

MEETING MINUTES – November 11, 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, Charlie Faris, Steve Eastman, Mike Cunningham, Josh Duvall, Barry Duvall, Doug Kellander, Jon Claypool, Rob Beck, Nate Coraor, Dan Warner, Chuck Carroll, James Ingram (guest).

Competition: Don Wilson, Paul Riva, Ron, Gary, and Dave Kraige competed in Cumberland and all took first place in their respective classes with Dave coming in second. Ron also competed at NEPA-Frackville.

RE Report: No report

Assistant RE Report: Gary wished everyone a happy holiday.

Secretary: Minutes of the October meeting were presented to the members present. Ron motioned to accept the October minutes as presented; Dan seconded.

Treasurer: Current fund balance is \$24,958.68. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. Lauren mentioned that we were charged a \$65 domain name fee for the website. Also said we were able to make a \$51 "Friends of the Park" donation.

Solo: Discussed various possibilities for promotion such as advertising, press releases. Dave mentioned we did car shows in past years. As Solo Chair, Nate thanked everyone for their help on Saturdays and Sundays. All events did go fairly well. Nate said there was an apparent failure of the timer control box and he would look into replacing it. Said we should also fix the one that broke and keep it as a back up.

Newsletter: Dave Kraige said the November issue is being worked on. He continues to ask for input and articles for the newsletter. He needs input by November 21.

Membership: Ron indicated that as of November 10, we have 136 members. Three memberships were dropped for lack of dues payment. Steve had done a study of membership participation and found that 70% of the members participated in at least one event this year.

Sponsorship: Gary indicated he is willing to continue to be on the Sponsorship Committee in 2009. He said that 5 Star has given a verbal commitment to sponsor in 2009.

Website: No report but everything looks fine and all are pleased. Lauren said that she would forward the Awards Banquet file to Chris for upload to the website.

Old Business:

New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout: Mike reported that he talked to Aaron and the timing software is working. Said the problem at the last event was related to the timer control box failing. After much discussion, we decided to scrape the plan to have a time printout at the finish line. Continued to have discussions and consideration of going with AxWare in 2009. Some discussion of going with bar coding on helmets but won't try to incorporate that until after the season is under way.

Food Vendors for 2009: No update

New Business:

2008 Witches Rallye: Event went very well and everyone seemed happy. Nobody got lost. There were 19 cars that participated. Broke even on the event. Donated food to the food bank. Decided to donate \$100 to the Youth Service Bureau. Ryan volunteered to chair the Witches Rallye for 2009.

Old Laptop Computers: Decided to keep one as a back up. Dave will try to sell the other one on e-Bay.

Search for New Event Site: It was determined that the Smith Trucking location will not work because of the numerous parked trucks on the property. But Jeremy will talk to the owners. Dave Mohar will contact Grant Miller about the auto auction site just off the Lock Haven exit of route 80.

Nominating Committee and Nominations for 2009: Charlie passed around a list of incumbents and nominees. They are Dave Mohar for RE, Ron Dotts and Dan Warner for Assistant RE, Steve Lower for Secretary, and Lauren Mohar for Treasurer. Charlie encouraged others to step forward for positions and reminded everyone that the December meeting will be the final vote. Anyone can put their name in right up until the voting takes place.

Annual Banquet: A date was established for the annual banquet of February 7, 2009, at 6:00 pm. The deadline for registration is January 20 and the cost is \$20. There will be no charge for pre-teens. Cash bar. You can choose what photo you want on your award from Chuck Carroll's website at www.chuckcarrollphotography.smugmug.com. Notify Gary of your choice of photo by December 1, otherwise a photo will be chosen for you.

Evolution Driving School: The probable date will be May 30 and 31. Many details have to be worked out and the event is not a certainty.

Other New Business:

Discussed the possibility of buying a van from the DC Region for \$12,000 to \$14,000 but was decided to wait until we know we will have a use for a better van. There will definitely be a Solo Safety School in early 2009. Steve will confirm if existing Safety Stewards are required to have refresher courses every three years. Discussed possibly doing a karting day in Allentown over the winter months. Jon Claypool will look into it.

Adjournment: There being no further business, at approximately 8:45 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Mike, and seconded by Dan. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary