

## MEETING MINUTES – January 8, 2008

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at Damon's. Present were, David Mohar (RE), Gary Gurchik (Ass't RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec), Nate Coraor, Steve Lower, Ryan Lower, Steve Eastman, Charles Faris, Mike Sember, Vance Hensler, Lee Watson, Aaron Eberhard, Dave Kraige, Rob Beck, Steve Shuss, Paul Stinson, Jon and Shaundra Dershimer, Dave Dix, Zack Beckel, Alex Quirk, Jim Weigelewski, Donald Kenepp.

**Competition:** Paul Stinson, Mike Cunningham, Karl Bender and others traveled to a Lehigh Valley indoor Kart facility near Allentown recently. It is a new facility and Paul passed around some information about it. Paul said they had a great time.

**RE Report:** .No report.

**Assistant RE Report:** No report.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the December meeting were presented to the members present. It was pointed out that Nate was inadvertently excluded from the attendance list in December and there was a minor spelling error (come on Mike). Subject to those corrections, Nate motioned to accept the December minutes as presented; Steve Shuss seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Current fund balance is \$20,227.05. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. Lauren said we got another small amount from Tire Rack.

**Solo:** Ron passed out the 2008 Solo schedule noting one date correction. Regarding Test & Tune, it was agreed we would use the same format as last year, whereas day one will be for CPR members only and day two will be open to everyone and will be a regular competition format. A brief discussion of runway "X"'s followed. Paul Stinson suggested we use heavy pipe on either end of the "X" material to hold it down. Dave will contact the airport and inquire as to whether any specific "X" material is required.

**Newsletter:** Nate posted the December newsletter to the website today. Several commented that it was nicely done.

**Membership:** No updated numbers available. Dave said it was about the same.

**Merchandising:** Gary said one hat was sold today. Lee presented a catalogue of merchandise we may want to consider as sale items or awards.

**Sponsorship:** Gary reviewed the sponsorship brochure and pointed out minor changes from last year's plan, including a price change to \$1,000 for primary sponsor and eliminating names on trophy glasses for \$250 sponsors.

**Website:** No new updates. Nate has a few plans for changes during 2008 and will keep us informed.

### **Old Business:**

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

**Video for Rally Training:** Aaron discussed progress on the video. He hopes to have an initial release this weekend, allowing time for comments. He will then revise and update based on suggestions. Aaron committed to moving it forward as quickly as possible but would be several weeks for a final version.

**Cone Killer Classic Trademark:** Paul Stinson had several discussions with his attorney, who questioned whether there's any good purpose for it for CPR. Indicated that common law gives us rights because of the standing use of the logo for several years. Cost would be \$200 for initial search. Attorney said we should separate the words from the graphics for two TM applications, which would cost \$900 - \$1500 each and would require ongoing monitoring fees. Feels CPR is at low risk of losing CKC marks and therefore frivolous. Based on findings, Ron made a motion to drop the effort to establish Cone Killer Classic as a trademark. Nate seconded. Motion passed. Paul will contact the attorney and thank him for his free services provided to CPR.

### **New Business:**

**Social Events:** Gary had nothing new to report. Zack gave a report on costs of using the kart facility discussed under Competition, above. Dave asked that Zack be put in charge of putting together an outing to the facility and Zack agreed and will report back at next month's meeting.

**Committee Chairpersons:** The Executive Board met the Sunday prior to this meeting and, among other issues, appointed and resolved the follow Chair positions:

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| Solo Chair        | Ron Dotts   |
| Newsletter Editor | Nate Coraor |
| Membership        | Ron Dotts   |

Merchandising  
Sponsorship  
Website

A decision was made by the Board to eliminate this position.  
Gary Gurchik and David Mohar  
Nate Coraor

The Board authorized Ron to put together a Solo Committee, at his discretion.

Cone Killer Classic 2008: Ron contacted all the key committee members from last year and they all graciously agreed to serve again this year. They are: Dave Mohar, Lauren Mohar, Gary Gurchik, Charlie Faris, Nate Coraor, Dave Kraige and Steve Lower. An initial meeting will be scheduled for late February or early March at Prospectors to set up work responsibilities. Ron also contacted Sam Strano to ask if he would be willing to do the course design for CKC but Sam has not yet responded. Ron pointed out that it could be an issue because CKC conflicts with the Milwaukee National Tour.

2008 Year End Awards Points System: Dave Dix held two meetings for the purpose of reviewing year-end points systems and Dave reviewed the finding of those meetings. Much discussion followed but no conclusions were established and no final decisions were made. It was agreed that the subject required further study and review and that a committee will reconvene on at a later date to pursue the matter further.

New Material for the "X"s on the Runways: See Solo Report above.

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: Vance got the computer manuals from Josh and will set to work on the project immediately. Ron indicated his concerns about creating our own programs and expressed his desire to pursue more conventional software such as AX Ware. Dave asked that the committee report back to him in two weeks and if a good operating system is not found feasible by then, we will pursue purchase of AX Ware.

Awards Banquet: Gary is disappointed with the low turnout thus far. With 31 commitments, we are far behind last year. This could possibly jeopardize the banquet and he encouraged all who planned on attending to get their registration in.

2008 Membership Requirement: Some discussion and Steve Lower indicated that it is an official rule, although it could potentially be modified at the National Convention. Based on the rule, our sanctioning fee will go up \$5 per non-member competitor and the National Office recommends that we charge an additional fee up to \$15 for non-member participation, which buys them a "weekend pass". Whereas we currently charge a non-member an extra \$5 (\$25 vs. \$30), Paul motioned that we increase that to \$10 (\$25 vs. \$35) to cover the additional fee going to the National Office for sanctioning. Steve Shuss seconded and motion passed.

Water Donations: Steve Eastman sent a letter to the water company requesting the donation of water and is awaiting a response.

Event Awards: Still looking for ideas. Mike Sember suggested flags, Lauren suggested coffee cups. No decisions were made.

2008 Witches Rallye: No one has yet stepped forward to Chair the 2008 Witches Rallye. We will need someone to take charge of this effort. Anyone interested should contact David Mohar as soon as possible.

Executive Committee: There was much discussion of a need to further define what/who makes up the Executive Committee. The Executive Board is made up of RE, Ass't RE, Treasurer, and Secretary and the Executive Committee is made up of those positions plus Committee Chairs and Newsletter Editor. The concern is that there may be too many Committee Chairs for the Executive Committee to be effective and it's suggested that we limit the Committee to certain Chairpersons plus the Executive Board. Paul pointed out that this will require an amendment to the By-laws and proper procedures must be followed. Accordingly, the Board will prepare a proposed change to the By-laws and strictly follow the procedure for amendments.

Evolution School: Gary feels that he has had enough positive response to move forward with the school. Some discussion about timing of payments and required deposits to Evolution Driving School. It was agreed that we will send Evolution Driving School their required \$200 deposit after Dave confirms with the airport that we can use those dates. If, after a date to be determined by Gary, a sufficient number of drivers have not prepaid for the event, the event will be cancelled and deposits will be returned, limiting our potential loss to only \$200 if the event fails to materialize.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, at approximately 9:45 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul, and seconded by Steve Shuss. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary