

# SSSCC February Club Meeting

## February 8, 2010

Meeting called to order by Vickie at 6:15pm with 33 members present.

### **Old Business:**

First order of business was a trailer update from Lynn. The funds in the amount of \$1500 that were allocated to the trailer fund have been used to proceed with the first phase of the upgrade. This has included the sliding back door and building of the structural walls. Rex asked if Lynn could bring pictures of the progress to the meetings and Lynn responded with his intentions of posting the pictures he has been taking on the forum. Lynn proposed the club grant another \$1500 to continue with the rough electrical, flooring and preparation for installation of the windows. VOTE: Majority voted to grant the \$1500 to Lynn for trailer upgrade.

Treasurer's Report – Jodee reports the balance in the checkbook is \$7000. It is that time of year to renew your Membership. The cost for a single membership is \$20 and \$10 for each additional family member. You can pay for membership on-line via the ORM or pay at a club meeting or send a check to Jodee. It is also time to log into OMR and update garages to reflect current cars and classes.

John Jobin and Rex Ayers are working on signage for TCR. They will be proceeding further in March when the weather is more conducive.

### **Upcoming Events**

The Season event schedule has presented some issues that need to be resolved. The first is the Memorial Day weekend schedule has events on Sunday and Monday. There is debate whether it should stay on those days or be moved to Saturday and Sunday. Many people prefer not to race on Monday leaving it free to spend with family and is typically the day family travels back home. PROPOSAL: Move Memorial Day weekend events to Saturday and Sunday. VOTE: Passed by majority.

The next issue is the planned half day events in June. The purpose of this proposal is to offer an option of half day events to accommodate those people who do not come out because they cannot race all day. This could generate bigger turn out especially for new comers wanting to try the sport but not convinced they want to spend all day. The biggest point against this type of event is that one weekend counts for four events which penalizes anyone who cannot attend that weekend. It also takes a lot of effort for worker chief to cover all the positions for both morning and afternoon events. It is possible a lot of people could show up for the morning event only and leave the afternoon event thin on workers. A suggestion was made to move the half day trial to a non-points event such as the one after Cool Desert Nights in June. This would leave the events on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> as full day events. In order to benefit from the half day event after Cool Desert Nights the club would need to promote it well so those who would benefit from the half day format would be aware. The club would also need the core workers to commit to attending so key positions would be covered. It was also suggested that we have a

computer available at Cool Desert Nights so people could actually register for the next day's event if desired. We could pass out promo cards and Matt suggested we contact the Director of the event and get our cards put in the grab bags that go each participant who enters the Cool Desert Night event. PROPOSAL: Change June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> events to full day events and make June 27<sup>th</sup> event two half day events. VOTE: Passed by majority.

Two changes need to be made to existing schedule. September events need to be changed to the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and October events need to be changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Season event schedule reflecting these changes brings the total season points events to 12. A member must participate in seven events to qualify for a season trophy and there will be three drops. We will use the same calculation method as last year. PROPOSAL: Adopt schedule with current changes. VOTE: Passed by majority.

## **PR**

Promo cards will be ordered soon so they will be available.

An idea for PR was suggested where the club could give half the proceeds of one event to charity. The promotion of the event would be good PR.

## **Rule Changes**

The club is adopting three new classing rules for the 2010 season.

The first is adding a new Street Tire Roadster (STR) class to NS2. This is a trial class so will not be a trophy class during this first year at national's. Taking into account car size and power, the closest SSSCC class is NS2. PROPOSAL: Add new STR class to NS2. VOTE: Passed by majority.

The second change will be adding a Street Mod 4WD (SMF) class to NS5. This class will trophy at national's for the first time this year. PROPOSAL: Add new SMF class to NS5. VOTE: Passed by majority.

The last one is adding a Non-stock Street Tire (NST) class in an attempt to fix issue with street tire class. Non-stock cars have too much power to actually use on street tires. Adding this class would give some novices a place to move up to without having to opt for race tires. The Spokane club has adopted this class with success. PROPOSAL: Add NST class to classing structure. VOTE: Passed by majority.

A big discussion was held about a suggestion to use the combined times from morning and afternoon runs to determine the winner at each event instead of the best of six runs. This would add a level of competitiveness and make the morning runs count more. Arguments against this include the fact that there are condition specific cars that could be at a disadvantage. Our local classes encompass more than one class therefore making conditions favor one car over another within the same class. A safety issue was also raised with concern of drivers pushing their cars too far during the morning when track and tires are cold. Would this put cars in danger by pushing competitiveness in the morning? Or are drivers responsible to know conditions and their driving skills? Vickie suggested we test this type of scoring during a non-points event and decide the outcome based on the level of success. Lynn suggested we try it at more than one event to cover all the seasonal elements which would give us a better rounded sample of success. Ken

asked if we could refigure the data from past years and compare the difference in results between the two scoring methods. Lynn said he could work on manipulating the data. PROPOSAL: Test the scoring method of combining best time from morning runs and best time from afternoon runs to determine event winner at three non-points events (Winter heat, Cool Desert Nights and October event). VOTE: Passed by majority.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

### **2010 SSSCC Event Schedule**

March 13	Winter Heat – AM + PM
March 14	Winter Heat – AM + PM
April 24	Season Points Event #1
April 25	Season Points Event #2
May 29	Season Points Event #3
May 30	Season Points Event #4
June 19	Season Points Event #5
June 20	Season Points Event #6
June 24-26	Cool Desert Nights PR
June 27	Cool Desert Nights Race Event – AM + PM
July 24	Season Points Event #7
July 25	Season Points Event #8
August 28	Season Points Event #9
August 29	Season Points Event #10
September 18	Season Points Event #11
September 19	Season Points Event #12
October 16	Thank You Event TBA- AM + PM
October 17	Thank You Event TBA- AM + PM
November 13	Banquet