

Minutes

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Date & Time: April 19, 2011; called to order at 19:30; adjourned at 20:41

Location: Burnaby Athletic Club

Attendance:

Dennis Repel
Jim Latham
Bruce Jamieson
Tedd McHenry
Mark Brown
Tom Johnston
and members

Regrets: Al Harvey; Wes Stinson.

Guests: none.



President's Report (Dennis for Stan)

Stan sent his apologies for not being able to attend and filed the following report through Dennis.

Planning for the BCHMR is progressing well.

Dyno Day was a great success, with 13 cars tested, and we very nearly broke even, cost-wise. If it had not been for the reduced fee this year we would have broken even, so next year we will probably put the fee back up to what it was. The results are posted on the web site.

Stan would like to promote a “one for all” culture in the club, in which we make use of club resources to help everyone enjoy their participation in vintage racing even more than they already do. For example, at Dyno Day we helped members check the fit of a HANS device in their cars, which can potentially help members adopt this new safety technology. Another example would be the tire issue. Mark and Jim are gathering information on available tires for vintage racing that will be useful to many members. Contact them if you're having difficulties. Stan is interested in hearing any suggestions that members have for other ways we can practice “one for all.”

As it stands now, only the HANS device is approved for CACC events. There are other brands that may get approval, but they're not approved yet. Stan advises members to check with Dennis or Al before buying any HANS device, as there are several key technical issues questions that need to be answered.

Vice President's Report (Dennis)

CACC will not issue a log book to a car unless it is in one of their regular classes. However, vintage cars will be able to get special Vintage log books. For that to happen, a vintage car will need to have a chassis plate and be numbered according to a vintage numbering system.

Dennis praised Stan for his hard work and accomplishments on the web site.

Treasurer's Report (Bruce)

No significant changes from last month. The budget for the HMR is approximately \$45,000.

Regalia Report (Bruce)

The new, 6" VRC decals are available, and many were handed out at the first race. Please put them on your car. We'd like to see them on trailers, too. The decals have the new, slightly revised logo that is intended to be more readable than the old logo.

We have left over 2010 regalia.

Competition Director Report (Al)

Al reported on the very successful first REVS weekend. There was a good turnout of ten CW vintage cars, plus a couple of OW vintage cars. There was spirited racing throughout the vintage CW field.

The 2011 HMR posters are available, and Al encourages everyone to take some and distribute them. The only stipulation is that he'd like everyone to record how many posters they take and where they plan to distribute them. Al is going to make a map of where the posters are located.

CACC Vintage Discipline Report (Mark)

The CACC AGM was held at the end of March at the Delta Town & Country Inn. The fall meeting will be held at the same place, at around the same time as last year.

We are still waiting for a ruling on alternative HANS-type devices. The Hutchens is a more vintage-seat-friendly design but, as it now stands, only the HANS brand is approved.

As mentioned in the Vice President's approach (above), Vintage car log books may become available, but that depends on the development of a vintage chassis plate and numbering system. Mark is working with Jim Kurtz on this. Much of the interest in log books and chassis plates is coming from members who are concerned about getting their car across the border.

Mark also passed on a message from Pam Stec, reminding members to get their driver's log book signed at events, when competing in a vintage car. It helps with license renewal.

Membership Report (Dennis for Stan)

We have 107 members as of April 20, which compares with 104 members at April 19 last year. There have been four renewals and three new members since the last meeting. The new members are Bob Storz, Norm Shaw, and Craig Johnson.

Ian Northey will be taking over membership.

SCCBC Report (Dennis for Stan)

There have been many track improvements since last year.

Thirty-six trainees went through the March driver training program. The next school will be in July.

The scaffolding will be up soon, in time for the HMR. It will be slightly west of its location last year.

It's still unclear whether or not race fuel will be available at the track.

The May race weekend will be a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the SCCBC, and some special events are planned.

BCHMR Report (Tom)

Tom reviewed the expected revenue and expenses for the HMR. Entry fees account for by far the majority of revenue, probably adding up to somewhere between 30 and 40 thousand dollars, with between 80 and 100 cars hoped for. However, expenses will be around 38 or 39 thousand dollars, pretty much regardless of turnout, so revenue is likely to be slightly lower than expenses. Bad weather could potentially result in lower than expected entries (last year there were less than 70).

At around twelve thousand dollars, the SCC rental and associated costs are our biggest expense. However, it's important to remember that it gives us more than just access to the facility. A lot of manpower and services come with it.

We are working hard to ensure that food for volunteers and the general public is in order. There will be the Westwood reunion on Friday night, and Leigh Anderson is organizing the usual Saturday night extravaganza.

There will be some changes to the paddock from last year, the main one being that the car corral will be located up front near the gate. People who arrive in interesting cars will be invited to park there.

We're going to give the program away free this year, but we need people to help hand them out. Suggestions welcome!

Officials for the event are all organized.

Sponsors for the event will be Craftsman Collision and Mazda.

A discussion ensued regarding volunteers for the various car shows and other events at which we plan to promote the HMR. Tom reminded everyone that, as members and participants, they should think of themselves as ambassadors for the sport and should be careful to present as positive a face as possible to members of the public.

Old Business

All British Field Meet: we have space reserved for about 4 racing cars. Ian is donating two tents.

New Business

Norm Shaw (a new member) manages track ops for SCCBC. The PA at the track is in bad shape and Norm is looking for VRC members to help fix it up.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 17. Location TBD, but most likely it will be at the Burnaby Athletic Club. The June meeting will be held as regularly scheduled on the 21st. Tom indicates that there is no need to re-schedule it ahead of the BCHMR.

For Sale

Various items.

Good and Welfare

Various items.