

MEETING MINUTES – October 12, 2010

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm at Prospectors. Present were Dave Kraige (RE), Dan Warner (Ass't RE), Ron Dotts (Acting Secretary), Charlie Faris, John Cuprisin, Josephine Cuprisin, Steve Eastman, Dave Dix, Paul Stinson, Stephen Carr, Brindsay Beard, Jessica Black, Jesse Meagher.

RE Report: Dave opened by stating that Tom Tremper was unable to attend and that Ron Dotts agreed to be Acting Secretary for this meeting. Dave opened the subject of elections for 2011 officers and encouraged members to step forward and offer to serve. (see New Business below).

Assistant RE Report: Dan discussed the Cone Bucks and said he expected to have merchandise purchased with Cone Bucks at the next Mid State Airport event.

Secretary: Minutes of the September meeting were presented to the members present. Brindsay stated there was an error regarding a possible new venue in Clearfield: it is not the Wal-Mart lot but the K-Mart lot. The error was acknowledged and Ron asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as presented, subject to the above correction; Paul motioned and Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: No report. There was speculation as to the status of the current Treasurer and a member present stated they thought the duties were turned over to Dan. Dan did not acknowledge this but said he would review the status of things. He indicated he had about \$2,500 to deposit and may owe the National office for possibly two events.

Solo: Dave reminded everyone this is a volunteer organization and continues to solicit for volunteers at all levels. He encouraged people to come early to events and help in any way they can.

Paul commented that he was at the last CPI event. It was his first time there and he was impressed with the quality of the facility and how well organized we were at running the event.

There was again some discussion of using a format of two groups of runs (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) at CPI, similar to the NEPA events format. John commented that it seemed to work smoothly in Williamsport. Ron also commented that he liked the format and that we should at least give it a try. Dave said he did some calculations and it just wouldn't work with us unless we had higher participation because of the need for workers. Charlie suggested that members should try to attend events at surrounding regions and encourage folks from those regions to attend our events as well.

Dave continues to ask for feedback on events, positive or negative. We want to make events a fun and positive experience for all and we need everyone's feedback and opinions to accomplish that.

Dave said he would like to establish a new position for marketing. The sole responsibility of the person in this position would be to find ways to increase membership and draw people from outside our region to our events.

Allegheny Highlands Chapter (AH): No Report

Newsletter: No report

Membership: No report

Sponsorship: No report.

Website: No report

Old Business:

Food Vendors: Food service at CPI never materialized. Ron made a call to Mary Kay from Country Catering and asked that she provide food service for our final weekend event at Mid State. She returned the call this evening and said she would definitely be there both days. Ron encouraged everyone to try to give them business as it's valuable to us to have them there but the only way they will continue to be there is if they have enough sales.

Bylaw Revision: Some discussion of certain aspects of the proposed Bylaws. Paul and Dan agree that an announcement should go out before the next meeting to remind everyone of the proposed Bylaws; November meeting will open the proposed Bylaws to discussion/questions/answers; followed by December meeting vote, assuming a quorum is reached.

2010 Witches Rallye: Paul was pleased to announce that he got a sponsor for the October 23 event – Tennis Towing – the first ever in the history of the event. He said he still needed volunteers for a few positions and they would be rewarded with free attendance to the award party at the end of the event. He stated that he expected great participation in the event this year but encouraged early registration so they could plan food for the party.

Airport Paving: No further discussion.

Safety Steward School: All agreed that it would be important and useful to organize a Safety Steward school over the winter months. Ron reminded everyone that existing SSS are now required to participate in an educational seminar once every three years and it's also required for any new SSS. Several members expressed interest in the school and becoming a SSS and this would be very helpful to the club. Dave will take charge of organizing a school.

Cars and Coffee: Dave Dix said the event is now officially dead due to lack of participation.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2011: Dave opened the subject and, along with Nominations/Elections Chairperson Charlie Faris, explained that nominations are typically announced at the November meeting however those wishing to run for a position are free to announce their desire to run at any time before that, and right up until the time of actual elections at the December meeting. At the November meeting, those running for office are given a brief period to explain their positions on issues and why they feel they are suited for the position they seek. The elections are for Regional Executive (RE); Assistant RE; Treasurer, and Secretary and these four positions constitute the Board. The newly elected Board would then select members to hold Committee Chair positions.

A discussion followed regarding the plans of the incumbent Board. Dave indicated that he wished to run again for RE for 2011. Dan said he would not be running again. As the current Secretary and Treasurer we absent, we were uncertain as to their plans but speculated the 2010 Treasurer would not run again for office. Ron Dotts indicated he would not be at the November meeting, so he took this time to announce his desire to run for 2011 Treasurer but stated that if Gami decided to run again, Ron would withdraw his request to run and may consider other vacant Board positions but wished not to run against anyone. Charlie provided further input about the process and said he would make a post on the Yahoo Group site to encourage others to run for office.

Annual Banquet: No discussion

Search for New Event Site: No discussion

Drivers Challenge Event: Drivers Challenge will take place Sunday October 17 at Day Two of the final event of the season at Mid State Airport. The class winners of the Summer Series will compete for the award. Dave Dix of Dix Honda stated that he would again provide a vehicle for the event. Each contestant will get two runs and the competition will take place over the course of the regular competition day.

Other New Business:

In discussion of year-end awards, Dan said the same points based awards would be offered as in past years. Dave and Dan said they might do other special awards as well.

Dave Dix said that he spoke with Dave Mohar regarding the special Tom Bagley Award and the Jim Jones Award. These awards are currently held by Dave Mohar and Lauren Mohar respectively. Dave Dix went on to say that these awards have been passed on for decades and it's important that we carry on this tradition and that new candidates should be considered.

Adjournment: There being no further business, at approximately 8:15 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Dave, and seconded by Paul. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Dotts, Acting Secretary