

**Central Pennsylvania Region  
Sports Car Club of America  
Meeting Minutes – November 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:01pm at Damon's Grill. The following members were present: Dave Kraige (RE), Steve Carr (Ass't RE), Brindsay Beard (Substitute Secretary), Jesse Meagher, Jessica Black, Charles Leighty, John Cuprisin, Charlie Faris, Kris Robinson, Jim Wegielewski, Stephen Eastman, Chuck Carroll

**RE Report:** Dave Kraige: Nothing to Report

**Assistant RE Report:** Steve Carr: Nothing to Report

**Treasury Report :** Dave Kraige:

- Current Balance: \$18,634.94
- Large increase from the beginning of the year.

**Secretary Report:** October minutes approved

**Solo Report:** Dave Kraige:

- Last event of the season was a success; Appreciate Charlie (and Dix Honda) providing and bringing the Drivers Challenge car. Thank you to everyone who helped keep it running throughout the day.
- Schedule for next year: Would the members present prefer to have an event on Memorial Day weekend, or on a same weekend with a Cumberland event? Show of hands indicated no one really cared either way.

**Old Business:**

- Nominations: Current Nominations for the officer positions for 2012 include:
  - RE – Charles Leighty
    - Charles was asked to talk briefly about his platform: Charles: Goal for next year is to gather a team who loves to autocross, support people in their current and future roles and help out wherever needed.
    - Question from Charlie: Are you going to work to increase attendance at the monthly meetings and if so how?
    - Charles response: Many members have been increasing involvement at the solo events by focusing on teamwork and support. It is anticipated that this effort combined with empowering individuals to try their ideas and increased communication should make people feel more comfortable and in turn want increase attendance.
    - Question from Charlie: Are you going to change things radically or keep them the same?
    - Charles response: We are all looking for fresh ideas that may cause some people concern. All ideas will be discussed at length before changes are made. It's really up to the whole board and club what is changed and what stays the same. Some discussions have been about a schedule that is more "Cumberland-like"; I believe the club needs to work towards minimizing the stress on the solo chair/team for a successful club.
    - Question from Kris: Can you explain what you mean when you say "Cumberland-like event"
    - Charles response: in short: # of events vs. # of weekends. Cumberland has a tendency to do more events over less weekends (more 2-day events).
    - Question from Jim: Is the schedule incognito and hidden or is it to be presented to the membership?
    - Dave response: The schedule needed to be done because CPI is hard to get so we need to get our dates in early. The schedule as it stands now is pretty much the same as last year, and should be set by December. At that point Mid-State dates could be changed if needed/wanted, but CPI events could not.
  - Assistant RE – Steve Carr
    - Steve was asked to talk briefly about his platform. Steve: I believe I have done a pretty good job this year. I know where I can improve and would like the chance to do so. If anyone has any suggestions, questions or knows I did something wrong and wants to talk to me about it, please do so either now or at a later time. I am always open to hearing people's thoughts.
  - Secretary – Brindsay Beard
    - Brindsay was asked to talk briefly about her platform. Brindsay: I believe I make a good candidate for this position. We (Steve and I) learned a lot this year both with the club and planning the Witches Rallye. When I say I will do something I do, and you can pretty much count on it getting done if I say that I will. I enjoy this club, even though I don't autocross.. yet. I would like to continue to be involved with the club and have a hand in continuing to guide it in a positive direction with fresh ideas and positive attitude.

- Treasurer – Ron Dotts
  - Ron’s statement: He has been working as a CPA for his entire professional career and the treasurer position is well suited for his skill set. Additionally Ron enjoys being involved in planning of the auto-x season and the events.

**New Business:**

- Steve mentioned that several people had approached him to tell him that they would love to see more fun rallies. Charlie mentioned that they used to have a summer rally that was more like a scavenger hunt and that people really enjoyed it. The issue of cost was brought up, but the consensus was that next year’s board should at least look into what a social rally entails and possibly plan one.
- Dan said he had two things he wanted to share that came out at the witches rallye. 1. There is potential for a Hill Climb course. Would like to look into it (with approval) It could be a big draw for the club. 2. Secretary of the Liberty Township Sportsman’s Club was talking to Dan and mentioned maybe putting in a Rally-cross course. They (the Sportsman’s Club) has held motocross and snowmobile races in the past. Dan looked into rally-cross some, and mentioned that it's pretty much like an autocross, just on dirt. It appears to mostly have the same rules as autocross.
- Charlie had a few suggestions for next year: No interest in doing more night autocross. His reasoning is because it's too dark and slower. Dave mentioned that we are considering renting construction lights to help with the lighting issues. Charlie also mentioned he would like to have a later start time at all sites for all events.
- Awards Banquet: This is being planned. Several venues were listed, such as the Atherton Hotel and Toftrees. The Atherton, has lower prices, but parking is a concern. Many people at the meeting said that they would like to have it at the Atherton because it would be different then in previous years. We are looking at a date in February. Last year’s date was February 5<sup>th</sup>. Saturday is preferable for most people.
- Witches Rallye – Charles mentioned that Brindsay, Steve, Dan and Farrah did a spectacular job on the witches rallye. It was a success and most people had fun. Chuck Carroll mentioned that he talked to Paul Stinson and he had great things to say about the rallye. Since he has planned it in the past, this is high praise.

**The motion to adjourn the meeting approved at 7:41 pm**