

Sports Car Club of New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2007

- Start Time: SCCNH President Paul Giblin brought the SCCNH monthly meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- Members Present: Paul Giblin, Howard and Elaine Roundy, Bill Bennert, George Young, Drew Young, Dave and Denise Patten, Dan Francis, Tom Chamberlin, Perl Benner, Corinne Wait.
- Treasurer's Report: George Young gave the Treasurer's Report. These are the corrected totals, as his statements did not reflect the deposits and disbursements of the September Auto-X and Hill Climb, The checking account activity is as follows: \$7,440.50 deposited from the September 23 Auto-X. Expenses stood at \$727.91 combined with the September 17 balance of \$2,160.62, the balance stands at \$8,872.21 as of October 19, 2007.
- Howard Roundy asked that the original budget request for cones be amended to reflect the actual cost (incl. shipping): \$749.63. George agreed to make that correction.
- Secretary's Report: Paul Giblin distributed the September 2007 minutes. Bill Bennert moved to accept the report as published. Elaine Roundy seconded and the motion carried.
- Membership Report: Paul reported in Jaime Sheppard's absence that membership remained unchanged from August. Howard Roundy moved to accept the report. Drew Young seconded and the motion carried.
- Old Business: September 23 Auto-X: Bill Bennert reported 62 entries and a very successful event. Perl Benner reported that he checked the new radios and found that they are 450 mega hertz, and cannot be used at the same time as the old radios. Due to new FCC regulations, we need to get a new license from FCC. This will probably make the new radios usable in 2008. Bill Bennert and Perl noted that two components were missing and will need to be replaced. They will also need to be re programmed.
- New Business: November 10 Auto-X and 3rd Annual SCCNH / Tire Warehouse North Country Rumble: Howard has gone up and looked at the site. Bill will go up the Friday before the event and bring the trailer up using Drew Young's truck. Thanks Drew! Bill has worked on the trailer to make it road ready. Thanks, Bill! Bill reported that Tire Warehouse will provide trophies for the event as well as end of year trophies again this year. Thanks, TW. Tire Warehouse will have a rep at the event to hand out trophies. Howard Roundy suggested we should clean up and update our communications lists. Bill Bennert agreed to be a "clearing house" for Rumble teams.
- 2008 SCCNH Auto-X Series: Paul Giblin suggested that we might call the entire Auto-X series the Tire Warehouse/SCCNH series if they wanted to provide additional sponsorship. They would be getting publicity on the website, too.
- The biggest issue facing the group is where to hold events. NHIS has been difficult to work with, changing the rules without notice, despite the efforts of the Autocross team to cooperate. In particular, Bill Bennert has "bent over backwards" to work with NHIS (according to Paul Giblin) and has not been treated properly.
- Concord Airport: Howard Roundy met with the manager of the airport. Howard got the feeling that they are less than thrilled to host our autocrosses. It seems that each time Howard met the Manager's expectations, more hurdles were put up. Bill Bennert noted that anything at the airport that is not paved is wildlife refuge. It was also noted that there is restricted access to the site.
- Site Planning: Paul Giblin suggested that a search committee be formed to research possible new sites. Anyone interested should contact Bill Bennert.
- It was mentioned that the head of the automotive department at NHCTC in Manchester might be interested in providing space for autocrosses. Howard will make that contact.
- Elaine Roundy suggested that we could do a charity event, the beneficiary to be decided.
- Howard Roundy showed the group a brochure he has created to explain and describe the club. He noted that this was a draft and welcomed any suggestions or edits. The group agreed to look it over and make comments.

Hillclimb series: Paul Giblin reported that Hillclimb entries are down. He asked Drew Young if he had any suggestions about what the club should do about hill climbs. According to Drew, some causes of low participation in hill climbs could be the economy in light of the cost, and a poor relationship among the participating clubs. George Young added that interest and participation in various types of events seems to be cyclical. Howard mentioned that it was difficult to keep supporting events that were money losers. Drew noted that several years ago, interest in autocrosses was down. At the time, Gary Brundrett made some suggestions and under his leadership the program grew. Soon more folks became interested and volunteered to work on autocross, and now autocross is a money maker for the club.

The question is, according to Drew, how can those interested promote hillclimbs? He suggested that we should look at the events and develop a budget. Drew volunteered to do that. Others mentioned that the fall event competed with NASCAR. Denise Patten said that dates are always a problem because Mt. Ascutney had limitations around summer tourist season. The spring event was on Mother's Day, and the fall event was dependent on when the hill closed. It was agreed that if we relinquish our dates, we'll never get them back. The sooner we develop a calendar for all events, the better.

RoadRally: Several members wished we could find someone to take on chairmanship of a rally.

Winter-X: Paul Giblin noted that the Duplessis family was willing to provide the venue again. He and Bill Bennert will work on that and report at a future meeting.

2007 SCCNH Christmas Party: This event will be held on December 8, 2007 at the American Legion Hall in Loudon, NH. The caterer will be Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant again. The cost is \$19.50 per person for dinner, and \$2.50 per person for hors d'oeuvres, based on 45 guests. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:30p.m. and Dinner at 7:30. The club pays for the hall, and traditionally has paid for part of the meal. Howard Roundy moved that the club charge \$15.00 per person. Drew Young seconded. All agreed that was a very reasonable price for the wonderful meal provided by Hart's. Hors d'oeuvres will be a cheese tray, and the meal is the All American Buffet: Baked Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey with dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce, whipped potato, butternut squash, tossed salad, assorted relishes, coleslaw, rolls, butter, coffee, tea and Black Forest cake.

Howard Roundy moved that George be authorized to pay the deposit of \$100.00 to Hart's. Drew Young seconded and the motion carried.

Corinne Wait and George Young will collaborate on an invitation. Paul will add a notice to the web page. Reservations and checks will be sent to Corinne Wait by December 1 – checks should be made out to SCCNH.

The famed Yankee Swap will also be part of the fun – please limit the value of gifts for the Yankee Swap to \$10-\$12 if possible.

Bylaws: Howard noted that the bylaws need to be amended at the November meeting. He provided a copy to all and asked that members please read and send him suggestions.

Executive Board: George Young reminded the group that an executive board meeting needed to be scheduled to discuss the Robert Heath Award. The group decided that the Executive Board meeting be directly following the November 2007 meeting at Uno's in Concord.

Elections: Elections will be held on Nov 16. Donna Stevens has expressed an interest in being Executive Secretary. (Thank you, Donna!)

News: Paul Giblin had some great news for the members. Our own Dave Patten succeeded in achieving a long time dream: qualifying for the SCCA Run-Offs. Mechanical difficulties kept Dave from finishing, but he was doing well until the breakdown. "He lost the right rear tire in turn 7 on lap #6 of 18 and it unfortunately ended his race. It was a shame Dave's race had to end this way, but you know what they say... that's racing."*

In addition, Denise Patten was "recognized... in front of several hundred SCCA members as the "2007 Yokohama Advan SCCA Volunteer of the Year" for Timing & Scoring. She certainly never looks for the spotlight, but is always there helping... it was very cool to see her on stage last week getting recognized for her efforts - *congratulations Denise on a job well done!*"**

Closing Time:

Howard Roundy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Drew Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The November 2007 SCCNH meeting will be held at the Windmill Restaurant located on Loudon Road in Concord on November 16, 2007 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Corinne Wait

*Dave Tour 2007 - SCCA Run-Offs Update #8

**Paul Giblin in Dave Tour 2007 - Final 2007 SCCA Update