

SSSCC November Club Meeting

November 9, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vickie at 6:15pm with 13 members present.

Old Business:

Scheduled work day on October 24th was lightly attended but still got enough accomplished for the day. A lot of tumbleweeds were burned and a generous space was cleared around the TCR building. The crew also cleared a space behind Turn One to allow spectator parking and observing from behind the wall. This will keep the site clean enough until spring when we will need to have another work day. Lynn was not able to fix the broken pipe but the Port says they will fix it.

Lynn took delivery of the new club timing and event management trailer. It is being kept at his house while the next phase is implemented. Lynn will be sharing his design plans with the club as they develop.

Lynn will be attending the next port meeting in November to give them a review of the year and to get an idea what they are thinking for next year and beyond. Lynn reported to the port that a portion of the fence at TCR has been knocked down again and they will need to fix.

Treasurer's report – Jodee Penner reports the checkbook balance is \$7900. The upcoming banquet will cost approximately \$3,000. We also have a few miscellaneous expenses including repairs on a couple of lights, a new microphone and cable.

Upcoming Events

Season Awards Banquet will be held at Clover Island on November 21st. Doors will open by 6:30pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm. Menu is a buffet with choice of beef or chicken, side dishes and a dessert assortment. To attend this event you must pre-register on ORM and pre-pay either on-line or by contacting Jodee.

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Attendance was down this past year which can be due to many factors including the economy, less exposure, TCR venue, etc. Our current venue does not give us the exposure that a more centrally located one could give us. Also, the Spokane club is putting on quality events which have taken some people away from SSSCC as they can stay and race at home. Seattle doesn't like TCR that much and most of their people come over once but don't choose to attend regularly. To make up for this the club needs to market more.

Lynn has been contacted by a drifter that is interested in putting a drift event together and using TCR. They would need to have insurance and convince officers and port they were worth the risk. This would put more motor sports on the site and help with exposure and we could charge them rent. John Jobin voiced concerns about them following rules, etc. Vickie suggests the two officer cores get acquainted and relay our expectations to them so they can enforce them with their drivers.

We had a lot of novices at the last two events. Suggestion was made to have incentives for members to bring others in. Jobin has the club on Face Book and he will update with pictures, etc. One way to spark interest could be to hold split seasons with Spokane and SSSCC which although it would have obstacles could be done. Another idea is to organize an informational night to introduce the sport to the public. It could be held at the library or other similar venue and club could provide speakers, a video presentation, hold a raffle with small prizes, etc. to help spread awareness to the public.

Miscellaneous:

Vickie asked if everyone is happy with the current meeting venue. No one had any objections or new ideas of a new venue.

Winter heat feelings were discussed and the general sentiment is that TCR is not favored as an appropriate site; there are too many safety issues, no bathrooms, no water, etc. Lynn can make a few calls to the city of Pasco about getting on Dust Devils again but he is not very hopeful that it would be successful. One suggestion is to hold a Test and Tune instead of a winter heat. It was brought up that some people do winter heat just for fun and those people don't care if there is any real value in the seat time. Another side of the issue is if we choose not to hold winter heats it is a long time between the last event of the year and the first event of the new year and people tend to forget about the club and their interest in the sport wanes. It is also valuable to have at least one event before the season starts to get new workers and chiefs used to their new jobs and functions.

This was a good time to bring up the question of any chiefs who may want to change their jobs. There have already been a few chiefs who have requested a new position but no new ones at this time.

Due to the holidays there will be no monthly club meeting in December. The next meeting will commence on January 11th. Vickie plans on that meeting being the beginning of plans for the coming year including sketching out a new schedule, bringing up new rule proposals, deciding how many points events, etc. Everyone who wants to contribute to the decisions that influence next year should attend and voice their ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.