workstations and volunteers are needed for the Witches Rallye. Charlie pointed out that the registration form does not have a space for registrant information. Nate will correct this. Nate will also mail out registration forms to all of last year's participants.

2006 Driver Challenge: Vehicle was a green 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix from Dix Honda. Went well with Dave Kraige winning. Red flag did not tarnish the win as Dave and Ron agreed the hood must have popped while on course.

2006 Police Challenge: Went well but Dave suggested that perhaps Warren Rhyner should have driven as a CPR member rather than a police officer. Nobody's fault and no hard feelings. Just thought of it after the fact.

New Business:

Rally Cross: Joe Klingler is checking into a field in the Bald Eagle area. Discussed terrain, which sounds ok. Must check into ability to keep rallye cars on site.

2006 Awards Banquet: Official date is February 10, 2007. Cost will be \$25 per person at Toftrees. Gary looking into reserving block of rooms for those wishing to stay over.

Year End Awards Points: Gary will prepare application form to be posted to the website and NewSprint.

Safety Steward School: Agreed that we have a need to train more Solo Safety Stewards and that we should hold a school sometime over the winter months. Dave will head the effort.

Organization of Assistantships: There was an extended discussion of insufficient depth of personnel to "run" a Solo event. Much pressure is on Dave, Josh, and Lauren to be present at all events, otherwise they fear the Solo event may lack sufficiently knowledgeable staff to successfully function. Ron Dotts suggested we make a well organized effort over the winter months to identify key positions where back-up personnel are needed and then begin a process of selecting and training members for those positions so as to have depth of 2 or 3 members per key position which will take pressure off the above named. This would become an Assistantship structure to each of the key Chairpersons. Charlie Faris will organize and head this effort.

Officer Nominating Committee: A committee was formed for the purpose of 2007 Officer nominations. The Committee Chair is Charlie Faris and also includes Steve Shuss, Chris Barnard, Rob Beck, and Steve Eastman. The Nominees will be named at the November meeting and voted upon at the December meeting.

2007 Solo Event Rates: A discussion commenced regarding CPR profits, future cash needs, and event fees of surrounding regions. On a per event basis, CPR is only marginally profitable at our current \$20 member and \$25 non-member fee basis. CPR must be more profitable so as to build reserves for unforeseen costs such as pavement improvement at the airport. Also, many, if not most other regions have gone to a \$25 per member and \$30 per non-member fee basis. Ron Dotts made a motion that, commencing with the first Solo event of 2007, CPR increase it's Solo event rates by \$5 to \$25 per member and \$30 per non-member. Steve Shuss seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion passed. Ron Dotts will update the 2007 Supplemental Rules accordingly.

2007 Solo Event Schedule: Discussed the problems we had with conflicting schedules of other regions in 2006. As a result, a decision was made to delay our scheduling meeting to one month after the Awards Banquet so that we can work around conflicting events such as Nation Tours and other key events.

Various Subjects to Discuss Over the Winter Months: Discussed

Running by classes: Difficult to organize if we don't have a required pre-registration process. Will discuss further.

Novices: Instead of novice class only for summer, consider novice position for entire year. Will discuss further.

Passengers: May only allow for Fall Events. May allow novice passengers all year. Will discuss further

Pre-Registration discount: Ryan suggested giving non-members a member fee as an enticement to pre-register and pre-pay on-line. Will discuss further.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:41 pm by Mike Cunningham, and seconded by Ryan Lower. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Dotts, Secretary