

## MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2008

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at Damon's. Present were Gary Gurchik (Ass't RE), Lauren Mohar (Treasurer), Ron Dotts (Sec), Dave Kraige, Steve Lower, Chuck Carroll, Howard Henning, Lee Watson, Charlie Faris, Rob Beck, Steve Eastman, Nate Coraor, Dan Warner, Jeremy McCauley, Ethan Joniello

**Competition:** Paul Stinson and others competed in Watkins Glen, NY, with Gary Gurchik joining them as caterer. Paul finished first in class and eighth overall. Ron Dotts competed in NEPA and Cumberland.

**RE Report:** Gary Gurchik reported on behalf of Dave Mohar that he was very concerned about lack of attendance at events. Some action decisions were: Steve Lower would do an analysis of members vs. attendees to see if a pattern could be seen. The Board agreed to allow Steve to use the membership list for this purpose. Agreed to send out invitation mailers in the spring. Agreed to try to do promotional ads in the Daily Collegian. Agreed to plan more promotions in 2009.

**Assistant RE Report:** See RE report.

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

**Treasurer:** Current fund balance is \$24,138.10. This includes two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. Mr. Smeal agreed to reduce the fee for our last event by \$100.00.

**Solo:** Nate indicated that events are running well with lots of help on Saturdays and Sundays. He would like to formally thank Bryan Smith for the great food service and the use of his truck for clean up.

**Newsletter:** Dave Kraige said the August edition is out and September is being worked on. He continues to ask for input and articles for the newsletter. Ron offered to provide Dave with a Meet-A-Member article.

**Membership:** Ron indicated that as of September 9, we have 140 members. Dan asked to see if we have a report of the number of Weekend Members who convert to full members. Ron said he would try to find such a report.

**Sponsorship:** No report.

**Website:** Comments were that event results are posted very quickly and it is much appreciated.

### **Old Business:**

*Video for Rally Training:* It was agreed that the effort to produce the training video is officially dead.

*New Timing Software/Finish Line Printout:* No report. Not yet in live operation and may not use. Consider using AxWare next year.

*Food Vendors for 2009:* State College Lyons Club and Patton Township Lyons Club have been contacted by Steve Lower. Both clubs expressed interest and wish to know our event schedule as early as possible. A decision was made to come up with a tentative schedule in January to pass onto those clubs and then update them of any changes.

### **New Business:**

*2008 Witches Rallye:* Need workers to volunteer for the event.

*2008 T-Shirts:* Karl will do t-shirts. Decided to order 60 with long sleeves, dark gray in color.

*Police Challenge:* Have at least 8 cars committed. Will do two runs.

*Drivers Challenge:* Ron to order trophies. Dix Honda to provide car.

*Search for New Event Site:* Howard Henning discussed the Auto Auction lot just off route 80 Lock Haven exit. Showed photos, had a discussion with owner and sounded promising. Brief discussion of Bedford Airport and possibly Altoona Airport. Dan will try to get some information on the Lewistown Airport. Chuck will try to get some information on the Piper Aircraft Airport in Lock Haven. Discussed the possibility of a Committee to be formed for Site Acquisition. Ron offered to head the Committee and suggested we have at least two people from the Altoona area and two from the State College area for the search. There is no hurry as the season end is approaching. This can be worked on over the winter months. Committee members will be Dan and Nate from the State College area and Jeremy, Lee, and Don from the Altoona area.

*Chief of Safety Steward Position:* Discussed Bryan Smith's proposal of offering to take on the role of Chief of Safety Stewards. As such, he would be responsible for training and personnel management including work duties of Safety Stewards, among other things. Nate suggested this position would come under the control of the Solo Chair. There was general agreement that the position is a good idea but the decision is more appropriate for the new Board for 2009.

Nominating Committee and Nominations for 2009: Charlie agreed to accept the Chair position for this Committee again this year. He will contact the members of last year's committee to see if they will assist this year. Charlie then encouraged members to step forward and offer to run for office. He acknowledged that Gary Gurchik would not seek re-election. Dave was not present, Lauren would not commit, and Ron said he would run for office but not sure which office he wanted. Charlie then discussed the importance of the existing Board members to commit early so as to allow other members time to consider the possibility of running and that current Board members should probably commit by the October meeting. Lauren simply commented that anyone who wants to run can run. Ron discussed the matter further, explaining that it simply isn't right for a Board member to wait until the end to commit, even though they have that right, saying "the right thing to do" would be to commit early. Charlie confirmed his agreement with that and said the right thing to do would be for the Board members to commit at the October meeting.

Annual Banquet: Gary will report next meeting on a plan.

Other New Business:

Nate is working on a list of responsibilities of the Solo Chair position. We will try to reconvene the Points System Committee over the winter months.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, at approximately 9:00 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Nate, and seconded by Dave Kraige. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Secretary