

SSSCC May Club Meeting July 13, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 6:25pm by Vickie Livengood with 18 present.

Old Business

Recent club events

Season events #5 and #6 held June 27th and 28th with lighter attendance than usual. Everyone pitched in and helped the events move smooth. Ken, chief of workers, voiced his continued struggle with keeping run groups even and having enough course workers for both groups. Suggestion was made to eliminate one of the two station chiefs from the infield and leave runners with the flag and radio on one end and a station chief and runners at the other. This would free up at least one or two workers to fill out the thinner oval coverage.

Treasurer's Report

The check book balance is \$21,000. We have no upcoming expected administrative expenses.

New Business

Upcoming Events

July 18th and 19th ProSolo at Packwood

August 1st and 2nd ASNW Event #6 and #7

August 8th and 9th SSSCC Event #7 and #8

TCR Maintenance

The far pit exit road transition from pits to the oval has deteriorated to the point that we are obligated to look into repairing it or being forced to eliminate that road in course design. Lynn obtained two estimates to assess the affordability of such repairs. The first company proposes they will need to lay down a ten foot wide swath over the transition in order to make it drivable. Their estimated cost is \$2500. The second estimate is from Almond and Sons who recommend cutting a 105 foot pie shaped length out of the existing asphalt and filling it in with a thick layer of asphalt. This option takes the dip completely out and smoothes the transition onto the oval. Their estimated cost is \$1600. Mitch queried what type of asphalt would be used as there are different degrees of products and we need a durable product. Lynn was assured by Almond and Sons that the suggested repair would be sturdy and stand up to the expected use of the car club. Vickie proposed that we proceed with the Almond and Sons bid and repair the transition before our next event.

SSSCC Rules

As a club we emulate SCCA and their rulebook to a large degree but we have reserved the right to adapt some of those rules to fit our more "family" friendly local club of SSSCC. Vickie presented a couple of issues she feels are surfacing within the club that she believes warrants a decision from the members as to what direction the club wishes to take in these specific instances.

The first issue is the use of wheeled transportation of any kind during course walks. Many present believe this should be limited to those with a health or medical condition that prohibits them from walking the course. There are others who feel that using a bike or scooter is fine for delivering supplies or contacting people but not on the driving line. Another theory is any wheeled transportation device used to walk the course must be maintained at walking speed to prevent unfair advantage to the course at higher speeds. Discussion arose surrounding how one would obtain the right to use alternate transportation and how long that permission would remain

in effect. Final decision is to allow wheeled transportation along edge of asphalt, well on the driving line, for purposes of delivering supplies, bringing messages to workers, etc. Any other use of wheeled transportation must be requested of the officers who will decide the validity of any existing health or medical necessity that prohibits walking the course and also the duration of the allowance based on the permanence of the condition. Any one granted wheeled privileges will be required to maintain their wheels at a walking pace or their privilege will be revoked.

The second issue of importance is the process of making a formal protest within a class. There have been three protests this season already and Vickie wants to ensure our drivers are aware of the proper procedure. If you suspect someone of running illegal in your class you have at least three options to choose from. First, you can decide the infraction is not affecting points or trophy standings and you do not wish to formally protest at the time. Second, if you have the ability to speak respectfully to your competitor about the infraction you can approach them and give them the opportunity to comply with class regulations. If they chose not to fix the infringement you can then proceed to option three. The third option is to bring your protest before one of the officers. The officers will verify the protest by consulting the rulebook and conferring with people who are knowledgeable to the specific issue after which they will present a formal decision of compliance. It is the intention of the officers and the club as a whole to make this process as friendly as possible for all parties involved. It should not reflect negatively on the protester or the one being protested as we should all be under the same personal obligation to follow the rules of our class to best of our knowledge.

The debate about rules brought up questions of how people attending one of our events knows which SCCA rules we follow and which ones we have adapted to SSSCC. The best suggestion is to use the SCCA rulebook as the governing guidelines by which we abide and adding a SSSCC “supplemental” that lists those rules that we have chosen to adapt to our local club. These additional rules could be made available to participants by adding them to the ORM for perusal during the registration process. It was also suggested these specific issues be listed in paper form and handed out or made available at event registration.

Miscellaneous:

Shannon reports that Rex has offered his house for our social after Saturday events as we have not been having a big enough turn out at our local venues to warrant them holding our reservations.

Shannon brought root beer floats for everyone and the meeting ended on a very sweet note while the members who attended the National Tour in Packwood regaled us with their tales of glory and tales of shame!

Next meeting is August 10th, 2009.

Meeting adjourned by Vickie at 7:30.

2009 Event Schedule

JANUARY	12 th	Club Meeting
FEBRUARY	9 th 21 st 22 nd	Club Meeting Winter Heat #1 Winter Heat #2
MARCH	9 th 21 st 22 nd 28 th 29 th	Club Meeting Winter Heat #3 Winter Heat #4 Design School Design School
APRIL	13 th 18 th 19 th	Club Meeting Event #1 Event #2
MAY	9 th 11 th 30 th 31 st	Driver School Club Meeting Event #3 Event #4
JUNE	8 th 27 th 28 th	Club Meeting Event #5 Event #6
JULY	13 th	Club Meeting
AUGUST	8 th 9 th 10 th	Event #7 Event #8 Club Meeting
SEPTEMBER	14 th 19 th 20 th	Club Meeting Event #9 Event #10
OCTOBER	10 th 11 th 12 th	Event #11 Event #12 Club Meeting
NOVEMBER	9 th 21 st	Club Meeting Annual Banquet