

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: January 24, 2012; called to order at 19:52; pizza break from 20:38 to 21:00; adjourned at 21:45

Location: Evan Williams' Home

Attendance:

Stan Guy
Dennis Repel
Bruce Jamieson
Al Harvey
Mark Brown
Tedd McHenry
and members

Regrets: none

Guests & New Members: Steve Hocaluk; Tom Sproule



Prior Minutes

Motion to accept by John Picard; seconded by Leigh Anderson; carried.

President (Stan)

Stan thanked Evan and Nancy for hosting the meeting. Stan also thanked Bob and Liz Smith for their excellent work in organizing the banquet, and Mike Tate for MC-ing.

2012 Schedule

The 2012 race schedule is approved, and it is posted on the web site. SCCBC got us an earlier-than-normal confirmation of our dates, to help us with HMR planning. We also have an agreement in principle with Campbel Carlyle of WSC to do a race date swap, so that we can have a two-day REVS weekend.

2012 Objectives

Stan outlined objectives he would like to work toward in 2012.

- Financial stability
- More frequent “fun” meetings and fewer formal meetings
- A meeting on Vancouver Island
- Keep the momentum going on building vintage grids

Vice President (Dennis)

Dennis is organizing another Dyno Day, to be held on one of the latter Saturday's in March. Members only, but all types of cars are welcome. The price will be around \$40 or \$45.

Dennis also announced that we are close to an agreement to host the CCGP on the BCHMR weekend. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement because Ryan O'Connor no longer wants to shoulder the full workload of organizing the CCGP, and VRCBC needs to increase car count on the BCHMR weekend.

Treasurer (Bruce)

Bruce distributed a balance sheet and income/expense statement.

Membership (Stan)

Stan was pleased to announce that Ian Northey is the new membership secretary. We had 46 members for 2012 prior to the day of the meeting (including 2 new members), plus 11 that joined at the beginning of the meeting.

Race Director (Al)

There have been quite a few track changes for 2012, most of which are complete or nearly complete.

- Pre-grid has been expanded 20 feet each side (north and south)
- Five new double pads have been added
- Turn 6 has been ground out and re-paved
- The walls between turns 6 and 7 are to be moved back several feet
- The walls on the left between turns 2 and 3 will also be moved
- A section of concrete has been removed from the drag strip to enable the pit entrance to be straightened
- A new amplifier and speakers have been added to the sound system
- The turn 6 workstation is being replaced
- Drainage improvements are being made

Volunteers are needed for work crews for tasks that need to be done before the first on-track weekend. In particular, crews are needed to assemble tire bundles, and for general spring clean-up tasks.

Vintage Discipline (Mark)

Mark reported on the CACC AGM. The revised GCRs will be published January 30.

A major area of discussion has been Frontal Head Restraint Devices (FHRDs). CACC has been pushing for a decision from ASN regarding FHRDs other than those approved by FIA, but it has not been forthcoming. CACC has decided to follow the precedent set for other safety devices and accept SFI-approved FHRDs. SFI-approved devices will require a 5-year manufacturer's inspection. CACC also recommends replacement of the tethers every five years on FIA-approved devices.

Mark also passed on some information regarding helmet approvals and compatibility with FHRDs. SA2000 helmets will be good to 2014. FIA Technical List 41 lists all helmets that are approved for use with FIA-approved FHRDs. It is available on the FIA web site. Technical List 29, also available on the FIA web site, lists the FIA-approved FHRDs.

The lists are available at: <http://http://www.fia.com/sport/regulations/techlists.html>.

SCCBC (Stan)

The SCCBC AGM will be February 8 at the Best Western.

Sarah Harvey will be the marketing chair of SCCBC, and is planning many interesting ideas for 2012.

BCHMR (Tom)

The date for the BCHMR has been confirmed as August 4-5. While no date is perfect, this is a pretty good one.

We have also secured some key additions to the weekend. There will be a pro FV race, put together by Bob Williams. And the weekend will probably include the CCGP, run under a name such as “Westwood Cup.”

There will be the usual other HMR-related activities, such as the car corral, parades of vehicles, etc. One thing that will be notably different in 2012 will be the program, which will be scaled back significantly, as a cost-cutting measure.

Tom also noted that eligibility for the HMR will be wider than for REVS events, and it's important that everyone understand that the eligibility requirements for the two are completely separate. Some discussion ensued regarding how wider eligibility would be co-ordinated with SOVREN and REVS eligibility requirements.

The schedule will be simplified and re-organized to maximize track time. There will be four groups in total: CW fast, CW faster, OW fast, and OW faster (not the official names). This will allow 15- to 20-minute races and plenty of track time. There has been some discussion of a Friday test day, but it's not very financially viable for us. However, being a long weekend in Canada may help increase the number of prairie entries.

Discussion ensued regarding methods of increasing both gate and car count. Paul Haym suggested that promoting the HMR at events such as the ABFM could increase the gate. Stan gave an update on some of the marketing strategies, such as the HMR web site and the use of QR codes to attract people to the web site. But he cautioned that bad weather could negate any benefits of such activities. Dennis explained that the HMR will piggyback on the promotional activities of the CCGP. Martin Phillips commented that the profile of the CCGP itself has declined in recent years, and needs to be worked on. He also queried the executive on how CCGP entry fees would be distributed. Stan and Tom explained that, while the details are still being worked out, the majority of the entry fees will go to us, as the race organizers. Ralph Zbarsky asked whether we could attract a corporate sponsor for the HMR. Stan explained that we have looked but have not yet found a major sponsor that's the right fit. Tom pointed out that we already have one solid sponsorship commitment (IWE). Discussion ensued of a chick-and-egg nature regarding the quality of the event and its attractiveness to sponsors.

New Business

Mark announced that Driver's Edge is putting on FHRD information sessions and will set one up for a group. Contact Al.

Stan discussed some of the upcoming shows, such as VIAS, ABFM, and the custom car show at Tradex. We're looking for volunteers.

The META banquet is this coming Saturday (Jan. 38).

Old Business

None.

Good & Welfare

Chump Car and various other items were discussed.